

**RESOLUTION OF THE PEOPLE OF HARNEY COUNTY
ON THE STATUS OF HARNEY COUNTY LANDS
MANAGED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

Whereas; Harney County is a rural county within the State of Oregon within which about 73% (4,800,000 out of 6,500,000 acres) is managed by the Federal Government. And;

Whereas ; Harney County is blessed with an abundance of grazing and forest lands which are capable of providing valuable resources to its people, County and State government. And;

Whereas; Harney County at one time was one of the wealthiest per capita Counties in Oregon when its resources were being developed and used to their sustainable capacity. And;

Whereas; Harney County is now near the bottom of per capita income in Oregon due to the diminished use of its natural resources and mismanagement of its public lands. And;

Whereas; The Federal Government and the State of Oregon have failed to manage these public lands in the County in a manner that is protective and beneficial to the residents of Harney County. And;

Whereas; The people of Harney County, due to the County's rural and natural resource land character, are unable to sustain an economic base within the county that will provide its residents and families with ongoing sources of jobs and services without the sustained contribution to its economy from those endemic natural resources. And;

Whereas; The Federal agencies are constrained and at the mercy of small but vocal groups of radical environmentalists who use the myriad of laws regulating Federally managed lands, which creates for them impenetrable obstacles to the development and sustained use of the resources within the County. And;

Whereas; The ownership/control of those lands within the sovereign State of Oregon are held in a defacto manner by the Federal government, which holding is in violation of the Constitution of the United States, (US Constitution, Article 1, Section 8, clause 17) as well as being to the detriment of the best interest of the State of Oregon and the County of Harney residents. And;

Whereas; Within the County of Harney resides the personnel, talent and skilled workforce to locally better manage those public lands and develop and market those public land resources in order to better sustain the local and State economies while providing a healthier, safer environment on those public lands now under Federal management. And;

Whereas; Because The County Sheriff, duly elected by the people, is the rightful premier law enforcement officer in Harney County and the first and last line of protection from abuses both from private and public offenders of our laws and Constitution, and said Constitution is the premier law of the land. And;

Whereas; The local management of public land within Harney County will create a simpler, more efficient, more manageable, more productive and more functional use of those lands. Therefore;

Be it Resolved; We the undersigned residents of Harney County do hereby support the development of a plan to provide the expedient, systematic and harmonious transfer of all currently managed Federal lands within Harney County to the jurisdiction of the people of Harney County.

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