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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7

Introduced by: Senators Vitter, Benson, Ham, Kleven, Madden, and Shoener and
Representatives McCoy, Derby, Duniphan, Hennies, Lintz, and Monroe

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting National Forest and Grasslands Land and
2 Resource Management Plans in South Dakota.

3 WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service is currently revising their strategic plan in
4 order to comply with the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993, thereby being held
5 accountable to Congress for their budget and activities; and

6 WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service has requested public input on their draft
7 strategic plan; and

8 WHEREAS, South Dakota's national forests and grasslands have all completed land and
9 resource management plans, which include an analysis of the issues and the ecological
10 capabilities of the forests and grasslands; and

11 WHEREAS, the successful management of South Dakota's national forests and national
12 grasslands is critical to the welfare and stability of the people, communities, and local
13 governments of South Dakota:

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Seventy-fourth Legislature
15 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the United
16 States Forest Service Strategic Plan should include full implementation of National Forest and

1 National Grasslands Land and Resource Management Plans as its highest priority; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United States Forest Service Performance Plan
3 should ensure that agency managers and employees are committed to full implementation of the
4 Land and Resource Management Plans and to meeting annual budgeted targets; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United States Forest Service should ensure that the
6 needs of rural communities that are affected most heavily by national forest and national
7 grassland management are given consideration in Forest Service decision-making that is
8 commensurate with the degree to which they are affected by those decisions; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the United States Forest Service should request, and
10 Congress should annually provide, the necessary funding to fully implement National Forest and
11 National Grasslands Land and Resource Management Plans.