

Resolution No. 2012-12
Title III Funds
Proposal for Reimbursement of Funds
45-day Public Comment Period

WHEREAS, the Kootenai County Commission proposes to use funds made available under Public Law 110-343 to reimburse the county for search and rescue and other emergency services on National Forest lands in Kootenai County in the amount of \$19,050.21. The proposal is open for a 45-day public comment period after which, and taking into full consideration the comments received, the Commission will issue a decision on the proposed use of funds; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 106-393, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination act of 2000, was enacted in 2000 in part to stabilize payments to counties and compensate for the sharp decrease in federal timber sales and shared revenues; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2008, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, was amended and Public Law 110-343 reauthorizes the Secure Rural Schools Act by Congress for Federal Fiscal Years 2008 through 2011 (SRS 2008); and

WHEREAS, Title III of SRS 2008 provides that these funds be dedicated to projects under the following authorized uses: Search and rescue and other emergency services on public lands; fire prevention and planning under the Firewise Communities program; and development of community wildfire protection plans.

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2010 the Kootenai County Commission adopted Resolution No. 2010-82, that elected to receive a portion of its annual Federal Forest payments as Title III project funds; and

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2011, the Kootenai County Commission adopted Resolution No. 2011-108, that elected to receive a portion of its annual Federal Forest payments as Title III project funds; and

WHEREAS, the Kootenai County Commission proposes to allocate a total of \$19,050.21 for reimbursement as outlined in Attachment “A” to the use identified in Section 302(a)(1).

- (1) “SEARCH, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY SERVICES – an eligible county or applicable sheriff’s department may use these funds as reimbursement for search and rescue and other emergency services, including fire fighting, performed on Federal lands and paid for by the county”.

WHEREAS, the Commission has identified the above uses as a need for the county. Kootenai County is nearly 32.1% Federal land, most of that managed by the U.S. Forest Service. Many search and rescue incidents and other emergency services occur on the National Forests within the county.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, pursuant to Section 302(a) of Public Law 110-343, this notice by the Kootenai County Commission initiates a 45-day public comment period on the proposed use of funds as published in a newspaper of local record. The Kootenai County commission is also sending this proposal to the Idaho Panhandle Resource Advisory Committee pursuant to Section 302(a)(2). Send comments to the Kootenai County Board of Commissioners, P.O. Box 9000, 451 N. Government Way, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83816-90000.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED that following the 45-day comment period, and after taking into full consideration the comments received, the Commission will issue a decision on the proposed use of funds. If in the future the Kootenai County Commission decides to use these funds for a different project that meets the requirements of Title III of P.L. 110-343 other than the one described above, a subsequent public notice will be issued for a 45-day public comment period.

Upon a motion to adopt the text of the foregoing Resolution made by Commissioner _____, seconded by Commissioner _____, the following roll call was recorded:

Commissioner Nelson:
Commissioner Green:
Chairman Tondee:

Upon said roll call the text of the foregoing was duly enacted as a Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Kootenai County, Idaho on the 31st day of January 2012.

KOOTENAI COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:
CLIFFORD T. HAYES, CLERK

W. Todd Tondee, Chairman

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Daniel H. Green, Commissioner

Jai Nelson, Commissioner

Public Notice advertised 12/2/11.

Forty-five (45) day public comment period over 1/16/12