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Sale of National Forest Tracts

1 WHEREAS the United States Government is proposing to sell tracts of the Mark Twain National Forest
2 (MTNF) to private landowners;

3 AND WHEREAS, the MTNF is the largest continuous parcel of land in the state of Missouri that is
4 accessible to the public;

5 AND WHEREAS, the sale of these tracts would separate previously continuous parcels of national
6 forest, possibly isolating other general use areas;

7 AND WHEREAS, the funds generated by this sale is proposed to be used for the supplemental funding
8 of public schools only, yet is to be dedicated to a general fund that can be used for any national
9 expense;

10 AND WHEREAS, the public accessibility of the MTNF promotes the exposure of the local public
11 to environmental ecology and natural landscapes;

12 AND WHEREAS, awareness of the environment encourages people to live in harmony with their
13 surroundings and with other people;

14 AND WHEREAS, the forest should be maintained as public lands so that all may enjoy and experience
15 the state's natural heritage;

16 AND WHEREAS, the selling of the forests will increase the possibility of soil erosion, therefore, the
17 tracts of land that are to remain publicly owned and share borders with areas that are to be sold will be
18 directly affected by the possible degradation of the privately owned land.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at
20 the Lodge of Four Seasons, this 26th day of February, 2006, requests the United States Government
21 refrain from selling tracts of the Mark Twain National Forests to private landowners.