

RESOLUTION NO. 97- 17249
CITY OF BILLINGS

RESOLUTION NO. 97-60
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS AND
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY CALLING FOR LOCAL REPRESENTATION
AND PARTICIPATION IN THE COST REDUCTION/ORGANIZATIONAL
REINVENTION BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE NORTHERN REGION
OF THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE.

WHEREAS, Region I anticipates a revenue reduction of \$20 Million to \$23 Million over the next two (2) fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, the Region I Partnership Council is formulating cost reduction and reorganization proposals to be adopted by the beginning of the 1998 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the local governments of the State of Montana understand the need for reducing costs and providing products and services to the American citizens in more efficient ways; and

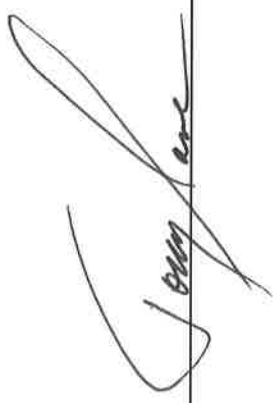
WHEREAS, some proposals put forth by the Region I Partnership Council have the potential to significantly impact local governments in Montana, as well as to reduce the products and services available to the people of this state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Billings and the Commissioners of Yellowstone County, that these two entities do hereby respectfully request of the Region I Regional Forester the following:

1. The time frame for the first reorganizational draft be executed to provide additional comment time. This time period must be adequate to allow the City of Billings and Yellowstone County to contact other Montana communities and counties and coordinate appropriate responses. It must allow time to meet with Montana's Congressional delegation and the Office of the Governor to review any joint proposal that is developed, and to ensure that such plan or proposal is acceptable statewide.
2. Forest Service Supervisors and other management staff be allowed to participate with the local governments by providing background information and other resources.
3. Participation by Montana's local governments should be made a formal part of the Region I planning process, prior to any final action

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ATTEST:

By:  _____

Clerk & Recorder