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**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN CITY OPPOSING THE TRANSFER  
OF UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE LAND IN THE SCHOONER CREEK AND  
ROCK CREEK WATERSHEDS TO THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT  
UNDER THE O&C LAND GRANT ACT OF 2015 FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
INCREASING TIMBER PRODUCTION IN THESE AREAS**

**RECITALS**

A. The Schooner Creek Watershed is the primary source of drinking water for the City of Lincoln City which serves an average population of about 15,000.

B. The area of the watershed above the intake to our water treatment plant is approximately 9,656 acres of which 6,570 acres or 68% is managed by the USFS, and only 193 acres or 2% is managed by the BLM.

C. The Act would transfer the USFS land in the Watershed to the BLM for the purpose of increased logging. The Act **does not** designate the Schooner Creek Watershed as one of the only four protected watersheds (Drinking Water Special Management Areas), nor does it designate it as a Conservation Emphasis Area. Schooner Creek is populated by endangered Coho Salmon.

D. The watershed is characterized by steep slopes and unstable soils and has a history of numerous landslides, particularly after logging. Logging increases siltation of both the stream, at the water treatment plant and Siletz Bay adjacent to the Siletz Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

E. The watershed was viewed by the City as so fragile that it is spending \$585,000 over five years to acquire a 150 acre parcel surrounded by USFS and BLM property.

F. The City has enjoyed a cooperative relationship with the USFS District and Siuslaw Forest offices who have professionally managed the land with due regard to the City's dependence on the watershed for drinking water. The City has had no relationship with the BLM relating to its management of land in the Watershed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF LINCOLN CITY RESOLVES AS  
FOLLOWS:**

1. The USFS land in the City's watersheds should remain under the control of the USFS.
2. All BLM land in the City's watersheds should be designated as a Drinking Water Special Management area or be transferred to the USFS.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City of Lincoln City this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

  
DON WILLIAMS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CATHY STEERE, CITY RECORDER