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By Senators Benton, Rossi, Morton, Zarelli, Honeyford, Deccio, Sellar, Hochstatter, Swecker, Stevens, Johnson, Sheahan and Oke

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1 TO THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
2 STATES, AND TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
3 OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
4 THE UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, AND TO THE SECRETARY OF THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR:

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

9 WHEREAS, The free use of publicly held lands for recreation by the
10 public has long been a hallmark of this nation; and

11 WHEREAS, The wholesome enjoyment of our nations' public lands by
12 families across this nation is essential to the health and well-being
13 of the citizens of our nation; and

14 WHEREAS, The traditional policy of our public lands is to allow for
15 multiple use of the resources; and

16 WHEREAS, Recreational prospecting and mining is a family activity
17 that is conducted in accordance with all laws; and

18 WHEREAS, Agency policy cannot abrogate rights secured and reserved
19 to the people by the United States Constitution;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the policy
21 on all federal lands will continue to be one of openness and

1 accessibility to all citizens of the United States, and that protection
2 of the environment will be carefully balanced to ensure such public
3 access.

4 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
5 transmitted to the Honorable William J. Clinton, President of the
6 United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of the
7 Interior, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
8 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
9 Washington.

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