

WESTON COUNTY, WYOMING COMMISSION**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS Park and Teton counties (Counties) lead a coalition of counties in three states formally designated as Cooperating Agencies under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the Winter Use Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks (EIS) process, and

WHEREAS, in precedent-setting Memorandum of Agreements each county signed with the National Park Service recognizes the Counties' "special expertise", and

WHEREAS, the Cooperating Counties developed and submitted socio-economic data as part of their participation in the Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Park NEPA process, and

WHEREAS the Cooperating Counties' developed an adaptive management alternative that balances socio-economic considerations and a range of quality recreational opportunities while insuring the long-term protection of these unique resources, and

WHEREAS the precedents the Cooperating Counties have established in the Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks EIS process can be replicated in other planning processes on federal lands in Weston County, Wyoming, in every other county in Wyoming and every state in the U.S.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Weston County, Wyoming Commissioners support the Cooperating Counties' Environmental Impact Statement Revised Alternative "E" (attached).

Dated: 12/7/99

Approved: Jed M. Elwell