

RESOLUTION NO. 11-13
OF
WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING

WHEREAS, the Board of Weston County Commissioners has the authority to serve the interests of its citizens under the Federal Land Management and Policy Act (FLPMA) at 43 USC 1717, by requiring the United States Forest Service, as well as any other associated federal agency, state agency or persons working with the Board of County Commissioners to make all practical efforts to resolve conflicts between federal and local land policy, and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners have an obligation to its citizens to exercise the local authority which is recognized by FLPMA, and

WHEREAS, in administering public land statutes and exercising discretionary authority granted by them, the Secretary (Department of the Interior) is required to establish comprehensive rules and regulations after considering the views of the general public, and

WHEREAS, FLPMA states that the goals and objectives be established by law as guidelines for public land use planning and that management be on the basis of multiple use and sustained yield unless otherwise specified by law, and

WHEREAS, according to W.S. 11-5-102 (a) (xii), and the Wyoming Weed and Pest designated pest list, prairie dogs are designated as pests, and

WHEREAS, private landowners in the Thunder Basin National Grasslands ecosystem are economically and physically impacted by the encroachment of black-tailed prairie dogs, and

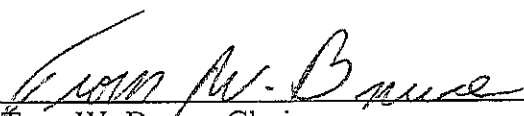
WHEREAS, the black-tailed prairie dog is a documented plague carrier (organism: *Yersinia pestis*), among other health issues to humans, and

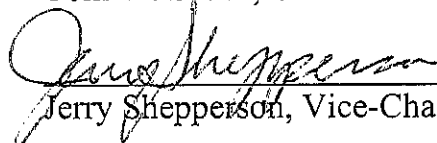
WHEREAS, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department has historically required 4.35 miles (7 kilometers) from private land for trans-locations, (this distance is a scientifically supported average of the distance that yearling prairie dogs disperse)

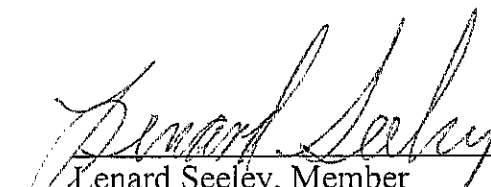
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Weston County Commissioners that the receiving colony for translocation be no closer than 4.35 miles to private land.

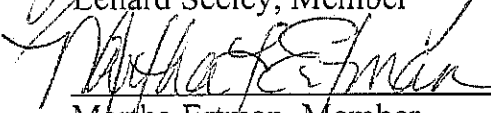
APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 2nd day of August, 2011.

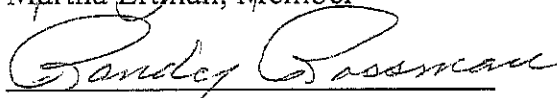
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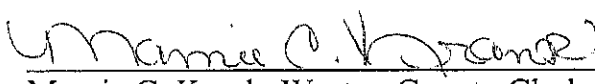

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