

Resolution No. 2015-11

RESOLUTION OF THE SUMMIT COUNTY COUNCIL TO SUBMIT A MAP  
AND LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE FOR CONSIDERATION AS PART OF  
CONGRESSMAN BISHOP'S PUBLIC LANDS INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the Wilderness Society proposed to Summit County an expansion of the High Uintas Wilderness Area as part of the Public Lands Initiative; and,

WHEREAS, Summit County agreed to participate in the Public Lands Initiative; and,

WHEREAS, a Public Lands/Wilderness Advisory Group was formed that consisted of stakeholders with varied interests including environmental protection, ranching and grazing, recreation, local government officials; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Lands/Wilderness Advisory Group embarked on a stakeholder-driven process to thoroughly study the needs of the forest and potential effects of expanding the wilderness area; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Lands/Wilderness Advisory Group held open meetings from October 2014 to date and accepted public input during those meetings; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Lands/Wilderness Advisory Group developed a proposal for the addition of 23,903 acres to the High Uintas Wilderness; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Lands/Wilderness Advisory Group proposed the creation of Watershed Management Areas, with the goal of improving the overall health and particularly the watershed of the High Uintas Forest; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Lands/Wilderness Advisory Group identified the Little West Fork Blacks Special Management Area; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Lands/Wilderness Advisory Group identified Big Horn Sheep Management Area and principles for cooperation; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Lands/Wilderness Advisory Group put forth a map illustrative of the areas described above; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Lands/Wilderness Advisory Group put forth proposed legislative language in support of the map and areas described; and,

WHEREAS, the State Legislature expressed support of Summit County's participation in the Public Lands Initiative; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Legislative Body of Summit County as follows:

1. The County has reviewed the proposed map and legislative language developed through consensus of the Public Lands/Wilderness Advisory Group.
2. The Council supports this map and legislative language and respectfully submits it for consideration as part of Congressman Bishop's Public Lands Initiative.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption by the County Council.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of APRIL, 2015.



SUMMIT COUNTY COUNCIL

SUMMIT COUNTY, UTAH

By:

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Kim Carson, Chair

ATTEST:

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Kent Jones, County Clerk