



Resolution 2024-0812B

RECOGNIZING TETON COUNTY AS A LEADER IN RESPONSIBLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT & CONSERVATION

WHEREAS, Teton County defines responsible resource management as a system of practices that are healthy for the community (people), environment (planet), and economy (profit) and can be maintained for current and future generations. We strive to emphasize sustainable natural resource management in the principles and policies, to honor our agriculture origins, and to be good stewards of our native landscape and wildlife., and; in particular: resource sustainability that limits pollution, encourages energy conservation; promotes a diverse and balanced economy; and sets forth our community to be a model of stewardship to protect future generations.

WHEREAS, Teton County, Idaho, and its Transfer Station, specifically addresses responsible waste-resource management by adopting solid waste diversion plans via hauler franchise agreements and will develop additional resource efficient action plans. The County will *incorporate into each of the "Council of Government" agendas*, whose mission is to address sustainability, and adopted resolutions for reducing, reusing, and recycling waste materials; reducing energy and fuel usage, and minimizing pollution while promoting the use of renewable energy and exploring alternative fuel/energy options.

WHEREAS, Teton County, Idaho and its Transfer Station recognize this resolution is in alignment with the Teton County, Idaho Environmental Stewardship Policy.

WHEREAS, Teton County Idaho's mission includes actions that reflect stewardship of our natural resources, highlight our outstanding assets and amenities and strive toward resource efficiency and a strategic plan that sets forth the goal of focusing on the preservation, conservation and stewardship of resources for future generations.

WHEREAS, community and destination private and public stakeholders participate in responsible resource management education and technical assistance programs,

WHEREAS, the guiding principles of environmental resource efficiency and waste diversion are: thinking of waste as a resource, instead of used-up landfill bound waste; conserving natural resources through waste prevention and recycling; enabling and promoting food waste prevention practices; turning discarded resources into jobs and new products; promoting products and materials that are durable and recyclable; discouraging products and materials that can only become trash after their use; and using education as a tool to maximize community engagement.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of County Commissioners of Teton County, Idaho support initiatives that contribute to the fulfillment of community goals and standards for environmental, social, and economic sustainability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Teton County, Idaho support initiatives that find solutions to prevent, mitigate, and manage the increasing environmental and community impacts of community growth and visitation to protect the integrity of our environment and community upon which the health of our economy and quality of life is dependent.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

(Signature page follows)

Teton County Board of County Commissioners

Cindy Riegel, Chair, Teton County Commissioner

Michael Whitfield, Teton County Commissioner

Bob Heneage, Teton County Commissioner

ATTEST:

Kim Keeley, County Clerk