

## Resolution on Preservation of Federal Forest Land

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3 **WHEREAS**, the National Forests are the property of the citizens of the United States  
4 and serve an important purpose in preserving forest ecosystems for planetary health,  
5 funding for the Secure Rural School Act; and  
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7 **WHEREAS**, the Bush administration has announced its intention to sell off more than  
8 300,000 acres of national forest land to raise \$800 million for rural schools in 41 states;  
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11 **WHEREAS**, these sales will adversely affect the environment and health of the forest  
12 and its ecosystems; and  
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14 **WHEREAS**, a one time sale of assets is not a means to secure sustainable income and  
15 will result in an irrevocable loss; and  
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17 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Democratic Party believes  
18 that if money is required to replace funds from the Secure Rural School Act they be  
19 obtained from new sources of income, not from one-time sales of public lands.  
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22 Submitted by the delegates of the Chelan County Democratic Convention to the  
23 Washington State Democratic Party for consideration at its June 3, 2006 convention in  
24 Yakima (Date Submitted 4/8/2006)  
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26 The Washington State Democratic Party at its State Convention on June 3, 2006 in  
27 Yakima referred this resolution to the WSDCC Resolutions Committee for review at its  
28 September 9 - 10, 2006 meeting in Ellensburg.  
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30 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee amended this resolution and recommended a  
31 "Pass" at its September 10, 2006 meeting in Ellensburg. The resolution will be  
32 forwarded to the WSDCC at its next meeting on September 29 - 30, 2006 in Tacoma.  
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34 The WSDCC passed this resolution as amended at its September 30, 2006 meeting in  
35 Tacoma.