

118TH CONGRESS
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H. CON. RES. 34

Expressing disapproval of the withdrawal by the Secretary of the Interior of approximately 225,504 acres of National Forest System lands in Cook, Lake, and Saint Louis Counties, Minnesota, from disposition under the United States mineral and geothermal leasing laws.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2023

Mr. STAUBER submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing disapproval of the withdrawal by the Secretary of the Interior of approximately 225,504 acres of National Forest System lands in Cook, Lake, and Saint Louis Counties, Minnesota, from disposition under the United States mineral and geothermal leasing laws.

Whereas the Property Clause of the Constitution (article IV, section 3, clause 2) vests in Congress the power to make needful rules and regulations respecting the property belonging to the United States;

Whereas section 204(c) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1714(c)) provides that a withdrawal by the Secretary of the Interior of 5,000 acres or more shall terminate and become ineffective “if

the Congress has adopted a concurrent resolution stating that such House does not approve the withdrawal”; and

Whereas, on January 31, 2023, the Secretary of the Interior issued Public Land Order No. 7917 (88 Fed. Reg. 6308) that withdrew approximately 225,504 acres of National Forest System land in Cook, Lake, and Saint Louis Counties, Minnesota, from disposition under the United States mineral and geothermal leasing laws: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress disapproves of the withdrawal
3 by the Secretary of the Interior of approximately 225,504
4 acres of National Forest System lands in Cook, Lake, and
5 Saint Louis Counties, Minnesota, from disposition under
6 the United States mineral and geothermal leasing laws.

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