

LINCOLN

Resolution Calling for the Eviction of the Bureau of Land Management from the State of Wyoming **Passed**

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), an unelected federal agency, currently controls over 18 million acres of Wyoming land, including vast tracts in Lincoln County, placing federal interests above local needs and state sovereignty; and

WHEREAS, the BLM has consistently overstepped its original mandate to manage public lands, instead weaponizing federal authority to restrict access, delay development, and impose burdensome regulations that harm Wyoming's residents, ranchers, energy producers, and recreationists; and

WHEREAS, during BLM resource management plan comment periods, individuals and organizations from outside Wyoming—including environmental activists with no ties to the land—are allowed to submit comments that carry equal weight to those of the people who live, work, and rely on those lands. This practice disenfranchises Wyoming residents and allows outsiders to shape policy that directly harms local communities and livelihoods; and

WHEREAS, the BLM has disallowed and manipulated leases for oil, gas, and coal development under the false pretense of "climate change mitigation," resulting in lost jobs, stunted economic growth, and decreased revenues that support schools, infrastructure, and essential services in our state; and

WHEREAS, the BLM has mismanaged the wild horse population, resulting in ecological damage, overgrazed rangelands, and inhumane treatment of both horses and native wildlife; and

WHEREAS, federal land-use lawsuits are increasingly decided by activist judges from outside Wyoming through a practice known as "judge shopping," which undermines the rights of local citizens and state sovereignty by bypassing Wyoming's own courts and elected officials; and

WHEREAS, critics of transferring land management to the state falsely claim Wyoming would "sell off" public lands—but the real fear is that the state might actually use the land productively to benefit Wyoming citizens by expanding towns, developing infrastructure, and allowing new communities to thrive, while still protecting our land from foreign ownership and abuse;

WHEREAS, public lands belong to the people of Wyoming—not to Washington, D.C.—and the State of Wyoming is fully capable of managing its own lands in a responsible, productive, and environmentally sound manner that respects local communities and economies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Republican Party calls for the State of Wyoming to initiate all appropriate legal, legislative, and constitutional measures to reclaim public lands from the Bureau of Land Management and restore authority to the State of Wyoming and its counties; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Republican Party urges the Governor, the Wyoming Legislature, and our congressional delegation to reject federal land-use mandates, challenge jurisdictional overreach, and pursue full management authority of Wyoming lands by those who actually live here, work here, and depend on this land for their livelihoods and way of life—while firmly opposing the sale of state-managed land to foreign countries or corporations.