

**COORDINATION**  
**Local Government Coordination for Federal and State Lands**  
**Adopted By:**  
**Granite County**  
**Town Council of Philipsburg**  
**Town Council of Drummond**

**Mission Statement**

*Vision Statement: Federal and State lands dominate the landscape in Granite County with approximately 70 percent of the land in the county managed by a public agency. Decisions made by the agencies managing our public and federal lands and resources directly affect Granite County's residents, custom, culture, economy, and valued way of life. Granite County desires to assert its ability to coordinate, require consistency reviews and in appropriate cases to apply as a cooperating agency in all federal decision making and land use planning processes initiated by Federal and State government agencies.*

**Coordination**

Invoke Coordination to Influence Federal and State Lands

Goals: Prepare land use regulations for coordination to allow Granite County elected officials to coordinate with federal agencies on an equal basis.

Objectives:

- Recognize that coordination is exclusive to elected government officials.
- Require Federal and State agencies to complete consistency review with local policies, programs and plans to the maximum extent allowed by federal law.
- Participate in formal and informal government to government interactions and meetings
- Recognize the cooperating agency status of Granite County in order to work in coordination with federal and state agencies on all project and decisions that could affect county interest.
  - Federal and State agencies to give Granite County early notification of forthcoming decisions
  - Federal and State agencies to extend an early invitation to the Granite County in federal decision making processes
- Participate in Federal agency planning and decision making when such actions take place within the scope of Granite County's responsibilities to the people they represent
  - Many such opportunities are only offered to State and local governments.
- Revitalization of and where necessary recreating of a viable working economy with jobs in local communities
- Make it safer for businesses to invest in Montana
  - Businesses are waiting for release of resources
- Protection of health, safety and property of all Montanans
- Stop special interest groups' from unduly influencing Federal agencies to shut off access to our natural resources such as timber, grazing, water, minerals, wildlife and recreation
- Recover lost funding for schools and county infrastructure

- Regain lost income from sale of resources from public land
- Restore health forests
  - Discourage “let-burn” policies on federal and state lands
  - Thinning and clearing out of diseased and burned trees to allow strong, new growth
- Restore health to watersheds depleted by lack of forest management
- Stop the destruction and closure of forest roads and trails in order to:
  - Allow access to fight fires
  - Allow access to manage timber
  - All access to fire wood
  - Allow access for the protection of health and safety through search and rescue
  - Provide hunting and fishing and other recreational opportunities
- Aid rural communities in their effort to stop the flight of our young folks due to lack of jobs

RESOLUTION 2019-22

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**A GRANITE COUNTY RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO GRANITE COUNTY'S GROWTH POLICY PERTAINING TO THE SECTION REGARDING THE TOWN OF PHILIPSBURG AND ADDING A SECTION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT COORDINATION FOR FEDERAL AND STATE LANDS**

WHEREAS, the Granite County Growth Policy was approved by the citizens of Granite County by referendum on November 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the aforesaid referendum, the Granite County Board of Commissioners, on December 12, 2006, unanimously passed RESOLUTION 2006-42 which adopted the Granite County Growth Policy with an effective date of January 1, 2007; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the aforesaid referendum, the Granite County Board of Commissioners, on November 12, 2009, unanimously passed RESOLUTION 2009-33 which adopted certain amendments to the Georgetown Lake Sections of the Granite County Growth Policy; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the aforesaid referendum, the Granite County Board of Commissioners, on September 7, 2010, unanimously passed RESOLUTION 2010-17 which adopted certain amendments to the Capital Improvement Plan Section of the Granite County Growth Policy; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the aforesaid referendum, the Granite County Board of Commissioners, on November 30, 2010, unanimously passed RESOLUTION 2010-23 which adopted certain amendments to the Lower Rock Creek Section of the Granite County Growth Policy; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the aforesaid referendum, the Granite County Board of Commissioners, on December 19, 2011, unanimously passed RESOLUTION 2011-24 which adopted certain amendments to the Town of Philipsburg Section of the Granite County Growth Policy; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the aforesaid referendum, the Granite County Board of Commissioners, on July 23, 2012, unanimously passed RESOLUTION 2012-23 which adopted certain amendments to the Town of Drummond Section of the Granite County Growth Policy; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the aforesaid referendum, the Granite County Board of Commissioners on December 17, 2012 passed RESOLUTION 2012-33 adopting statistical corrections and updates to the Granite County Growth Policy, and this included an amendment regarding gravel resources; and,

WHEREAS, new amendments to Granite County's Growth Policy have been proposed to the Town of Philipsburg Section of Granite County's Growth Policy, and a new Local Government Coordination for Federal and State Lands' Section has also been proposed; all as stated in attached Exhibit A; and,

WHEREAS, the Granite County Planning Board held public hearing on said Growth Policy amendments on May 2, 2019, June 6, 2019, and June 27, 2019 as such were lawfully noticed in the local newspaper; and,

WHEREAS, after receiving and carefully considering public comment, the Granite County Planning Board concluded the public hearing on June 27, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2019, the Granite County Planning Board met in regular session and recommended approval of proposed Granite County Growth Policy; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Council for the Town of Philipsburg held a properly noticed public hearing and have previously adopted, with consent of the Mayor, these amendments to their Growth Policy, and the Town Council for the Town of Drummond plans to hold a noticed public hearing on this issue as well; and,

WHEREAS, the Granite County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on said Growth Policy amendments on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, which was lawfully noticed in the *Philipsburg Mail* newspaper on November 21, 2019 and November 28, 2019; and,

WHEREAS, two (2) members of the Granite County Board of Commissioners were present on December 3, 2019, and did participate in the public hearing on the said proposed Growth Policy amendments; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners carefully considered public comments made at the public hearing and the recommendation of the Planning Board for Growth Policy amendments; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners reviewed the proposed section for compliance with state law as set forth in MCA Section 76-1-601.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commission hereby adopts the proposed amendments to Granite County's Growth Policy as set forth in and attached hereto as Exhibit A. This Amended Granite County Growth Policy is effective immediately and may only be revised as provided for by law.

ADOPTED AND PASSED this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019, A.D.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF GRANITE COUNTY



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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

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