

**RESOLUTION NO. R-2015-1879**

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE IMMEDIATELY CEASE ANY ACTION TO LIMIT GRAZING ON THE DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST AND DEMANDING THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE COORDINATE WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY IN ANY PROJECTS THAT AFFECT GRAZING IN WASHINGTON COUNTY**

WHEREAS, for over a year the United States Forest Service (“Forest Service”) and the Grand Canyon Trust, Inc. (“Grand Canyon Trust”) have been working together to gather and analyze data regarding cattle grazing on the Dixie, Fishlake, and Manti-La Sal National Forests (collectively “the Forests”);

WHEREAS, the Grand Canyon Trust is an environmental advocacy organization whose express intention in this project is to severely reduce grazing on the Forests;

WHEREAS, Washington County is entitled by law and federal regulation to be involved at the earliest stages of both Forest Service planning and proposed changes to current land management practices;

WHEREAS, to date, Washington County (“the County”) has not received any communication from the Forest Service regarding its study of grazing or its proposed plan to modify grazing on the Forests;

WHEREAS, attached to this Resolution is a letter from the County Commission to the Forest Service and accompanying documents which more fully explain the violations of law and demonstrate the cozy relationship between the Forest Service and Grand Canyon Trust;

NOW, THEREFORE, at a regular meeting of the legislative body of Washington County, Utah, duly called, noticed, and held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015, upon motion duly made and seconded, it is unanimously:

RESOLVED that the attached letter is approved. It is further

RESOLVED that Washington County respectfully requests that any Forest Service draft report, study, or data gathered regarding grazing that has been prepared since 2013 without county involvement be discarded. It is further

RESOLVED that Washington County formally requests to be granted cooperating agency status and that the Forest Service coordinate with the county *from the outset* in gathering data, conducting studies, and writing reports on the current status—including the positive and negative environmental, economical, and societal impacts—of grazing on the Dixie National Forest.

VOTED UPON AND PASSED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY  
COMMISSION AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY  
COMMISSION HELD ON THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2015.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

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ALAN D. GARDNER, CHAIR  
Washington County Commission

ATTEST:

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Kim M. Hafen  
Washington County Clerk-Auditor

Commissioner Gardner voted \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Iverson voted \_\_\_\_\_  
Commissioner Renstrom voted \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to Form:

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Deputy County Attorney