

RESOLUTION NO. 86-144

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DELTA, UTAH, SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF THE GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK FOR THE SOUTH SNAKE DIVISION OF THE HUMBOLDT NATIONAL FOREST AS PROPOSED IN AMENDED HOUSE RESOLUTION 3302.

The City Council of the City of Delta, Utah, hereby states the following as the basis for adopting the resolution set out herein:

A. The State of Nevada does not currently have a national park, as do all other western states.

B. The South Snake Division of the Humboldt National Forest exhibits areas with distinct and unique scenic, historic, geologic and ecologic qualities and characteristics.

C. Millard County, Utah, and White Pine County, Nevada, are both rural areas situated in the Great Basin and receiving little or no benefit from tourism generated by traffic on Interstate Highway 15 and Interstate Highway 80 due to geographic isolation from those highways.

D. The economy of western Utah, including Millard County, is largely based on agriculture, an economic sector which has been depressed for many years. The creation of the proposed Great Basin National Park would provide significant benefit to the economy of Delta City, Millard County, the State of Utah and to the national economy.

E. United States Highway 6-50 is a viable highway route from the east coast to the west coast and passes through both Delta, Utah, and the proposed Great Basin National Park.

F. The scenic, geologic and ecologic features of western Utah and White Pine County, Nevada, have not in the past been a designated destination point for tourism and the creation of the proposed Great Basin National Park would provide a much needed destination point.

G. The City of Delta would benefit from the creation of the proposed Great Basin National Park because it would increase tourism and travel in the Delta, Utah area and would thereby promote one of the most promising industries for the area. Delta City would benefit substantially from such tourism as the largest population and regional economic center in the vicinity of the proposed national park.

H. The residents of Millard County, Utah, including Delta City, have a strong geographical and cultural identification with the residents of White Pine County, Nevada and a strong alliance has developed between these areas.

I. House Resolution 3302 has been amended to include the establishment of the Great Basin National Park.

J. House Resolution 3302, as amended, would eliminate the designation of this same area as a wilderness area, which wilderness area designation would cause serious detriment to the local and national economies.

K. House Resolution 3302, as amended, provides for protection of the unique and significant qualities and characteristics of the area contained in the proposed boundaries of the proposed Great Basin National Park, while at the same time providing benefit for the local and national economies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Delta, Utah:

Section 1. The City of Delta supports and urges the creation of the Great Basin National Park, for the State of Nevada as proposed in House Resolution 3302, as amended, and strongly urges the passage of House Resolution 3302, as amended, with the exception that the Laxalt-Hecht bill (S.B. 722) be used to establish the "Wilderness Guidelines" in the State of Nevada.

Section 2. The City Council further urges that legislation be enacted providing for protection of private property, water rights and special permit rights now held within the proposed park area.

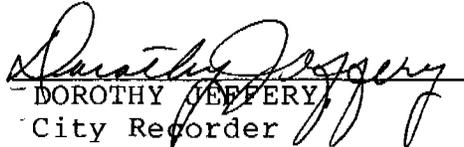
Section 3. The City Council further supports and urges that the area designated as wilderness area in the vicinity of the proposed Great Basin National Park be designated under the "Wilderness Guidelines" as proposed in the Laxalt-Hecht bill (S.B. 722).

Section 4. The Mayor of the City of Delta is requested and directed to cause that this resolution be entered as part of the record of the Ely, Nevada, public hearing on Amended House Resolution 3302. The Mayor is also requested and directed to provide notice of this resolution to each member of the Utah Congressional delegation.

Section 5. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED in special meeting this 26th day of February, 1986.

  
RUTH HANSEN, Mayor

Attest:   
DOROTHY JEFFERY,  
City Recorder