

Resolution 2013-90
Title III Funds

Proposal for Reimbursement of Funds/Kootenai County Search & Rescue

WHEREAS, the Kootenai County Commission proposes to use funds made available under Public Law 110-343 to reimburse the county for search and rescue and other emergency services on National Forest lands in Kootenai County in the amount of \$24,782.56. The proposal was open for a 45-day public comment period after which, and taking into full consideration the comments received, and the Commission will issue a decision on the proposed use of funds; and

WHEREAS, Public law, 106-393, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, was enacted in 2000 in part to stabilize payments to counties and compensate for the sharp decrease in federal timber sales and shared revenues; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2008, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 was amended and Public Law 100-343 reauthorizes the Secure Rural Schools Act by Congress for Federal Fiscal Years 2008 through 2011 (SRS 2008); and

WHEREAS, Title III of SRS 2008 provides that these funds be dedicated to projects under the following uses: search and rescue and other emergency services on public lands; fire prevention and planning under the Firewise Communities program; and development of community wildfire protection plans; and

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2012 the Kootenai County Commission adopted Resolution No. 2012-86, that elected to receive a portion of its annual Federal Forest payments as Title III project funds; and

WHEREAS, the Kootenai County Commission proposes to allocate a total of \$24,782.56 for reimbursement as outlined in Attachment "A" to the use identified in Section 302(a)(1):

- (1) "SEARCH, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY SERVICES – an eligible county or applicable sheriff's department may use these funds as reimbursement for search and rescue and other emergency services, including fire fighting, performed on Federal lands and paid for by the county."

WHEREAS, the Commission has identified the above uses as a need for the county; Kootenai County is nearly 32.1% Federal land, most of that managed by the U.S. Forest Service. Many search and rescue incidents and other emergency services occur on the National Forests within the county.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 302(a) of Public Law 100-343, this notice by the Kootenai County Commission has initiated a 45-day public comment period on the proposed use of funds as published in a newspaper of

local record. The Kootenai County commission is also sending this proposal to the Idaho Panhandle Resource Advisory Committee pursuant to Section 302(a)(2).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED that following the 45-day comment period, and after taking into full consideration the comments received, the Commission will issue a decision on the proposed use of funds. If in the future the Kootenai County Commission decides to use these funds for a different project that meets the requirements of Title III of Public Law 110-343 other than the one described above, a subsequent public notice will be issued for a 45-day comment period.

Upon a motion to adopt the text of the foregoing Resolution made by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Green, the following roll was recorded:

Commissioner Nelson: Aye
Commissioner Green: Aye
Chairman Tondee: Aye

Upon said roll call the text of the foregoing was duly enacted as a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Kootenai County, Idaho on the 12th day of November, 2013.

KOOTENAI COUNTY
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