

STATE OF COLORADO)
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COUNTY OF ROUTT)

RESOLUTION #2021-_____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADOPTING THE ROUTT COUNTY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**

WHEREAS, Routt County has a mission to efficiently deliver a balance of public services and infrastructure to provide a safe and healthy place to live for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, climate action aligns with elements of Routt County strategic outcomes identified for Health and Safe Community, and Sound Land Use, Environmental Stewardship and Infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Colorado has warmed substantially in the last 30 years and even more over the last 50 years. Future estimates project temperatures rising an additional 2.5° F to 5° F by 2050, meaning the warmest summers from our past may become the average summers in our future; and

WHEREAS, Studies show that climate change and public health are linked. Public health can be affected by disruptions of physical, biological, and ecological systems and resulting increase of respiratory and cardiovascular disease, injuries and premature deaths related to extreme weather events or wildfires. Disruptions can also lead to changes in the prevalence and geographical distribution of food- and water-borne illnesses and other infectious diseases, and threats to mental health and general well-being resulting from potential economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, Routt County partnered with the City Steamboat Springs to update the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory, last updated in 2005. The inventory and report compares data and trends between 2005 and 2018, and examines expected levels of GHG's projected to the year 2050; and

WHEREAS, Colorado House Bill 19-1261 includes statewide goals to reduce 2025 greenhouse gas emissions by at least 26%, 2030 greenhouse gas emissions by at least 50% and 2050 greenhouse gas emissions by at least 90% of the levels of greenhouse gas emissions that existed in 2005; and

WHEREAS, The Routt County Climate Action Plan provides a menu of options for partnering governments and stakeholders to select and implement in order to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions to meet stated targets and goals and in support of climate action; and

WHEREAS, The Climate Action Plan is the next step needed for coordinated, collaborative work on Greenhouse Gas reduction and climate action on the part of Routt County, Steamboat Springs, Hayden, Yampa, Oak Creek, and other local stakeholders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Routt County Board of County Commissioners hereby approves the Routt County Climate Action Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, and by this reference made a part hereof. The Board further authorizes the County Manager and Chair of the Board to execute all documents necessary to effect this Resolution.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2021.

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ROUTT COUNTY, COLORADO.

Timothy V. Corrigan, Chair

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| Vote: | M. Elizabeth Melton | Aye | Nay | Absent |
| | Timothy V. Corrigan | Aye | Nay | Absent |
| | Tim Redmond | Aye | Nay | Absent |

ATTEST:

Kim Bonner
Routt County Clerk and Recorder