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ADAMS COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2019-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ADAMS COUNTY, IDAHO, STATING FOR THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC LAND AND THE BENEFICIAL USERS FOR ADAMS COUNTY CITIZENS

At a meeting of the Board of Adams County Commissioners, State of Idaho, on the 3rd day of September, 2019, the following Resolution was adopted, to-wit:

WHEREAS, Adams County is comprised of approximately 1,376 square miles of land and water;

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Interior, through its Bureau of Land Management ("BLM"), is presently tasked with the management and administration of approximately 83 square miles/53,099 acres of land within the jurisdiction of Adams County - more than 7% of the County's territory;

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture, through its Forest Service (USFS), is presently tasked with the management and administration of approximately 792 square miles/507,100 acres of land within the jurisdiction of Adams County - more than 57% of the County's territory;

WHEREAS, the administration of lands within the jurisdiction of Adams County by the BLM and USFS has caused the Citizens of Adams County to suffer devastating negative Consequences; namely, systematic and dramatic economic decline, perennial life-threatening and property-destroying forest fires, and the increasingly restricted or prohibited use of said lands by the Citizens of Adams County;

WHEREAS, Adams County is financially unable to meet the services and infrastructure needs of its Citizens because of its inability to levy ad valorem property taxes on nearly two-thirds (2/3) of the land within its jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, continued management and administration of lands within the jurisdiction of Adams County by the BLM and USFS is adverse to the economic interests of the Citizens of Adams County;

WHEREAS, continued management and administration of lands within the jurisdiction of Adams County by the BLM and USFS, which has heretofore lead to perennial life-threatening and property-destroying forest fires, is adverse to the health and property interests of the Citizens of Adams County;

WHEREAS, increased restrictions on the use of lands within the jurisdiction of Adams County by the BLM or USFS, designating the same as Wilderness Study Areas, Wilderness Areas, or Wild and

Scenic Rivers is adverse to the interests of the Citizens of Adams County in using the public lands that they own as Citizens of the United States of America;

WHEREAS, continued management and administration of lands within the jurisdiction of Adams County by the SLM and USFS, as well as other federal agencies, will serve only to further erode the quality of life of the Citizens of Adams County and the principles of federalism enshrined in the Constitution of the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Adams County vehemently opposes any and all efforts by the Bureau of Land Management, or the Forest Service, to classify or recommend to the US Congress for classification, lands under the management and administration of those Agencies, within the jurisdiction of Adams County, Idaho, as Wilderness Study Areas, Wilderness or Wild and Scenic Rivers as those terms are defined by the Wilderness Act of 1964, as amended, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, as amended, and all other applicable federal law and regulations.

BE IT ALSO AND FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Adams County categorically opposes the wilderness area designation proposed in, or related to, the May 2019 Draft Resource Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement of the BLM's Boise District, Four Rivers Field Office, for the Wildhorse River and Sheep Mountain areas within the jurisdiction of Adams County.

BE IT ALSO AND FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Adams County strongly supports transferring the management and administration of USFS and BLM lands within Idaho to the people of Idaho, consistent with the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Idaho.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of September, 2019.


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Joe Commissioner

By: 
Viki Purdy, Commissioner

By: 
Mike Paradis, Commissioner



ATTEST: 
Sherry Ward, Adams County Clerk
of the Board of County Commissioners