



RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE TRANSFER OR SALE OF FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS MANAGED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENTS OF INTERIOR AND AGRICULTURE

WHEREAS, the mission of the Back Country Horsemen of America is to work to ensure public lands remain open to recreational equestrian saddle and pack stock use, and

WHEREAS, the public lands of this nation managed by the United States Departments of Interior and Agriculture are a part of our national treasure and heritage, and

WHEREAS, these public lands are held in perpetuity to benefit future generations of Americans because of the renewable resources and recreational value, and

WHEREAS, we support the sustainable management of resources on federal lands in cooperation with other stakeholders, and

WHEREAS, the transfer or sale of these lands will remove large acreages from the nations federal public lands system, fragment existing land areas, compromise public access, and set a precedent for the privatization of all public land, and

WHEREAS, specifically the disposal of these federal public lands will decrease the opportunity for all recreational use of these lands,

WHEREAS, no federal lands should be removed or transferred except for lands considered under the Federal Land Transaction Reconciliation Act (FLTRA, PL 106-248),

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Back Country Horsemen of America to go on record in opposition of any plan, action or legislation for the disposal, sale, or transfer of public lands managed by the United States Departments of Interior and Agriculture (except under FLTRA), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be made known to the President of the United States, congressional delegations and elected officials from each state, and agency officials of the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture.

Approved by the National Board of Directors of Back Country Horsemen of America on Saturday April 25, 2005.