

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR KOOTENAI COUNTY

In the matter of initiating)
Title III projects pursuant)
To the SRSCA of 2012)

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-87

WHEREAS, Congress enacted in 1908 and subsequently amended a law that requires that 25 percent of the revenues derived from National Forest lands be paid to states for use by the counties in which the lands are situated for the benefit of public schools and roads; and

WHEREAS, the principal source of revenues from National Forest lands is from the sale and removal of timber, which has been curtailed in recent years with a corresponding decline in revenues shared with counties; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress recognized a need to stabilize education and road maintenance funding through predictable payments to the affected counties, and to achieve that goal enacted the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, which was amended and re-authorized for FFY 2008 - 2011 (“SRS2008”) and which has been amended and re-authorized for FFY2012 (“SRS2012”); and

WHEREAS, SRS2008 and SRS2012 provide for county projects, some of which are associated with federal lands, including Title III, which authorizes expenditures for search, rescue and emergency services, fire prevention and planning under the Firewise Communities program, and development of community wildfire protection plans; and

WHEREAS, Kootenai County elected in FFY 2008 and again in 2012 to receive the guaranteed minimum full county payment amount pursuant to SRS2008 and SRS2012 Sections 102(a)(1)(B) and 103; and

WHEREAS, an election to receive the full county payment amount is effective for all federal fiscal years through FFY 2012; and

WHEREAS, Kootenai County elected to receive \$69,503.31 between FFY2008 and 2012 to initiate authorized Title III projects; and

WHEREAS, Kootenai County has previously spent or obligated \$38,282.79 and has followed the appropriate procedures as required; and

WHEREAS, Kootenai County’s authority to initiate Title III projects pursuant to SRS2008 expires on September 30, 2012.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. Kootenai County does not propose to initiate projects to carry out activities under the Firewise communities program to provide homeowners in fire-sensitive ecosystems education on, and assistance with implementing, techniques in home

siting, home construction, and home landscaping that can increase the protection of people and property from wildfires; therefore, no amount has been committed.

2. Kootenai County proposes to reimburse the County for search, rescue, and other emergency services performed by the County on Federal land after the date on which the use was approved and paid for by the County in the amount of \$31,220.52.
3. Kootenai County does not propose to initiate projects to carry out community wildfire protection plans; therefore, no amount has been committed.
4. Public notice of Kootenai County's proposal(s) shall be made in the *Coeur d'Alene Press* for public comment 45-days prior to initiating projects.
5. Any proposed Title III projects shall be submitted to the Coeur d'Alene District Resource Advisory Council.

ADOPTED this 11th day of September 2012.

KOOTENAI COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

W. Todd Tondee, Chairman

Daniel H. Green, Commissioner

Jai K. Nelson, Commissioner