

**JOINT RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO RELOCATE
FEDERAL LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY HEADQUARTERS**

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Carl R. Albrecht

Senate Sponsor: David P. Hinkins

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution encourages the federal government to consider moving the headquarters for the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Forest Service to Utah.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ discusses the duties of the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Forest Service;
- and
- ▶ encourages the federal government to consider moving the headquarters for the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Forest Service to Utah.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior is the agency responsible for the management and conservation of most federal land and resources in the country;

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior manages about 75% of the federal public land in the country, most of which is in the West;

WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service, an agency within the United States Department of Agriculture, manages most of the remaining federal public land in the country;



28 WHEREAS, the scope of the Department of the Interior's duties is broad, and the
29 consequences of policies made and effectuated by the department are felt most keenly by those
30 in the West;

31 WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior could perform its duties more efficiently,
32 and with more local input, if its headquarters were located in a western state instead of
33 Washington, D.C.;

34 WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service has similar duties to the Department of
35 the Interior and would also benefit from being headquartered in the West; and

36 WHEREAS, Salt Lake City, Utah, is a premier western metropolitan area that would
37 welcome the Department of the Interior, United States Forest Service, or both:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
39 strongly encourages the federal government to consider moving the headquarters for the
40 Department of the Interior, United States Forest Service, or both to Utah.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Utah's
42 congressional delegation, Department of the Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, and United States
43 Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell.

Legislative Review Note
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