

## THE CITY OF GREELEY, COLORADO

### RESOLUTION \_\_, 2022

#### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE FOR WATERSHED RECOVERY AND RESTORATION GRANT FUNDING**

WHEREAS, the City of Greeley ("Greeley") is authorized by Section 3-5 of the Greeley City Charter and Section 2-461 of the Greeley Municipal Code to enter into contracts with other governmental entities for the performance of cooperative or joint activities; and

WHEREAS, Greeley has been coordinating wildfire mitigation and watershed rehabilitation activities in the Cache la Poudre and Big Thompson watersheds in response to the Cameron Peak Fire, which ignited in August of 2020, burned for over 100 days, and eventually became the largest recorded wildfire in Colorado history; and

WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service recently made available to Greeley federal emergency supplemental grant funds that may be used to continue its facilitation of such recovery and restoration work in the Cache la Poudre and Big Thompson watersheds; and

WHEREAS, the Participating Agreement between The City of Greeley and The USDA, Forest Service, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, sets forth the terms and conditions by which Greeley may utilize these grant funds to continue its facilitation of such recovery and restoration work in the Cache la Poudre and Big Thompson watersheds; and

WHEREAS, the mitigation work facilitated pursuant to this intergovernmental agreement constitutes one aspect of a larger regional and national policy objective, that is, to mitigate and rehabilitate the impacts of the Cameron Peak Fire, and Greeley's role in facilitating the mitigation work is for the benefit of all water users and other parties with an interest in the Cache la Poudre and Big Thompson watersheds; and

WHEREAS, all grant funding received, passed through, or otherwise managed by Greeley pursuant to this intergovernmental agreement is for the purposes of the greater policy objective and the common benefit of the parties described, and will not result in a revenue subsidy or production of a capital asset for the Water Enterprise of the City of Greeley; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of The City of Greeley for Greeley to enter into the Participating Agreement between The City of Greeley and The USDA, Forest Service, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland.

#### **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREELEY, COLORADO:**

Section 1. The City of Greeley, Colorado is hereby authorized to enter into the Participating Agreement between The City of Greeley and The USDA, Forest Service, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland, in the form attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A.

Section 2. City staff and legal counsel are hereby authorized to make minor revisions to the Participating Agreement between The City of Greeley and The USDA, Forest Service, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland, provided that the material substance of the agreement remains unchanged.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_ 2022.**

**ATTEST:**

**THE CITY OF GREELEY, COLORADO**

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**Interim City Clerk**

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**Mayor**