

RESOLUTION NO. 16 - 31

Commissioner's Intervention in the 2016 Lawsuit between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Alliance for the Wild Rockies

WHEREAS, in December 2014 Alliance for the Wild Rockies filed a petition with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to list the Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystem population of grizzly bears as an endangered species and to designate critical habitat in the Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystem, and;

WHEREAS, FWS issued a denial to the Alliance for the Wild Rockies in regards to this petition, and;

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2016 Alliance for the Wild Rockies filed a lawsuit, Case CV-16-021-DLC, against FWS alleging that FWS has ignored decades of science on the population of grizzly bears in the Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystem, and;

WHEREAS, said critical habitat proposed by the Alliance for the Wild Rockies would negatively impact the recreational activities and forest industry in Bonner County and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Bonner County Commissioners wishes to intervene in the 2016 lawsuit between the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Alliance for the Wild Rockies on behalf of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in conjunction with Lincoln County, Montana and Boundary County, Idaho.

BE IT ADDITIONALLY RESOLVED, that Bonner County retains Allan Payne, of Doney Crowley PC, Attorneys at Law, to represent Bonner County in this matter.

Note: Such hiring is necessary as Endangered Species Act Law is a specialized field.


Approved and Adopted this 5th day of April, 2016

BOARD OF BONNER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Cary Kelly, Chairman

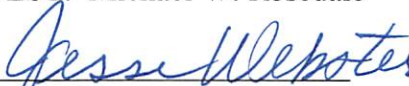


Glen Bailey, Commissioner



Todd Sudick, Commissioner

ATTEST: Michael W. Rosedale

By 

Deputy Clerk



Bonner County Commissioners

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MISC
Item #1

April 5, 2016

Memorandum

To: Commissioners

Re: Bonner County Commissioner's Intervention in the 2016 Lawsuit between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Alliance for the Wild Rockies

Description: In December 2014 Alliance for the Wild Rockies filed a petition with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to list the Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystem population of grizzly bears as an endangered species and to designate critical habitat in the Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystem. FWS issued a denial to the Alliance for the Wild Rockies in regards to this petition. On February 9, 2016 Alliance for the Wild Rockies filed a lawsuit, Case CV-16-021-DLC, against FWS alleging that FWS has ignored decades of science on the population of grizzly bears in the Cabinet-Yaak Ecosystem. The critical habitat proposed by the Alliance for the Wild Rockies would negatively impact the recreational activities and forest industry in Bonner County.

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A suggested motion would be: **Mr. Chairman based on the information before us I move to approve Resolution 16 - 31 allowing the Board of Bonner County Commissioners to intervene in the 2016 lawsuit between the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Alliance for the Wild Rockies on behalf of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in conjunction with Lincoln County, Montana and Boundary County, Idaho.**

Recommendation Acceptance: yes no

Cary Kelly Date: 04/05/16
Commissioner Cary Kelly, Chairman