

**Resolution 2019-033**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF WYOMING PATHWAYS TO THE WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF STATE PARKS AND CULTURAL RESOURCES FOR THE RECREATIONAL TRAILS GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 TO ENHANCE AND CREATE A SUSTAINABLE TRAIL SYSTEM IN THE POLE MOUNTAIN AREA.**

**WHEREAS**, recreational opportunities and access to hiking and biking trails are important to the residents of Albany County, Wyoming (“County”);

**WHEREAS**, the Recreational Trails Grant is an opportunity for increased funding to provide support for the creation and maintenance of hiking and biking trails in the Pole Mountain area;

**WHEREAS**, Pole Mountain trails have seen a continuous increase in use from County residents as well as increasingly become a destination for visitors on a year-round basis to our community while traveling I-80;

**WHEREAS**, many of the trails on Pole Mountain are in poor condition and in need of repair and the Forest Service has identified a pressing need for significant trail work;

**WHEREAS**, additional funding sources are important to support necessary trail work to ensure the accessibility and quality of the public trail system;

**WHEREAS**, Wyoming Pathways is requesting funds for the Pole Mountain Trails project to commence the summer of 2020 to address trail work on the Aspen and Haunted Forest Trails. The Project Team is working with community partners such as the Laramie Ranger District, the University of Wyoming, as well as, many local nonprofit partners to maintain the trail system;

**WHEREAS**, Pole Mountain trails will eventually be incorporated with the ongoing Pilot Hill project, which has been a priority for the County, in providing outdoor recreational opportunities and land preservation;

**WHEREAS**, access to quality outdoor recreation is increasingly important for Wyoming to diversify our economy and enhance the quality of life in our communities. This project is an outstanding example of the type of investment that will help achieve our goals; and

**WHEREAS**, community resources and fundraising by Wyoming Pathways in the amount of \$15,000 will be used to match the requested grant funds.

**NOW THEREFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ALBANY COUNTY, WYOMING, RESOLVES:**

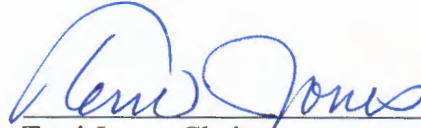
**Section 1.** That the foregoing recitals are incorporated in and made a part of this resolution by this reference.

**Section 2.** That the County acknowledges that outdoor recreational opportunities are an important aspect to the County economic development and access to public land for residents and visitors alike and are vital to improve the quality of life for present and future generations.

**Section 3.** That the Albany County Board of Commissioners supports the application of the Wyoming Pathways to the Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources for the Recreational Trails Grant in the amount of \$50,000 to enhance and create a sustainable trail system in the Pole Mountain area.

**PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 25 day of November, 2019.**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
ALBANY COUNTY, WYOMING



By: Terri Jones, Chairperson



By: Jackie R. Gonzales,  
Albany County Clerk