

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED CREATION OF THE WEST KOOTENAI RURAL FIRE DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, Montana, has received Petition No. 321421 requesting the creation of the West Kootenai Rural Fire District pursuant to Title 7, Chapter 33, Part 21, Montana Code Annotated.

The proposed district generally consists of non-government parcels located within the service area presently served by the West Kootenai Fire Protection Company and as more particularly described in Petition No. 321421 on file with the Lincoln County Clerk and Recorder.

The Board of County Commissioners will conduct a public hearing concerning the proposed district as follows:

Date: July 15, 2026

Time: 10:45 a.m.

Location: Eureka Annex, 66121 Highway 37, Eureka, Montana

The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment and evidence regarding the creation of the proposed rural fire district, its boundaries, and any related matters authorized by law. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.

Written comments may be submitted to: Lincoln County Clerk and Recorder
512 California Avenue Libby, MT 59923 Email: LCclerk@libby.org

Copies of Petition No. 321421, the proposed boundary description, and the accompanying map are available for public inspection during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the office of the Lincoln County Clerk and Recorder.

DATED this 24th day of June 2026.

Legal Ad: WN & TVN 7/1 & 7/8/2026



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STATE OF MONTANA LINCOLN COUNTY
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CORRINA BROWN CLERK AND RECORDER
FEE: \$0.00 BY: Jessika Jense, AG
FOR: LINCOLN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 512 CALIFORNIA AVE.

RESOLUTION 2026-18

A Resolution of Intent to Create the West Kootenai Rural Fire District

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR LINCOLN COUNTY, MONTANA FINDS:

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of Lincoln County, Montana has received Petition No. 321421, filed on June 12, 2026, requesting the creation of a rural fire district to serve the West Kootenai area of Lincoln County; and

Whereas, the petition was submitted pursuant to Title 7, Chapter 33, Part 21, Montana Code Annotated; and

Whereas, the petition identifies the proposed boundaries of the district, and the Lincoln County Land Specialist has reviewed the petition and determined that the petition satisfies the requirements of Title 7, Chapter 33, Part 21, MCA, including the ownership and taxable value requirements for creation of a rural fire district; and

Whereas, the Board has reviewed the petition and determined that consideration of the proposed district is in the interest of protecting life and property within the proposed service area and a public hearing should be conducted to receive comment and evidence concerning the proposed creation of the district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Board hereby declares its intent to create the **West Kootenai Rural Fire District** pursuant to Title 7, Chapter 33, Part 21, MCA.
2. The proposed district boundaries are those identified in Petition No. 321421 and generally include all non-government parcels located within Township 37 North, Range 28 West, Sections 1, 2, 4, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 35, and portions of Section 36; and Township 36 North, Range 28 West, portions of Sections 21 and 29, Lincoln County, Montana.

The exact boundaries of the proposed district are depicted on the map and parcel listing accompanying Petition No. 321421, which are on file with the Lincoln County Clerk and Recorder and incorporated herein by reference. In the event of any discrepancy, the petition, official map, and county parcel records shall control.



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3. A public hearing regarding the proposed creation of the West Kootenai Rural Fire District shall be held:

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Time: 10:45 a.m.

Location: Eureka Annex, 66121 Highway 37, Eureka, Montana

- 4. The Clerk of the Board is directed to publish notice of the public hearing as required by MCA.
- 5. At the hearing, all interested persons may appear and be heard regarding the proposed creation of the district, its boundaries, and any matters relevant under Montana law.
- 6. Following the hearing and consideration of all testimony and evidence, the Board may approve, modify or deny the creation of the proposed district as authorized by law.

THE BOARD FURTHER RESOLVES:

- 1. If a provision of this resolution conflicts with a prior resolution, the provisions of this resolution will control.
- 2. The provisions of this resolution are severable. If any part is held invalid, the remainder remains in effect.
- 3. Under Montana Code Annotated § 7-5-123, resolutions are immediately effective unless a delayed date is specified.
- 4. This resolution must be entered into the minutes and signed by the presiding officer pursuant to § 7-5-121, MCA.

