

# **RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA**

## **RESOLUTION NO. 20106**

### **A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE TENMILE/SOUTH HELENA FOREST RESTORATION COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE**

**WHEREAS**, the Helena City Commission is responsible for public safety, environmental protection, protection of public water supply, and preservation of the general quality of life within the City of Helena; and

**WHEREAS**, the Helena City Commission desires to form a collaborative effort to consider management opportunities in the Tenmile Watershed and the City of Helena's wildland urban interface (WUI) for mitigation of fire risk and to reduce the potential for damage to the City's public water supply infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, the Helena City Commission understands there are multiple stakeholders and landowners in the watershed and WUI with varied interests and concerns; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission and other stakeholders and landowners desire to create a committee to collaboratively review proposed projects within the watershed and WUI in relation to appropriate vegetation management, fire mitigation, watershed, and other resource and recreation management.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA:

**Section 1.** A Tenmile/South Helena Forest Restoration Collaborative Committee is hereby established and shall be comprised of the following eleven (11) individuals:

- Two (2) representatives from Conservation organizations
- One (1) representative from local recreational user organizations
- Two (2) representatives from commercial use organizations such as timber, biofuels, mining, and livestock industries
- One (1) representative or designee from the City of Helena governing body
- One (1) representative or designee from the Lewis and Clark County governing body
- One (1) representative or designee from the Jefferson County governing body
- One (1) representative from the fire community
- Two (2) Citizens at large from the greater Helena area

**Section 2.** State and federal agencies and representatives from other watershed groups may serve as technical advisors to the Tenmile/South Helena Forest Restoration Collaborative Committee and may be comprised of the following:

- Montana Department of Natural Resources (MT DNRC)
- Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (MT FWP)
- Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MT DEQ)
- US Department of Interior - Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

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US Department of Agriculture - Forest Service (USDA FS)  
US Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources  
Conservation Service (USDA NRCS)  
US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
Lake Helena Watershed Group  
Montana Forest Restoration Committee  
Lincoln Restoration Committee

\*Additional community representatives may be invited to participate based on recommendations of the above mentioned representatives.

**Section 3.** The Tenmile/South Helena Forest Restoration Collaborative Committee will work to fulfill the following objectives:

**A.** Provide recommendations to state and federal agencies on projects being proposed in the Tenmile municipal watershed and South Helena area. This may include watershed restoration, vegetation management, wildfire mitigation, mine reclamation, recreation, and other projects;

**B.** Identify potential project design and implementation issues and seek solutions early in the site selection and project planning processes; and

**C.** Offer the agency input/knowledge regarding the potential effects of a proposed action or activity.

**Section 4.** The Tenmile/South Helena Forest Restoration Collaborative Committee will terminate three (3) years from the date of this resolution unless otherwise extended by the Helena City Commission.

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PASSED AND EFFECTIVE BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF  
HELENA, MONTANA, THIS 21<sup>st</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2014.

/James E. Smith  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/S/ Debbie Havens  
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION