

FERRY COUNTY  
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-39

BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION TRANSMISSION LINE

**WHEREAS**, The Bonneville Power Administration transmission line from Kettle Falls to Republic is the sole source of power for all of Western Ferry County and part of Okanogan County, and;

**WHEREAS**, This is the source of power for the 911 emergency communication center, all communication in western Ferry County, the Ferry County Memorial Hospital, the fire districts, ambulances and every aspect of the County emergency operation, and;

**WHEREAS**, Power outages have created a severe burden on businesses, and;

**WHEREAS**, Recent wind events and fire events have disabled this power line for extended periods of time leaving the county vulnerable and increasing the risk to human life and property, and;

**WHEREAS**, Due to climate change, these wind events and fire events have increased in intensity in recent years and are expected by some to continue to increase, and;

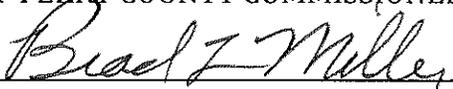
**WHEREAS**, The Ferry County "County Wide Fire Protection Plan" identifies this power line as critical infrastructure for the health, safety and welfare of Ferry County residents, and;

**WHEREAS**, Ferry County recognizes this as a critical need to coordinate the County Plan with the BPA and US Forest Service and bring the Forest Service operations up to date with the county plan.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** Ferry County asserts that it is imperative that the Forest Service works with the BPA to clear the trees along the line to such a distance that a tree will not be able to fall on the line. And to maintain the right of way to protect the line from fire and wind.

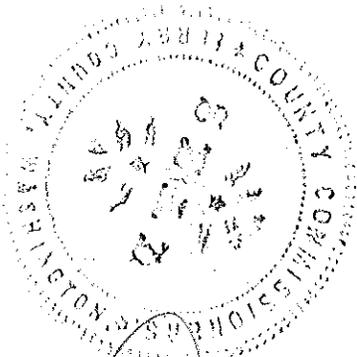
**DATED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2015.

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

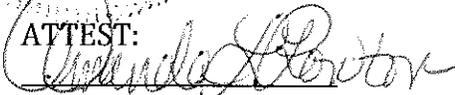
  
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ATTEST:

  
Amanda L. Rowton  
Clerk of the Board

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