END OF RESOLUTION

Approved as to Form:

Marcia Boris, County Attorney

Date presented to the Board June 24, 2026 Approved Disapproved [] Amended []
Adopted this 24th day of June, 2026.

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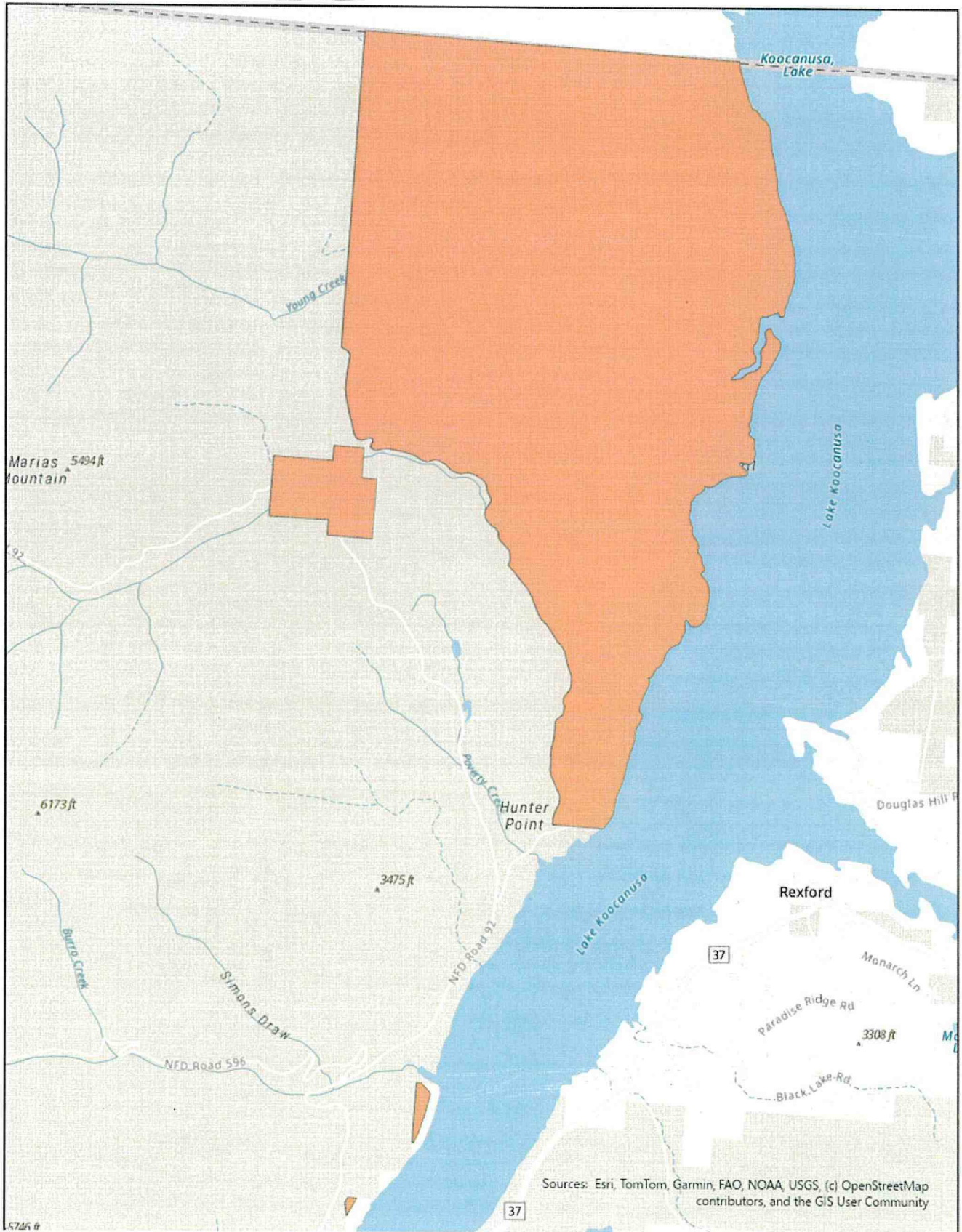
Brent Teske, Chair

ATTEST:

Corrina Brown, Clerk of the Board



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Sources: Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, (c) OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community