

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING A PORTION (246.18 ACRES)
OF ADA COUNTY PROPERTY, COMMONLY KNOWN AS
THE REDHAWK PROPERTY, AS OPEN SPACE AND A
CONSERVATION AREA**

AT A MEETING of the Board of Ada County Commissioners, State of Idaho, on the 5th day of January, 2021, the following Resolution was adopted to wit:

WHEREAS, approximately 250 acres of property located in the Dry Creek Valley in the Boise Foothills (“the Red Hawk Property”) was purchased by Ada County at a public foreclosure sale in 2012; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the purchase, the Board’s press release stated that the purchase of the Red Hawk Property provided an opportunity for open space for recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, six (6) of the eight (8) parcels of the Red Hawk Property (“the Red Hawk Parcels) provide valuable wintering habitat and a refuge for deer and elk; and

WHEREAS, the Red Hawk Parcels also provide an important connection of non-motorized multi-use trails as part of the Ridge to River System; and

WHEREAS, the Red Hawk Parcels contain a portion of McFarland Creek, a tributary to Dry Creek, which possesses important watershed values; and

WHEREAS, the Red Hawk Parcels contain steep slopes; and

WHEREAS, the Red Hawk Parcels include native upland and riparian vegetation that provides erosion control benefits and protects native soils; and

WHEREAS, the Red Hawk Parcels contain native grasses, forbs, shrubs, trees, and rock features that provide wildlife habitat for several species of mammals and birds; and

WHEREAS, the Red Hawk Parcels provide unique and scenic viewshed values within the Boise Foothills; and

WHEREAS, the Red Hawk Parcels provide mental and physical health benefits as open space for recreation; and

WEHEREAS, the Red Hawk Parcels are enjoyed by Ada County residents for viewing wildlife in their natural habitat; and

WHEREAS, Ada County Ordinance Number 915 allows the Board of County Commissioners to designate County owned property as open space and/or a conservation area; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance defines Conservation Area as “Land identified as having important natural values that should be protected such as, but not limited to, wildlife habitat, unique vegetation, steep slopes, or wetlands, and does not have development; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance defines Open Space as “Land identified as natural, open land that does not have development”; and

WHEREAS, the Red Hawk Parcels are important for wildlife habitat, watershed values, recreation, and are also in a natural open state; and

WHEREAS, a designation of Conservation Area and/or Open Space does not preclude recreation; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to designate the Red Hawk Parcels as a Conservation Area and Open Space, with passive recreation; and

WHEREAS, such passive recreation shall offer pleasurable human activities while not significantly impacting the Red Hawk Parcels or sensitive plants and wildlife and shall require minimal visitor facilities and services; and

WHEREAS, such passive recreation shall include, but not be limited to non-motorized multi-use of hiking, running, mountain biking, and horseback riding on designated trails; painting, drawing, photography; and wildlife observation/birdwatching; and

WHEREAS, given the sensitive nature of the site for wildlife, specific restrictions for the Red Hawk Parcels include but are not limited to: dogs must be on leash; users must pick up and properly dispose of all pet waste; camping/fires/barbeques/smoking are prohibited; glass containers are prohibited; alcohol is prohibited; littering is prohibited; digging, excavating, depositing, or removal of rocks, minerals, gravel, sand, or soil is prohibited; hunting is prohibited; users must stay on designated trail(s); wildlife shall not to be disturbed; and access on designated trails may be closed seasonally to protect wildlife.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Board of Ada County Commissioners hereby designates the following six Red Hawk Parcels, as depicted on the attached map, and as described below, as both Open Space and a Conservation Area:

- Parcel 1 SO129233750
- Parcel 2 SO129233650
- Parcel 3 SO129131240
- Parcel 4 R7366310060
- Parcel 5 R7366310050
- Parcel 6 SO129244600

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that passive recreation shall be allowed on the Red Hawk Parcels along with minimal visitor facilities and services that do not significantly impact the Red Hawk Parcels; and.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Ada County Parks and Waterways shall have the authority to manage the Red Hawk Parcels in a manner that is consistent with this Resolution.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of January, 2021.

Board of Ada County Commissioners

By: _____
Kendra Kenyon, Commissioner

By: _____
Diana Lachiondo, Commissioner

By: _____
Patrick Malloy, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Phil McGrane, Ada County Clerk