

Natural Resource Planning

Greetings Broadwater County Commissioners,

The following is a snapshot of the presentation that I am pleased to be able to provide you on Natural Resource Management Planning.

The following link is to the land use planning section of FLMPA.:

<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/43/1712>

We have a very extensive history going back to the 1866 mining act and subsequent laws that move forward resource management.

Some changes in the 1972 Constitution of Montana provided for an open door to the environmental protections we deal with. We will only briefly discuss this but it is noted that this section is a huge part of our natural resource management planning:

https://leg.mt.gov/bills/mca/title_0000/article_0090/part_0010/sections_index.html

The proposal to engage in “Coordination” with the federal government on natural resource planning was brought before Broadwater County Commission several years ago. Because Senator Jon Tester was pushing S1470 at the time, it was decided by management of Ry Timber that the new idea would be tried. Operations Manager Jack Mahon had hopes that there would be hope utilizing collaboration efforts brought forward through that federal legislation.

The latest change in this process at the federal level is a question of concern for local government because of the change in the guard in Washington DC. We see nominations of new department officials.

President Biden has also advanced a planning process that has a direct impact on local government under the 30 by 30 plan. Mr. Biden initiated this through an executive order. <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/27/executive-order-on-tackling-the-climate-crisis-at-home-and-abroad/>

Because this presentation is for discussion purposes only, I believe that my presentation of the facts will be a great point for Broadwater County to advance natural resource management planning for the benefit of the citizens of Montana.

I will have a copy of my presentation for everyone at the meeting.

Thank you in advance for your time to discuss this very important issue here in Broadwater County.

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