

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF MONTEZUMA
STATE OF COLORADO**

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Montezuma County, Colorado, duly convened and held the 5th day of February, 2018, with the following persons in attendance:

Commissioners: James Lambert, Keenan G. Ertel,
Larry Don Suckla

Commissioners Absent:
County Administrator: Melissa Brunner
County Attorney: John Baxter
Clerk and Recorder: Kim Percell

the following proceedings, among others, were taken:

Resolution # 2 - 2018

Resolution

Whereas, the San Juan National Forest has stated a renewed focus on vegetation management to reduce fire danger, protect watersheds, and to promote overall forest health.

Whereas, the USFS has identified over 80,000 acres of timber that is in need of harvesting to assist in the reduction of insect and disease infestations, to reduce fire danger, to protect watersheds, and promote healthy forest regeneration.

Whereas, the scale of the required timber harvest is such that it will require large scale private industry to implement the strategic forest management objectives.

Whereas, Montezuma County supports the local timber industry and seeks to expand the range of sustainable saw logs and other wood products that can be exported from the County.

Whereas, past USFS timber sales have been difficult to move due to lack of market interest, new market opportunities are opening that could renew profitability in timber products.

Whereas, Montezuma County does not currently have a timber industry with enough capacity to handle the scale of the needed timber harvest.

Whereas, the closest regional logging mill with the capacity to handle the wood products at the required scale is currently located in Montrose.

Whereas, timber sales in Montezuma County will create opportunity to grow and sustain the local timber industry.

Whereas, transportation cost to move wood products out of Montezuma County is a serious constraint to the continued viability of Montezuma County's logging industry.

Whereas, increasing the load weight for logging trucks to 97,000 lbs. on Montezuma County Roads, commensurate with the maximum CDOT road weight, is necessary to make the transportation costs viable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE MONTEZUMA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT:

SECTION 1: The Montezuma County Board of County Commissioners supports the San Juan National Forest Timber Program and local timber industry.

SECTION 2: The Montezuma County Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes loggers and, and their subcontractors, to haul loads of wood products up to a gross vehicle weight of up to 97,000 lbs. on Montezuma County Roads, or weight commensurate with the State of Colorado CDOT highway weight limits on specified roads.

SECTION 3: Montezuma County Supports the proposed timber sale, and supports a strong and sustainable timber industry within Montezuma County and the region for the health safety and welfare of the citizens and the proper stewardship of its natural resources.

Commissioners voting aye in favor of the resolution were:

Commissioners voting nay against the resolution were:

County Clerk and Recorder

Montezuma County, Colorado

I certify that the above Resolution is a true and correct copy of same as it appears in the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners of Montezuma County, Colorado and the votes upon same are true and correct.

Dated this 5th day of February, 2018.

(SEAL)



Ken Perceal
County Clerk and Recorder
Montezuma County, Colorado