RESOLUTION 2008 -57

RESOLUTION TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION OF WILDLIFF HABITAT AND CORRIDORS ON THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE

WHEREAS, the Lewis and Clark County Commission (Commission) is responsible for protecting and promoting the general welfare of Lewis and Clark County's residents for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Continental Divide in Lewis and Clark County is home to wildlife populations and wildlands that are treasured and used by Lewis and Clark County's residents; and

WHEREAS, the survival of wildlife inhabiting the Continental Divide is contingent upon providing sufficient habitat and preserving key movement corridors for wildlife on the Continental Divide; and

WHEREAS, the Continental Divide represents one of the most critical wildlife corridors in the contiguous United States; and

WHEREAS, one of the most fragile and threatened segments of the Continental Divide's wildlife corridor is in Lewis and Clark County.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that:

- 1. The Commission hereby formally recognizes the unique and priceless value of the Continental Divide's wildlife populations and wildlands to the residents of Lewis and Clark County.
- 2. The Commission hereby agrees to advocate for the continued conservation of wildlife populations, habitat, and movement corridors on the Continental Divide.
- 3. The Commission hereby urges all federal and state land and wildlife management agencies to protect and enhance wildlife populations, habitat, and movement corridors on the Continental Divide in Lewis and Clark County.

DATED this 5th day of June 2008.

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LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ed Tinsley, Chairmar

ATTEST:

Paulette DeHart. Clerk of the Board