WHEREAS, the purpose of the Back Country Horsemen of Montana is,
  - To perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in America's back country and wilderness.
  - To work to ensure that public lands remain open to recreational stock use.
  - To assist various agencies responsible for the maintenance and management of public lands.
  - To educate, encourage, and solicit active participation in the wise and sustained use of the back country resource by horsemen and the general public, commensurate with our heritage.

Whereas these public lands are part of our national treasure and heritage and are held in trust for perpetuity to benefit current and future generations of all Americans, and

Whereas, there are people who want to transfer federal public lands to the State of Montana which would have a direct negative impact on the Back Country Horsemen of Montana, and other recreational users, and

Whereas, the sale and or transfer of these lands would remove large acreages from the nation's federal public lands system, fragment management, compromise public access and set a precedent for the privatization of all public lands, and

Whereas, the state of Montana cannot afford to take over federal public lands and much of the land owned by the state of Montana is managed to maximize profits and does not take the use of horses and mules (stock) in the back county into consideration, and

Whereas, the Back Country Horsemen of Montana have spent the past 43 years working with the federal government managing the federal lands in Montana as dictated in our purpose, and

Whereas, the sale or transfer of public lands would significantly decrease recreational opportunities, and

Whereas, The Back Country Horsemen of Montana have no issue with the Federal Land Transaction Reconciliation Act (FLTRA, PL 106-248),

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Back Country Horsemen of Montana, that we oppose any plan, action or legislation that facilitates the sale, transfer or disposal of any federal public lands held and managed in trust for all Americans (except under FLTRA), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be made known in writing to the Governor of Montana, Attorney General, our Congressional Delegation, our elected officials, Region One Forester, State Office of the BLM, Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture, all Montana State Senators and Representatives, and Montana National Park Superintendents.