

Presented by: Lands Committee
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 1580

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED LAND EXCHANGE BETWEEN GOLDBELT CORPORATION AND THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE WHICH WOULD EXCHANGE GOLDBELT LAND AT COWEE CREEK AND SALMON CREEK IN THE ECHO COVE AREA FOR FOREST SERVICE LAND AT HOBART BAY.

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Juneau is committed to economic diversification in the Juneau area, and

WHEREAS, the city and borough supports and encourages the enhancement of public recreation and tourism in the Juneau area, and

WHEREAS, Goldbelt Corporation has proposed a land exchange with the U.S. Forest Service which would exchange Goldbelt land at Cowee Creek and Salmon Creek in the Echo Cove area for Forest Service land at Hobart Bay, and

WHEREAS, Goldbelt Corporation is headquartered in Juneau and employs a number of local residents at its headquarters and at its Hobart Bay timber harvest operation, and

WHEREAS, the proposed Goldbelt land exchange provides a unique opportunity to enhance public recreation and tourism within the Juneau area and at the same time encourage economic diversification for Juneau, and

WHEREAS, the proposed Goldbelt land exchange would provide for public ownership of outstanding local public recreation areas at Cowee Creek and Salmon Creek in the Echo Cove area, and

WHEREAS, this recreation area is readily accessible to Juneau residents and tourists by virtue of its location at the end of the Glacier Highway, and

WHEREAS, the proposed land exchange would also provide an opportunity for Goldbelt to continue its timber harvest operation at Hobart Bay;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

1. That the City and Borough of Juneau supports the proposed land exchange between Goldbelt Corporation and the United States Forest Service which would exchange Goldbelt land at Cowee Creek and Salmon Creek in the Echo Cove area for Forest Service land at Hobart Bay, and encourages the U.S. Forest Service to administratively approve this exchange at the earliest possible date.

2. That the Assembly instructs that this resolution be communicated to Dale Robertson, Chief, U.S. Forest Service; Michael Barton, Regional Forester, U.S. Forest Service; Senator Ted Stevens; Senator Frank Murkowski; Congressman Don Young; State Senator Jim Duncan; Representative Bill Hudson; and Representative Fran Ulmer.

3. Effective Date. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 6th day of July, 1992.



Mayor

Attest:



Clerk