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## SB42-17/18 Resolution Regarding Parking Accessibility Mount Sentinel Trailhead

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1                                   **The Associated Students of the University of Montana**  
2                                   **Resolution Regarding Parking Accessibility Mount Sentinel Trailhead**  
3                                   **April 25, 2018**

4                                   **SB-42**

5                                   **Authored by: Kaden Harrison, SAL;**

6                                   **Sponsored by: Colin Milton, ASUM Senator; Mariah Welch, ASUM Senator; Bailey**  
7                                   **Carpenter, ASUM Senator; Alex Butler, ASUM Senator; Mollie Lemm, ASUM Senator;**  
8                                   **Abbigail Belcher, ASUM Senator; Henry Curtis, ASUM Senator;**

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11   Whereas, Mount Sentinel and its hiking trails are an iconic public resource enjoyed by the entire  
12   Missoula community;

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14   Whereas, Access to the trailhead should be available to the entire Missoula community;

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16   Whereas, The University of Montana (UM) owns the parking lot at the base of the M-Trail, one  
17   of the most popular access points of the Mount Sentinel trail system;

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19   Whereas, The University of Montana (UM) owns and is responsible for maintaining Mount  
20   Sentinel's trail system as well as its surrounding lands;

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22   Whereas, Each of these five parking spaces limits the maximum hiking time of any community  
23   member to 60 minutes;

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25   Whereas, According to the University's website, on average over 1,000 people hike the M Trail  
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28   Whereas, Allocating only five community parking spaces is not sufficient to accommodate  
29   Missoula's over 72,000 residents, as well as those perspective students and their families who  
30   wish to hike the trails;

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32   Whereas, The M-Trailhead parking lot is mostly vacant during the summer and winter months,  
33   according to the University's Parking and Transportation Demand Management Plan;

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35   Whereas, 60 minutes is not a sufficient amount of time for most who wish to enjoy a multitude  
36   of Mount Sentinel's hiking trails or for some of the elderly, physically disabled, and those  
37   accompanied by small children;

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39   Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM)  
40   urges the University of Montana Police Department (UMPD) to increase the number of  
41   community parking spots to allow greater community access to one of Missoula's and UM's  
42   most iconic public resources;

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44   Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, ASUM urges UMPD to increase the maximum time limit  
45   for each community space to allow sufficient time for everyone to enjoy the variety of trails that  
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Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, ASUM urges UMPD to install a suggested donation parking meter, with all generated revenue being allocated to maintaining the Mount Sentinel's trails and surrounding wild lands;

Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, ASUM urges ASUM to open up the M-Trailhead parking lot as a whole the public over summer;

Therefore, Let It Further Be Resolved, This resolution be sent to: Marty Ludemann, Chief of University of Montana Police Department; Michelle Harshbarger, UMPD Parking Division; Rosi Keller, VP Admin & Finances; Marilyn Marler, Facility Services.

Passed by Committee: \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

Passed by ASUM Senate: \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

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Connor Fitzpatrick,  
Chair of Relations and Affairs

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Brenna Love,  
Chair of the Senate