



City of Ketchum

July 5, 2022

Mayor Bradshaw and City Councilors
City of Ketchum
Ketchum, Idaho

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Recommendation to Withdraw Bureau of Land Management R&PP Application related to Bigwood River and Hulen Meadows Pond

Recommendation and Summary

The city has received a request that it withdraw its Bureau of Land Management (BLM) R&PP application so that Blaine County can serve as the lead governmental partner as the property is located outside the city limits.

"I move approval of the attached letter to facilitate withdrawing the city's R&PP application to the Bureau of Land Management."

The reasons for the recommendation are as follows:

- The city partnered with the Wood River Land Trust to complete concept plans for stream and vegetation improvements.
- Several public outreach sessions were completed. A common concern from Hulen Meadows residents was the role of the city in the project as it is located outside the city limits.
- Blaine County is supportive of the change in roles.

Introduction and History

The city initially filed the Recreation and/or Public Purpose application in 2008. The city coordinated with BLM through 2014 to refine the application. In August 2018, Congressman Simpson notified the BLM that appropriations bill 6147 would contain language for river/pond restoration. Although the bill did not become law, it demonstrated to the BLM the level of Congressional support for local collaboration. In February of 2019, the Wood River Land Trust and Hulen Meadows residents approached the BLM with a river restoration proposal.

Sustainability Impact

Improved water quality and fish habitat is a key component of the project.

Financial Requirement/Impact

None

Attachments

Letter to BLM Field Manager

Letter of Support from Hulen Meadows Homeowners Association



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Mr. Codie Martin, Field Manager
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Shoshone Bureau of Land Management
Shoshone Field Office
400 West F Street
Shoshone, ID 83352-5284

Re: R&PP Application, IDI-36276

Dear Mr. Martin:

The City of Ketchum would like to withdraw its R&PP Application IDI-36276.

Any future plan development for the Sun Peak Area is more appropriate under Blaine County leadership, as this area is outside Ketchum city limits.

Thank you for your continuing assistance on this and many other projects in the Wood River Valley. We appreciate working with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

Neil Bradshaw
Mayor

Cc: Dick Fosbury, Blaine County Commission Chair
Muffy Davis, Blaine County Commissioner
Angenie McCleary, Blaine County Commissioner

June 29, 2022

Mayor Neil Bradshaw

City of Ketchum

PO Box 2315

Ketchum, Idaho 83340

Dear Mayor Bradshaw,

The Hulen Meadows Homeowners Association has no objection to the City of Ketchum withdrawing its application to the BLM Recreation and Public Purpose (R&PP) IDI-36276.

Yours truly,



Donna M Finegan

Vice President

Hulen Meadows HOA and Water Co.