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1 TO THE HONORABLE GEORGE BUSH, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND
2 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO MANUEL LUJAN JR.,
5 SECRETARY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, AND TO THE
6 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE:

7 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
8 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
9 represent and petition as follows:

10 WHEREAS, Lake Roosevelt was created when Grand Coulee Dam was
11 completed in 1941. It is some one hundred fifty miles in length with
12 approximately six hundred miles of shoreline and is a lake of state-
13 wide significance; and

14 WHEREAS, The National Park Service manages recreation on the lake
15 as well as manages recreation on a narrow strip of land, owned by the
16 Federal Government, between the water's edge and the one thousand three
17 hundred ten foot elevation line; and

1 WHEREAS, Said body of water with the adjacent narrow strip of land
2 is designated as a National Recreation Area and is now managed under
3 the guidelines of National Park Service Special Park Use Guidelines,
4 NPS-53, which implements 16 U.S.C. Sec. 1(a); and

5 WHEREAS, Using said guidelines, the National Park Service
6 implemented a Special Park Use Management Plan in October of 1990 that
7 will phase out all permitted docks for use by local adjacent
8 landowners, eliminate the grazing and watering of cattle from the
9 freeboard lands, place unrealistic and costly conditions for the future
10 use of the present permitted water withdrawal systems across the
11 freeboard lands, which affects agricultural irrigation from the lake,
12 and generally place new and restrictive uses for path and trail access
13 to the water from the adjacent private property, and;

14 WHEREAS, The restrictions negatively impact what fifty years of
15 traditional and permitted use has established, and further, have a
16 negative impact on the local tax base and individual livelihoods, and
17 adversely affect future development growth within the area of private
18 land adjacent to this National Recreation Area; and

19 WHEREAS, The restrictions are not in the best interest of the
20 economic well-being of either the State of Washington or the area
21 within the region of Lake Roosevelt;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, The Washington State Legislature encourages the
23 United States Congress, Manuel Lujan Jr., Secretary of the United
24 States Department of the Interior, and the National Park Service to
25 work more closely with the local citizens to amend the Special Park Use
26 Management Plan of 1990 so as to be less restrictive in its plan
27 elements, thus creating less negative impacts to the economies of both
28 the State of Washington and the various local jurisdictions and
29 citizens within the area of Lake Roosevelt, and not take away what
30 history and traditional use have already established.

1 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
2 transmitted to the Honorable George Bush, President of the United
3 States, Manuel Lujan Jr., Secretary of the United States Department of
4 the Interior, the National Park Service, the President of the United
5 States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and each
6 member of Congress from the State of Washington.