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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION     **2**

A RESOLUTION     regarding the White Mountain National Forest.

SPONSORS:     Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Gallus, Dist 1; Rep. Chandler, Carr 1;  
Rep. Bettencourt, Rock 4

COMMITTEE:     Energy and Natural Resources

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ANALYSIS

This concurrent resolution urges the United States Forest Service to make certain improvements to the White Mountain National Forest.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twelve*

A RESOLUTION regarding the White Mountain National Forest.

1       Whereas, the White Mountain National Forest is of both important natural value and economic  
2 value to the state of New Hampshire; and

3       Whereas, hikers, nature enthusiasts, outdoorsmen and women, mineral collectors, campers,  
4 skiers, snowshoers, and many other tourists come to New Hampshire to experience the White  
5 Mountain National Forest; and

6       Whereas, the Kancamagus Scenic Byway is considered one of the top fall-foliage destinations for  
7 visitors from all over the world; and

8       Whereas, proper management of the White Mountain National Forest is vital to its continued  
9 enjoyment for many generations to come; now, therefore, be it

10       Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

11       That the general court finds that, in order to encourage the safety and public access to the White  
12 Mountain National Forest, the United States Forest Service practice of trail blazing in designated  
13 wilderness should be permitted; and

14       That the general court finds that, in order to encourage safety and public access to the White  
15 Mountain National Forest, the United States Forest Service should, whenever possible, repair all  
16 existing bridges, including the foot bridge over the East Branch of the Pemigewasset River on the  
17 Thoreau Falls Trail and not remove bridges when removal costs more than repair; and

18       That the general court finds that, in order to enhance wilderness experience and solitude, the  
19 United States Forest Services should remove all debris and trash remaining at the site of the former  
20 Pemigewasset Bridge near the Bondcliff Trail; and

21       That the general court finds that, in order to enhance safety and public access to the White  
22 Mountain National Forest, the United States Forest Service should not close hiking trails unless a  
23 demonstrable hazard exists which cannot be repaired; and

24       That the general court finds that, in order to enhance public access to the White Mountain  
25 National Forest, the United States Forest Service should not close areas that have historically been  
26 used as tent sites; and

27       That copies of this resolution shall be delivered within 30 days of its passage to every member of  
28 the New Hampshire congressional delegation, the administration of the White Mountain National  
29 Forest, and all district rangers of the White Mountain National Forest.

30       Approved: May 15, 2012