

HB 1175

House Energy and Natural Resources Committee,

I am writing in support of this bill (HB 1175). This state land is public land and should be able to be accessed by the public. If a farmer or rancher chooses to lease this land, they know full well going into the lease that it is public, they should not be able to limit access to the public on public land. I have no problem with allowing them to use it but limiting access to public land is not acceptable. In western ND many ranchers choose to graze their cattle on the National Grasslands without being able to prohibit access. It should be the same for state land.

Thank you,

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