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**The Associated Students of The University of Montana**  
**Resolution Regarding The Forest Jobs and Recreation Act of 2009**  
**September 30, 2009**  
**Senate Bill Number: SB4-09/10**  
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Whereas, Montana Senator Jon Tester introduced the Forest Jobs and Recreation Act (S-1470) on July 20, 2009;

Whereas, the future health of Montana’s public lands depends upon the cooperation of active and engaged citizens representing diverse interests;

Whereas, the Forest Jobs and Recreation Act represents the culmination of an exhaustive grassroots process of dialogue and collaboration between Montana timber mills, small businesses, conservation and recreation groups, private landowners, and other stakeholders;

Whereas, the Associated Students of the University of Montana represents present and future users and stewards who support efficient and effective land management policy on Montana’s public lands;

Whereas, the Forest Jobs and Recreation Act seeks to create new jobs in Montana’s forests, ensure backcountry traditions, guarantee public access for a diverse community of recreational users, and improve overall forest health;

Whereas, the Forest Jobs and Recreation Act integrates multiple land management goals, including:

1. Mandates 10,000 acres of timber on federal land to be treated annually for a period of 10 years;
2. Funds stewardship activity including ecological restoration of critical habitat for fish and wildlife;
3. Designates 670,000 acres of federal land as Wilderness;
4. Designates 335,000 acres of federal land in special management areas designed for public access by diverse recreational uses;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved that the Associated Students of the University of Montana endorses the Forest Jobs and Recreation Act.

*Let It Be Further Resolved that an Associated Students of the University of Montana executive write a letter to Senator Tester, and any other persons the executive deems appropriate, informing them of the Associated Students of Montana’s endorsement.*

Passed by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

Passed by Senate: \_\_\_\_\_, 2009

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Andrew Dusek,  
Relations and Affairs Chair

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Emily May,  
Chair of the Senate