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MEETING AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: 4/18/2023

Title of Item to Appear on Agenda:

Present for APPROVAL Resolution 2023-010 Resolution Opposing the Britania Land Exchange (USDA Forest Service Project No. 63414) in the Medicine Bow National Forest

Contract Term:

NA

Options:

Approve

Deny

Recommended Commision Action:

Approve the Resolution to oppose the Britania Land Exchange

Included in Existing Budget: Yes No N/A

If No:

Cost:

Funding Source/Account(s):

Contact for Additional Information:

Commissioner Jones

Attachments:

Resolution 2023-009

RESOLUTION 2023-010

RESOLUTION OPPOSING BRITANIA LAND EXCHANGE (USDA FOREST SERVICE PROJECT NO. 63414) IN THE MEDICINE BOW NATIONAL FOREST

WHEREAS, as an interested party, Albany County received notice of the proposed Britania Land Exchange (USDA Forest Service Project No. 63414).

WHEREAS the entirety of the Federal Parcels being considered for trade and all but approximately 124 acres of the Non-Federal Parcels being considered for trade lie within Albany County.

WHEREAS, with the exception of approximately 178.93 acres, the Federal Parcels being considered for trade are contiguous parcels.

WHEREAS, the Non-Federal Parcels are more widely dispersed, and with the exception of approximately 40-acres, the Non-Federal Parcels are contingent to existing Federal or State public lands.

WHEREAS the Federal Parcels contain habitat and topography that is not present in the Non-Federal Parcels and maintaining diversity of public lands is important to the citizens of Albany County.

WHEREAS Section 2.3.2(B) of the Albany County Natural Resource Management Plan (Natural Resource Plan) states “Albany County’s identity and quality of life are protected by conserving valuable open spaces and public lands and the services they contribute.”

WHEREAS the Land Use Priority Statement, in Section 2.3.3(3) of the Natural Resource Plan, provides “Federal agencies should analyze and make management decisions that would avoid, or at the very least mitigate, negative impacts on state, county, and private lands and the associated uses of those lands within Albany County.”

WHEREAS Section 4.5 of the Natural Resource Plan addresses Land Exchanges to provide they can be used to “alter the intermingled distribution” of public and private lands, allow more streamlined management, and create public access opportunities.

WHEREAS if the proposed exchange is accepted, Federal lands in Albany County will be reduced by 617.04 acres.

WHEREAS if the proposed exchange is accepted there would be a reduction of 493.074 acres of Federal land in Wyoming.

WHEREAS Federal Parcels B, C, and D consist of approximately 1,118.11 acres, and are part of approximately 6,898.47 contiguous acres of Forest Service, BLM, and State of Wyoming public property.

WHEREAS if the proposed exchange was to occur, those Federal Parcels would be removed from the contiguous public property acreage and 636.56 acres of BLM property would then be left as an isolated parcel.

WHEREAS while the Non-Federal Parcels do have public access and currently there is not public access to the Federal Parcels being considered for trade, future access should be considered as a possibility and that future access could originate along the border of any of the contiguous 6,898.47.

NOW THEREFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALBANY COUNTY, WYOMING, RESOLVE:

Section 1. That the foregoing recitals are incorporated in and made a part of this emergency resolution by this reference.

Section 2. That the proposed Britania Land Exchange and associated reduction of Federal land in Albany County is not in the best interests of the citizens of Albany County.

Section 3. That the Board of County Commissioners of Albany County, Wyoming are opposed to, and formally object to, the proposed Britania Land Exchange (USDA Forest Service Project No. 63414).

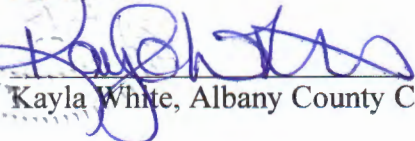
PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 2nd day of May 2023.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALBANY COUNTY, WYOMING



Pete Gosar, Chairperson

ATTEST:



Kayla White, Albany County Clerk