

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA

RESOLUTION NO. 20398

A RESOLUTION TO RENEW THE TENMILE-SOUTH HELENA FOREST COLLABORATIVE

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, pursuant to the Helena City Charter, the Helena City Commission may establish various committees to foster and promote the general quality of life within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Helena City Commission desires to form a collaborative 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, other stakeholders, and landowners desire to create a committee to collaboratively review proposed projects within the watershed and WUI in

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relation to appropriate vegetation management, fire mitigation, watershed and other resource and recreation management.

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

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

- Two (2) representatives from Conservation Organizations
- One (1) representative of Recreational User Organizations
- Two (2) representatives from commercial use organizations such as: timber/biofuels/mining/livestock industries
- One (1) representative from the City of Helena Government
- One (1) representative from Lewis and Clark County Government
- One (1) representative from Jefferson County Government
- 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 Collaborative 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)
- US Department of Interior - US Fish and Wildlife Service

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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 Collaboration Network

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

Section 3. The Tenmile-South Helena Forest Collaborative will work to fulfill the following objectives:

- A) Provide recommendations to city, 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;
- C) Offer the agency input/knowledge regarding the potential effects of a proposed action/activity;
- D) Monitor management decisions and actions to determine effectiveness of projects, and use this information to provide recommendations on future projects.

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

PASSED AND EFFECTIVE BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA, THIS 11 DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2017.

/S/ James E. Smith
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/S/ Katya Grover
DEPUTY CLERK OF THE COMMISSION