



# House of Representatives *State of Utah*

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Mr. Speaker:

The Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.C.R. 5**, HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON STATE MANAGEMENT OF FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS, by Representative S. Eliason, with the following amendments:

## Amendment 1

### 1 *Line 79 through 85:*

79 WHEREAS, a voluntary framework for state operation of federally managed public lands  
80 could help address maintenance backlogs while preserving federal obligations and  
81 environmental protections;

82 **WHEREAS, the Governor and the Chief of the United States Forest Service signed**  
**a cooperative agreement on January 8, 2026, to promote more effective and efficient**  
**management of federally managed public lands;**

WHEREAS, Utah's congressional delegation is uniquely positioned to understand the  
83 state's capacity and desire to manage public lands within the state; and

84 WHEREAS, leadership from Utah's congressional delegation on this issue could establish a  
85 model framework benefiting all states:

### 2 *Line 92 through 101:*

92 division to once again petition the BLM to transfer title to the state of Utah all land necessary  
93 for the creation of the Little Sahara State Park.

94 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage the

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95 division to negotiate with the United States Forest Service to transfer management of the  
Antelope Flat  
96 Campground to the {state} division for the creation of Flaming Gorge State Park.  
97 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage the  
98 division to {work} enter into agreements with federal agencies to acquire, exchange,  
lease, or manage any other properties  
99 considered suitable for a state park, state monument, or state campground.  
100 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge the division to  
101 evaluate recreational and scenic locations in the state, including the Monte Cristo area and

Respectfully,

Carl R. Albrecht  
Chair

Voting: 9-1-4

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