

RESOLUTION NO. 1

Series 2017

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE USDA, FOREST SERVICE, WHITE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST, CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF THE TOWN'S MUNICIPAL WATER SUPPLY AND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR INDIANA GULCH

WHEREAS, the health and condition of Colorado's forest and watersheds affect the Town's water supplies; and

WHEREAS, forest and watershed restoration activities can help minimize sedimentation impacts and maintain water quality for reservoirs, sources, and other water infrastructure by reducing soil erosion and the risk of wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the Town and the USDA, Forest Service, White River National Forest ("Forest Service") believe that it would be beneficial to cooperate to proactively improve the health and resiliency of forests and watersheds in areas that are critical for providing and delivering water to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town and the Forest Service have prepared a Memorandum of Understanding to document their cooperation with respect to certain key activities of mutual concern, including, but not limited to:

A. The reduction of wildfire risks and severity of burns through forest thinning, prescribed fire, and other forest health and restoration treatment;

B. The enhancement of areas where future wildfires may occur in priority areas of concern around the watershed to reduce the impacts on water quality and effects of erosion and sedimentation on Indiana Creek, Goose Pasture Tarn, and the Town's water system operations;

C. The minimization of impacts to water quality, erosion, and sedimentation of Indiana Creek and Goose Pasture Tarn caused by a severe burn fire in areas of concern by the decommissioning, modification, or improvement of roads, erosion control management, forest health, vegetation management, stream improvements, and other watershed restoration activities; and

D. The provision of pre and post fire mitigation techniques mutually supported by the Town and the Forest Service that will reduce the potential sedimentation of Indiana Gulch and Goose Pasture Tarn.

; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding is marked **Exhibit "A"**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has reviewed the proposed Memorandum of Understanding, and finds and determines that it would be in the best interests of the Town and its citizens for the Memorandum of Understanding to be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE, COLORADO:

Section 1. The Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and the USDA, Forest Service, White River National Forest, substantially in the form attached as **Exhibit "A"**, is approved, and the Town Manager is authorized to sign such document for and on behalf of the Town of Breckenridge.

Section 2. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

Section 3. Minor changes to or amendments of the approved Memorandum of Understanding may be made by the Town Manager if the Town Attorney certifies in writing that the proposed changes or amendments do not substantially affect the essential elements of the approved Memorandum of Understanding.

RESOLUTION APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of January, 2017.

TOWN OF BRECKENRIDGE

By: _____/s/_____
Eric S. Mamula, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____/s/_____
Helen Cospolich, CMC
Town Clerk

APPROVED IN FORM

_____/s/_____
Town Attorney Date