

RESOLUTION 13-2018

FRAMEWORK FOR COORDINATION AND COOPERATION

WHEREAS Fergus County, as a political subdivision of the State of Montana, desires to fully participate in the planning and regulatory process at the Federal and State level; and,

WHEREAS, the County desires to participate in a meaningful manner in the planning process of both State and Federal agencies; and,

WHEREAS, Federal law and regulation repeatedly discuss "Coordination with other Federal agencies, State and local governments and Indian Tribes", in NEPA and FLPMA.

WHEREAS, the County desires to implement a framework for participation in this process, to best facilitate "Coordination and Cooperation with other agencies" and,

WHEREAS, the County is impacted by State and Federal planning and regulatory effects, and the County recognizes that State and Federal Agencies are impacted by County planning and regulatory effects; and,

WHEREAS, the County has cooperating status;

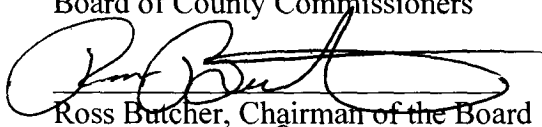
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Fergus County and it's designated agents desire to participate in the State and Federal planning process as follows:

1) Meaningful public involvement requires more than timely exchange of information. It places responsibility on the Federal agencies to incorporate, where appropriate, the ideas and comments of State and local entities into Federal land use plans and decisions. When the comments of the State and local entities are not incorporated, the Federal agencies should explain as thoroughly and clearly as possible why.

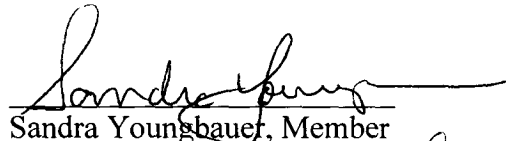
2) Fergus County recognizes that the process of coordination, cooperation and consideration of land and resource planning options place certain responsibilities upon Fergus County. To this end Fergus County commits itself to respond to agency's enquiries to participate in the process before, during and after public participation. Fergus County further understands it's obligation to share information and ideas with State and Federal agencies. Fergus County recognizes that these rights and obligations reciprocate amongst Local, State and Federal agencies.


APPROVED and ADOPTED this 11 day of June, 2018.

Fergus County
Board of County Commissioners


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Rana Wichman, Clerk & Recorder