

RESOLUTION NO. 20250805-D

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM
PROJECT APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the Integrated Resource Management Plan (IRMP) requires that an integrated approach to planning and approval must be followed before any project can be implemented and project plans be approved by the Resource Management Interdisciplinary Team (RMIDT); and

WHEREAS, the planning process described in IRMP requires RMIDT approval before any project can be implemented; and

WHEREAS, RMIDT has reviewed the Project Assessment for the **Mutton Mountains Restoration Project** that proposes increase the vigor and abundance of native plants; provide alternative water sources in an arid high-desert environment; and reduce road access to protect native ungulates during sensitive times of the year. This area exhibits a high ecological diversity seldom found elsewhere. The area hosts an expanding bighorn sheep population, elk, mule deer, feral horses, native pollinators, raptors, and a whole suite of mesocarnivores and apex predators. With such a varied ecosystem, biologists for the CTWSRO were tasked with developing a restoration plan that incorporated a multitude of different techniques and actions, to best match each ecotype. For this reason, cultural and prescribed burning, herbicide application, forb and grass reseedling, riparian shrub planting, guzzler placement, district fence repair, feral horse removal, seasonal road closures, and juniper thinning treatments are all proposed, and

WHEREAS, comments and issues that have been received from Tribal Committees, the resource disciplines have been satisfactorily answered; and

WHEREAS, RMIDT has reviewed and approved specific mitigation measures included in this Project Assessment; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by RMIDT pursuant to Tribal Ordinance No. 74, that the RMIDT hereby approves the Project Assessment for the **Mutton Mountains Restoration Project** and is hereby submitted for a 30-day period for public comment.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, as chairman of RMIDT of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, hereby certifies that RMIDT is composed of 10 voting members, of whom six (6), constituting a quorum, were present at a meeting in the Natural Resources Conference Room on August 5, 2025. The foregoing resolution was duly approved by an affirmative vote of 5-0, (Chairman not voting) and the resolution has not been rescinded in any way.


Chairman: Austin Smith, Jr.

08/07/25
Date