

RESOLUTION 11-07  
**RESOLUTION**  
**OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING**

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Weston County Commissioners has the authority under Wyoming statutes 18-3-501 through 18-3-524 for managing the well-being of Weston County, and

**WHEREAS**, The Board of Weston County Commissioners has the obligation and responsibility to represent the interests of the people, and the interest of Weston County as a whole in economic stability, a sound environment, the local police powers left to the County and the people under the 10th Amendment to the United States Constitution, and to the general health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County, and

**WHEREAS**, Weston County has the authority to serve the interests of its citizens under the Endangered Species Act by requiring the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, as well as any other associated federal agency, state agency or persons working with and in conjunction with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to coordinate with the Board of County Commissioners prior to any act of placing such species into the county, and

**WHEREAS**, Weston County is aware that the United States Fish and Wildlife Service is meeting with other commissioners in coordinated fashion as contemplated in the regulations issued by the Council on Environmental Quality that sets NEPA rules which will apply to any listing action, some of those other commissioners being in: Logan County, Kansas; Owyhee County, Idaho; Glen Lake Irrigation District in Montana; Modoc County in California; Fremont County in Wyoming and soon to be Converse County in Wyoming;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners have an obligation to its citizens to exercise the local authority which is recognized by the Endangered Species Act,

**THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Weston County Commissioners that no threatened, listed, delisted, experimental or endangered species may be introduced into Weston County; and that there be no reclassification of such species or critical habitat within Weston County, State of Wyoming, unless the coordination process has been completed.


**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of Weston County Commissioners that if proposed implementation of a critical habitat designation or federal policies or practices over federal lands located within the geographical boundaries of this county will likely result in either (a) the alteration of the current county land use plan without being previously voluntarily initiated by this county, or (b) make it unfeasible for existing businesses to continue their present operation, the proposed federal action is presumed to both create a negative impact on the interrelated environmental, cultural, and economic well-being and stability of this county and its residents and shall not be the preferred alternative to resolve the environmental and other concerns of the federal entities.

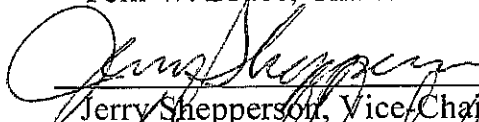
**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that by executing this Resolution, Weston County serves notice on the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Interior, and any and all persons and agencies under those jurisdictions, and on any other Cabinet member who has authority to act under the Endangered Species Act who implement management activities regarding threatened, listed, delisted, experimental or endangered species in Weston County without coordination.

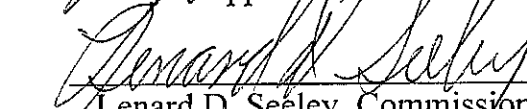
**IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED** that by executing this Resolution, Weston County serves notice to all the persons and agencies identified in the previous paragraph of this

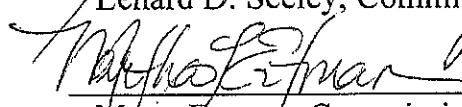
Resolution of their obligation under the Endangered Species Act to notify Weston County in advance of any planned action identified in this Resolution and to coordinate with the county prior to any such planned action, and of the County's authority to insist upon such notice and coordination under the Endangered Species Act.

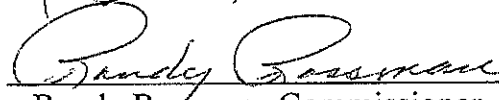
**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Weston County Commissioners this 19 day of APRIL, 2011.

  
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Tom W. Bruce, Chairman

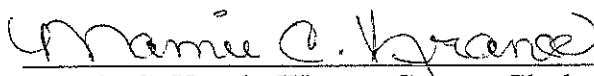
  
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Mamie C. Krank, Weston County Clerk