

BONNEVILLE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 01-01

NATIONAL FOREST COUNTIES AND SCHOOLS COALITION

A RESOLUTION, BY AUTHORIZATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SELECTION OF FOREST RESERVE PAYMENT SYSTEM, OPTING FOR THE HOUSE RESOLUTION 2389 SAFETY NET.

WHEREAS, counties having United States National Forests within their boundaries have received Forest Reserve funds for roads and schools since the passage of the Agricultural Reapportionment Act of 1908 based on revenues generated from these forests; and

WHEREAS, these counties have substantial areas of land in public ownership which can neither be developed nor taxed to generate revenue from economic activity or taxation; and

WHEREAS, during most of the 20th century Forest Reserve payments were a consistent but cyclical source of income for schools and counties; and

WHEREAS, during the past decade changes in public policy at the national revenue have substantially reduced and in some cases, virtually eliminated economic activity on national forests; and

WHEREAS, the demands for education and roads have in most jurisdictions continually increased while Forest Reserve revenues have declined; and

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States recognizing the existence of the above mentioned conditions has seen fit to pass HR 2389, which provides among other things a six-year safety net whereby counties may receive the traditional payment from the Forest Service (and/or BLM) or a temporary payment based on the payment of the average of the three highest years to the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, HR 2389 specifies that each forest county has an option to select either: (a) remaining on the traditional 25% forest Reserve Receipts payment system or (b) selecting the full payment system set forth in Title I of the HR 2389; and

WHEREAS, it is understood that counties which select the HR 2389 full payment (safety net) option are doing so for the full six-year life of the bill; and

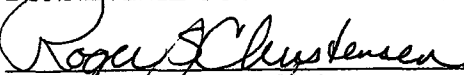
WHEREAS, it is further understood, that those counties who select to remain on the traditional 25% Forest Reserve Receipt system are obligating themselves for a two-year period, and will have the option of changing to the HR 2389 safety net system after the second and fourth years of the bill.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Bonneville County and its impacted school districts, hereby select to receive their forest reserve payments as the Safety Net Full Payment amount, as per HR 2389; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this selection be communicated to the Governor of the State of Idaho by September 30, 2001; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all jurisdictions receiving Forest Reserve Funds within Bonneville County receive a copy of this resolution for their official records as soon as it is officially adopted.


BONNEVILLE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Roger S. Christensen, Chairman




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ATTEST:



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Bonneville County Clerk to the Board of Commissioners