

Resolution 2010-40 Natural Resource Plan

Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Kootenai Asserting Legal Standing and Formally Implementing Coordination with all Federal and State Agencies Maintaining Jurisdiction Over Lands and/or Resources Located Within Kootenai County, Idaho.

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes its mandate provided in Idaho Statutes to (1) protect and enhance the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the County, (2) protect the tax base and encourage the economic stability of the County, and (3) encourage the agriculture and forestry industries and other businesses for future growth; and

WHEREAS the State of Idaho has enacted laws which empower the Board of County Commissioners to develop land use, resource management, and environmental planning processes necessary to serve the public health, safety, convenience, and welfare; and

WHEREAS laws and regulations of the United States (“Federal Laws”) and of the State of Idaho (“State Laws”) mandate that planning and actions of the Federal and State agencies must be coordinated with the plans of local government, these specific laws being in part the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), the National Forest Management Act (NFMA) and all relevant Idaho Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners recognizes the need for a more reliable source of funds from use of resources on Federal lands; and

WHEREAS, fourteen percent of the County is State land and the Board recognizes its legitimate interest in the management of that State land; and

WHEREAS, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) states that Federal agencies must coordinate their management plans and actions with local government plans to make them consistent and requires assessment of the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of Federal agency planning decisions on the environment including the ecological, aesthetic, historic, cultural, economic and other impacts that may occur as a result of private and/or governmental actions; and

WHEREAS, the Board invokes coordination of Federal land management with the County to promote sustainable revenue from the Federal Lands; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the applicability of the aforementioned Federal Laws and State Laws to its duties and requires full participation of the Board in the planning and regulatory processes of all Federal and State agencies which have any jurisdiction within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that meaningful local government involvement requires more than the timely exchange of information and places an additional responsibility on Federal and State agencies to incorporate the goals, objectives and policies of local government into Federal and State plans and decisions affecting any area under the local government’s jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to continue developing a policy document referencing the applicable portions of the proposed Kootenai County Natural Resource Plan to facilitate Federal and State coordination with the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners requires that all Federal and State planning and actions affecting the County be coordinated with the County adopted plans, resolutions, and ordinances as set forth and required by the respective Federal or State legislation which granted the power to take the subject action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Federal and State agencies administering land or conducting activities in the County be notified of adoption of this resolution implementing coordination.

Upon a motion to adopt the text of the foregoing Resolution made by Commissioner Tondee, and seconded by Commissioner Currie, the following vote was recorded:

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| Commissioner Tondee: | Aye |
| Commissioner Piazza: | Excused |
| Chairman Currie: | 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 8th day of June, 2010.

KOOTENAI COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:
DANIEL J. ENGLISH, CLERK

Elmer R. Currie, Chairman

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Excused
Richard A. Piazza, Commissioner

W. Todd Tondee, Commissioner