



LINCOLN COUNTY MONTANA

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STATE OF MONTANA LINCOLN COUNTY
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FOR: LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 512 CALIFORNIA AVE,

Resolution 2024-33

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CONVEYANCE OF LANDS TO LINCOLN COUNTY FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR LINCOLN COUNTY, MONTANA FINDS:

WHEREAS, Lincoln County is surrounded by lands managed by the US Forest Service and needs to improve and expand recreational, community, and transportation infrastructure.

WHEREAS, Lincoln County, in cooperation with the Libby Rod & Gun Club, operates a popular shooting range on US Forest Service lands within the Kootenai National Forest on approximately 42.5 acres under a long held special use permit issued by the US Forest Service.

WHEREAS, the Yaak Community Club facility is a vital community facility within Lincoln County and is located on approximately .5 acres of US Forest Service land within the Kootenai National Forest under a long held special use permit issued by the US Forest Service.

WHEREAS, Lincoln County operates the Troy Airport that is an important transportation infrastructure within Lincoln County and located on approximately 52 acres of US Forest Lands within the Kootenai National Forest under a long held special use permit by the US Forest Service.

WHEREAS, these community resources are vital for recreation, community gatherings, and transportation needs within Lincoln County and are in need of improvements, safety upgrades, and small expansion areas to accommodate public use.

WHEREAS, all of these facilities are permanent in nature with buildings, runways, utility services and other infrastructure.

WHEREAS, conveyance of these properties to Lincoln County for public use purposes from the US Forest Service would ease management and permitting burdens for the US Forest Service and Lincoln County and would allow Lincoln County to improve these facilities to serve the public, preserve the historic Yaak Community building, and improve safety at all facilities.

WHEREAS, the US Congress must pass legislation authorizing the US Forest Service to convey these properties to Lincoln County with the caveat that they be used for public purposes.





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THE BOARD RESOLVES:

1. Urges the Montana Congressional Delegation to introduce legislation that would convey the lands underlying the Lincoln County shooting range, Yaak Community Center, and Troy Airport to Lincoln County, Montana with a reversionary clause that requires these lands be used for public purposes; and
2. Urges the United States Congress to pass said legislation as quickly as possible so that the Lincoln County Commission can serve the recreational, community, and transportation needs of its citizens.

THE BOARD FURTHER RESOLVES:

1. If a provision of this resolution conflicts with a provision of a previously adopted resolution, this resolution will prevail.
2. This resolution will be effective immediately upon adoption, in accordance with § 7-5-123, MCA.
3. This resolution and its various sections, clauses and paragraphs are severable. If any part, sentence, clause, or phrase is adjudged to be unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder of the resolution will not be affected.
4. This Board directs that this resolution be entered into the minutes and signed by the Chair.

END OF RESOLUTION

Approved as to Form:

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Marcia Boris, County Attorney

Date presented to the Board 11/13/24 Approved Disapproved [] Amended []





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Adopted this 13th day of November 2024

LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Josh Letcher, Chair

ATTEST:

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Corrina L. Brown, Clerk of the Board

