

APPROVED

CITY OF STANLEY

RESOUTION No. 2022-2 SNRA 50th ANNIVERSARY

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF STANLEY, IDAHO, CELEBRATING THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SAWTOOTH NATIONAL RECREATION AREA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE OF IDAHO AND THE UNITED STATES.

WHEREAS, Congress approved the Sawtooth National Recreation Act on August 22, 1972, to preserve the natural, scenic, historic, pastoral, and fish and wildlife values of the area and to enhance recreation activities on the land within; and

WHEREAS, the Sawtooth National Recreation Area was dedicated to the people of Idaho and the United States on September 1, 1972; and

WHEREAS, the Sawtooth National Recreation Area was created through the dedication, diligence, and perseverance of Idaho's former U.S. senators Frank Church and Len Jordan and former U.S. representatives Orval Hansen and James McClure along with the efforts of many private Idaho citizens who wished to protect the iconic landscape of central Idaho as a legacy for future generations of Idahoans.

WHEREAS, the Sawtooth Primitive Area was designated as the Sawtooth Wilderness Area with the passage of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area Act; and

WHEREAS, the Hemingway-Boulders and Cecil D. Andrus-White Clouds Wilderness areas were designated within the existing boundaries of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area pursuant to the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and Jerry Peak Wilderness Additions Act in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Sawtooth National Recreation Area consists of 756,000 acres, including more than 700 miles of hiking trails, and more than 300 high-elevation alpine lakes, providing recreational opportunities for hiking, backpacking, fishing, boating, canoeing, rafting, wildlife watching, OHV riding, snowmobiling, photography, hunting, and bicycling to Idahoans and visitors from around the world; and

WHEREAS, the land contained within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area is an important element of the history and culture of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Stanley is surrounded by the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and its residents greatly benefit from the rural lifestyle, recreation opportunities, and the protected natural environment offered by the Sawtooth NRA, and

WHEREAS, the economy and business community of Stanley is sustained by world-class recreation and tourism opportunities presented by Sawtooth National Recreation Area, and

WHEREAS, the Sawtooth National Recreation Area provides important habitat for steelhead, sockeye salmon, Chinook salmon, and multiple species of trout, including bull trout, which are important for recreational and tribal fisheries; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of its importance in protecting the cultural and scientific heritage of the dark night sky for the people of Idaho, the Sawtooth National Recreation Area is totally encompassed within the Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve, the first and still only such Reserve in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stanley recognizes the dedicated efforts of the U.S. Forest Service to work with the City of Stanley, Custer County, and private land owners, to provide recreation opportunities and to preserve the natural and cultural resources in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and related wilderness areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STANLEY, Custer County, Idaho, that:

- The City of Stanley celebrates the 50th anniversary of the creation of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area along with the enduring legacy of recreation opportunities and environmental protection that it provides for the residents of Stanley and the people of Idaho and the Nation.
- The City of Stanley looks forward to continued collaboration and partnership with the U.S. Forest Service in protecting and enhancing the values enumerated in the Sawtooth National Recreation Act and other legislation, policies and regulations affecting the management of the area.
- The City of Stanley believes that the importance of these enumerated values will
 continue to grow over the coming decades, for the benefit of all Idahoans and of
 people everywhere who appreciate the natural world.

Authorized by the City Council the 21st day of March 2022 and signed in open session in authentication of its adoption.

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City Council President

The Mayor Concurring:

The Honorable Mayor, Steve Botti

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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