

RESOLUTION # 2016 - 33

A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Winthrop, Washington, requesting the withdrawal of lands within the Methow River Headwaters in Okanogan County, Washington, from the operation of the General Mining Act of 1872 and requesting the United States Secretary of the Interior and Congress to use their established authority to withdraw such lands from location and entry under the General Mining Act of 1872.

WHEREAS, the Town of Winthrop, hereinafter "Town", has a responsibility and duty to provide clean water to its citizens under Washington State Law as deemed critical to physical health and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, source water protection is an obligation of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Methow Valley's pristine rivers are a key factor to the Town and Methow Valley's economy, as ranchers, farmers, recreationists, and small business owners are all dependent upon a stable and clean source of water; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council additionally recognizes that a vital local economy is dependent on the health of our natural environment in the Methow Valley, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council acknowledges that polluted waters and disturbed land from large commercial mining would pose negative impacts on fish and wildlife and threaten the very foundation of the many established industries of which our local economy is comprised; and

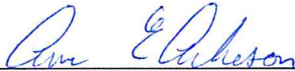
WHEREAS, the Town Council is greatly desirous of maintaining and protecting the health, vitality, and overall wellbeing of its citizens, and the greater Methow Valley community, for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Secretary of the Interior and the U.S. Congress have authority to withdraw these lands from location and entry under the General Mining Act of 1872 (USC Title 30).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Winthrop, Washington, formally request the U.S. Secretary of the Interior and the U.S. Congress, for the withdrawal of lands within the Methow Headwaters, Okanogan County, Washington, from location and entry under the General Mining Act of 1872, and do formally support such withdrawal for the health, vitality and wellbeing of its citizens and the greater Methow Valley community, and for future generations.


THIS RESOLUTION is adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Winthrop this 16th day of November, 2016.

APPROVED:



Anne E. Acheson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michelle Gaines, Clerk-Treasurer