

**TOWN OF SILT
RESOLUTION NO. 27
SERIES OF 2013**

**A RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT COORDINATION BY THE TOWN OF SILT REGARDING
THE PROPOSED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE GREATER
SAGE-GROUSE, GARFIELD COUNTY, COLORADO**

WHEREAS, the Town of Silt is a political subdivision under the Constitution and laws of the State of Colorado, and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of our Board of Trustees to enact and provide for the enforcement of all town ordinances necessary to protect the life, health, safety and property of our citizens, and

WHEREAS, it has come to our attention that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has been preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Greater Sage-Grouse to amend and update their Land Use Plan and Land Management Plan since December, 2011, and

WHEREAS, as a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, we hereby notice the BLM of their failure to coordinate the DEIS with our Town and our seven-member Board of Trustees, and

WHEREAS, none of the proposed conservation measures for the Greater Sage-Grouse carried forward in the DEIS were coordinated with our city and as a result, the harm that will come to our city as a result of these policies, have not been addressed in the document and brought to the public light for further consideration by the public and decision makers, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Silt lies within the jurisdictional boundaries of BLMs planning area and is dependent upon and impacted by the use of federal lands managed by the BLM and every policy implemented by BLM has a direct impact on all services provided by the Town of Silt, and

WHEREAS, the direct, indirect and cumulative impacts of BLMs proposed Plan have not been taken into consideration or analyzed to determine the benefits or negative effects on our Town, and

WHEREAS, any curtailment of oil and gas production or exploration in Garfield County will bring an economic burden to the Town of Silt, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Silt receives a significant amount of revenue from oil and gas properties through sales tax revenues, much of which is derived from businesses and citizens directly employed with or doing business with the oil and gas industry, and

WHEREAS, many of our citizens are employed in the energy industry who live and work in our Town creating a multiplier effect through their families, spouses, friends and businesses bringing sales tax revenues that potentially will be lost if the BLM implements their current Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Silt has many tourists, rock climbers and Off Highway Vehicle riders who patronize our local businesses and retail shops that all will be detrimentally affected should

restrictions be placed on lands within the BLM areas where they claim Greater Sage-grouse exist, and

WHEREAS, no consideration of these impacts have been discussed in the DEIS and no discussion was made with us as to how the BLM will resolve these conflicts, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds that it is in the best interests of the Town of Silt to perform its duties by asserting coordination with federal and state agencies mandated by federal and Colorado law, and

WHEREAS, federal agencies are mandated to coordinate planning and management actions with local government by statutes including the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 U.S.C. §1701 and 43 U.S.C. §1712, the National Forest Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1604 the National Environmental Policy Act, the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the Homeland Security Act, and the Endangered Species Act, by regulations and rules implementing those statutes and by Executive Orders directing intergovernmental cooperation and coordination,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Silt hereby asserts legal standing as a unit of local government of Colorado to formally assert its coordination status with all federal agencies maintaining jurisdiction over lands and/or resources located within Garfield County and conducting planning and management activities that affect and impact the residents, businesses, and industry of the Town of Silt and surrounding lands within Garfield County affecting the well-being of our citizens,

BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED that because none of this harm has been brought to the attention of the public or decision makers, the DEIS is incomplete and fatally flawed,

BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED that the Town of Silt demands a supplemental statement be prepared to ensure that the environmental consequences of the four alternatives are properly analyzed by including the direct, indirect and cumulative impacts on our Town and the health and safety of the people we protect

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Town of Silt shall cause a copy of this Resolution to be transmitted to the proper federal agencies through its local, regional, state or federal offices and to all federal and state elected officials representing the residents and governments of the Town of Silt,

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SILT ON THIS THE 25TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2013.



TOWN OF SILT

David C. Moore

Mayor, David C. Moore

ATTEST:

Sheila M. McIntyre

Town Clerk, Sheila M. McIntyre, CMC