

Sweetwater County Resolution 17-01-CC-01

WHEREAS, seventy percent of the land or 4.5 million acres in Sweetwater County is owned and administered by the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, these federal lands create the foundation for our economy, custom and culture, heritage and recreational enjoyment, and

WHEREAS, for generations Sweetwater County has enjoyed a strong working relationship with the federal agencies managing lands within Sweetwater County, and

WHEREAS, Sweetwater County and the federal agencies have fostered and strengthened this relationship through memorandums of understanding, cooperating agency agreements, annual meetings to exchange work programs, monthly meetings to exchange information, and daily communication to address questions and to collaborate on issues and problems, and

WHEREAS, this relationship has formed the foundation for cooperative agency reviews of many NEPA documents that have paved the way for environmentally sound mineral, oil and gas, agricultural, recreational and other developments and use of federal lands in Sweetwater County, and

WHEREAS, on an annual basis, minerals from federal lands produce approximately one billion dollars in assessed valuation to Sweetwater County, and

WHEREAS, the federal lands, including the Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area, the Seedskaadee National Wildlife Refuge, the BLM Wilderness Study Areas, National Historic Trails, special management areas and the wide open spaces within Sweetwater County provide the cornerstone for a multimillion dollar hunting, fishing, tourism and recreation industry, and

WHEREAS, the federal mineral production and the recreation and tourism industry help provide the high standard of living and quality of life we enjoy in Sweetwater County, and

WHEREAS, the federal lands in Sweetwater County and Wyoming are owned by all Americans,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sweetwater County Board of County Commissioners, except for exchanges or sales for health, safety and welfare purposes agreed upon by the Board of County Commissioners, strongly oppose the transfer of ownership or management of federally owned properties to the State of Wyoming, private parties or other entities.


Dated this 17th day of January, 2017


Sweetwater County Board of County Commissioners


Reid West, Chairman



Wally J. Johnson, Member


John K. Kolb, Member


Don Van Matre, Member


Randal M. Wendling, Member

Attest:


Steven Dale Davis, County Clerk

