

**RESOLUTION NO. 2781**

**A RESOLUTION supporting a grant application for the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program.**

Findings

- A. The Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program provides grants for improving forested areas. The Deschutes National Forest is applying for a grant on behalf of various Central Oregon agencies and entities to improve forested areas adjacent to Bend. Central Oregon Intergovernmental Council and the Nature Conservancy are taking the lead on the application process.
- B. The City is supportive of the grant application because it has the potential to further protect the headwater forests from which the City's surface water source are derived and improve the local economy through the creation of jobs for multiple years.
- C. The proposed project area mitigates urban-rural forest interface areas adjacent to Bend, therefore providing proactive mitigation allowing for efficient fire suppression before a fire becomes a conflagration near the City of Bend.
- D. The proposed project area includes the Bend Municipal Watershed, the surface water supply for the City of Bend, which provides 50% of the City's water supply to residents. In the event of a wildland fire, this valuable natural resource could be compromised indefinitely, and could jeopardize the City's compliance with federal and state drinking water standards so the proactive mitigation of fuels in the forest would greatly benefit the citizens of Bend.
- E. Projects funded within this grant if received would further reduce the threat of wildfire in adjoining parcels, including the high value recreation lands in the Cascade foothills and in and around Mt Bachelor, in that a fire could spread from those high value recreation lands to the watershed or vice versa.
- R. This grant application further supports the existing "Cooperative Agreement for the Purpose of Conserving and Protecting the Water Supply of the City of Bend, Oregon" in 1926, between the USFS and the City of Bend in that it prioritizes actions that preserve the volume and purity of the City water supply.
- G. The proposed project area provides an opportunity for the City of Bend to continue working collaboratively with various Central Oregon partners at the local, state, federal, and non profit levels which is critical for the success of Central Oregon as a region.
- H. The City acknowledges the fiscal impacts that the award of the grant would precipitate, including in-kind staff support and the potential for cash match in the Bend Watershed area

Based on these findings,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

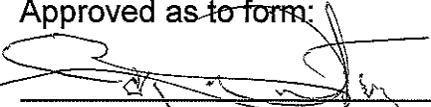
1. The City fully endorses the grant application to the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program being submitted by the Deschutes National forest on behalf of various Central Oregon, State of Oregon, and Federal partners.

Adopted by the City Council the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2010.

YES: 7 NO: 0

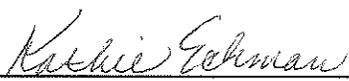
Authenticated by the Mayor the 5th day of May, 2010.

Approved as to form:

  
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Mary Winters, Legal Counsel

Attest:

  
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Patricia Stell, City Recorder

  
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Kathie Eckman, Mayor