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General Mining Law of 1872

1 WHEREAS Public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the US Forest
2 Service provide very important access to outdoor activities such as hunting, fishing and other
3 general outdoor recreation opportunities;
4 AND WHEREAS, the General Mining Law of 1872, a 135 year old decree, allows mining on
5 public lands;
6 AND WHEREAS, under the 1872 law, mining takes precedence over all other public land uses;
7 AND WHEREAS, according to the law, the Secretary of Interior must sell public land to mining
8 companies for as little as \$2.50 per acre;
9 AND WHEREAS, it is estimated that since the 1872 mining law was enacted, the national
10 government has given away more than \$245 billion of minerals through royalty free mining and
11 patenting;
12 AND WHEREAS, there is no stipulation on the condition of land left by the mining corporations
13 nor is there any source of funding for habitat repair after mining operation has ceased;
14 AND WHEREAS, congress is proposing reform of the General Mining Law;
15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Conservation Federation of Missouri assembled at
16 the Lodge of Four Seasons, this 24th day of February, 2008, support the reformation of the General
17 Mining Law of 1872.
18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the reformation of the General Mining Law of 1872 should
19 support recovering a fair royalty from all minerals, present and future, taken from public land and
20 to use said royalties to fund repairs on former mining areas; end mining's priority status for public

21 land; ensure that resource professionals have full discretion in the planning and permitting
22 processes to protect public lands where high fish, water, and wildlife values exist; allow “good
23 Samaritans” reclamation and common sense liability relief; prohibit patenting or sale of public lands
24 under this law, keeping the public’s land in the public’s hands; provide for harmonious integration
25 of state and federal wildlife habitat and population objectives in permit operating plans.