Park County Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting January 10, 2017

Chairman Livingston called to order a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Park County, Wyoming, on Tuesday, January 10, 2017. Present were Chairman Livingston, Vice Chairman Loren Grosskopf, Commissioners Joe Tilden, Tim French, Jake Fulkerson, and Deputy Clerk Teecee Barrett.

Commissioner Fulkerson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion-Drafting Comments for Shoshone National Forest Scoping Document.

Chairman Livingston opened the floor to further discuss the topic of commenting on the proposed action that would restrict mountain bike access to "system trails". John Gallagher, spokes persons for local mountain bikers, informed the Board that since the last discussion local bikers have been researching the miles in trails that would be closed if the proposed action is approved. This would limit the trails significantly. Gallagher commented on another concern; will roads that are potentially going to be closed to vehicle traffic be closed to bikes as well? This is an unknown at this point. Closing the proposed trails would limit the access to get to the trails that will remain open. Livingston commented that trails are categorized in three sections, but it is not clear if they are lumping them all together under "system trails". The Board all shared the same concern that this process was moving along at a very rapid pace. They had requested a 90 day extension and received 15 days. They understand the need to protect the resources, but don't feel that they can comment on something they haven't had time to consider all the information. Commissioner Grosskopf moved to draft a letter stating there is not sufficient time to analyze and comment, however, we do understand the need to list specific trails. The blanket statement closures and not allowing public input is not the proper method to proceed and strongly encourage a 90 day extension for comment, seconded by Commissioner Fulkerson and unanimously carried.

<u>Adjourn.</u>

Commissioner French made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Tilden seconded and the motion carried.

Lee Livingston, Chairman

Joseph E. Tilden, Commissioner

Loren Grosskopf, Vice Chairman

Tim A. French, Commissioner

Jake Fulkerson, Commissioner

Attest:

Teecee Barrett on behalf of Colleen Renner, County Clerk