

## RESOLUTION 2023-013

### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WYOMING GAME AND FISH COMMISSION'S ACQUISITION OF A 459.71 ACRE PROPERTY NEAR JELM, WYOMING

**WHEREAS**, Albany County received notice of Wyoming Game and Fish Commission's (Commission) proposed acquisition of 459.71 acres of property located in portions of Sections 10 and 15, of Township 13 North, Range 77 West, of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Albany County, Wyoming (Property).

**WHEREAS** the entirety of the Property lies within Albany County and is currently privately owned.

**WHEREAS**, the Property is adjacent to the Commission's Jelm Wildlife Habitat management Area, falls within a high use migration route for mule deer, and is a critical winter range for big game species.

**WHEREAS**, the Property would connect approximately 12,625 acres of United States Forest Service property to the west and approximately 1,240 acres of Wyoming Game and Fish Commission property to the east.

**WHEREAS**, acquisition of the Property would provide permanent public access to an additional portion of the Laramie River.

**WHEREAS**, the Commission's funds for the purchase are Conservation Stamp funds of which 85% of revenue must be used by the Commission to purchase access to lands that are difficult or inaccessible to access by the public for hunting and fishing pursuant to Wyoming Statute § 23-1-501.

**WHEREAS**, if the Property is purchased by the Commission there would be an increase of 459.71 acres of public land in Albany County.

**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 Commission's proposed purchase of 459.71 acres of property near Jelm, Albany County, Wyoming is in the best interests of the citizens of Albany County.

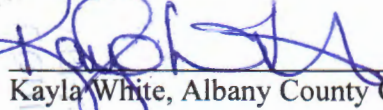
**Section 3.** That the Board of County Commissioners of Albany County, Wyoming are in support of the Wyoming Game and Fish Commission's proposed purchase of 459.71 acres of land near Jelm, Wyoming using revenue generated through W.S. § 23-1-501.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 2023.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALBANY COUNTY, WYOMING

  
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Pete Gosar, Chairperson

ATTEST:

  
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Kayla White, Albany County Clerk