



City of Missoula, Montana
Item to be Referred to City Council Committee

Committee: Parks and Conservation

Item: 2021 Jumbo Thinning watershed consulting contract June 2021

Date: June 7, 2021

Sponsor(s): Jeff Gicklhorn

Prepared by: Jeff Gicklhorn, Conservation Lands Program Manager

Ward(s) Affected:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 5
<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Ward 6
<input type="checkbox"/> All Wards	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

Action Required:
Contract approval

Recommended Motion(s):

I move the City Council: approve and authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Watershed Consulting LLC. for the amount of \$45,500.00 for forest thinning on Mt. Jumbo and in Marshall Canyon.

Timeline:

Referral to committee:	June 14, 2021
Committee discussion:	June 16, 2021
Council action (or sets hearing):	June 21, 2021
Public Hearing:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Deadline:	Click or tap here to enter text.

Background and Alternatives Explored: This project is the continued implementation of forest health management and restoration work as identified in the 2014 Mount Jumbo Forest Management Plan on Critical Elk Winter Range. The cost for professional services to thin the forest unit in Marshall Canyon (\$21,000.00) is paid for through a grant from the MT DNRC, while the cost to thin the unit on Mount Jumbo (\$24,500.00) is paid for out of the 2018 Conservation Stewardship Mill Levy. A Request for Proposals was advertised in the Missoulian and on the City's website. Following a competitive process thinning units were awarded to two separate contractors, based on cost, experience, timelines and project approach. Watershed Consulting LLC received 2 of the 4 units advertised.

Financial Implications: In-kind match for the DNRC grant has already been met, and there is no match required for work on the Mt. Jumbo unit.

Links to external websites:

2021 Jumbo Thinning Watershed Contract 2June2021_ContractorSIGNED.pdf