

HOBACK RANCHES SERVICE AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

RESOLUTION OF INTENT – 2020-05

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Hoback Ranches Service and Improvement District, that the Board intends to file a tort claim against the United States Department of Agriculture using the services of Professional Forest Management, LLC, and Rhoades, Siefert, & Erickson PLLC.

WHEREAS, it is more likely than not that the National Forest Service made decisions that were against policy, beyond the authority of those involved, and resulted in extensive damages to the District.

WHEREAS, the roads and the easement which the District is responsible for maintaining were damaged by changes in drainage and vegetation as a result of the Roosevelt Fire of 2018, the over ten miles of fencing that the District is responsible for erecting and maintaining were destroyed by this Fire, and extensive money has been and needs to be spent preserving the Roads and keeping them safe for traffic.

THEREFORE, the Board of Directors authorizes the use of operating funds to pay consultants and attorneys, as needed, to pursue this claim. This decision follows extensive due diligence and legal advice from the District's attorney.

Dated this 30th day of July, 2020.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HOBACK RANCHES SERVICE AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT



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