

**CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON
RESOLUTION NO. 19-15**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GOLD BAR, WASHINGTON REGARDING
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS FOR THE SINGLETARY TIMBER SALE**

WHEREAS, on October 19th, 2016 Mayor Lee Hodo of the City of Gold Bar wrote a letter to the Governor of Washington asking for alternative options to the proposed Singletary timber sale; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gold Bar has a history of mining and logging that, while an important part of history and heritage, no longer serves as viable sources of employment or income for its residents; and

WHEREAS, the natural beauty of the surrounding hills and mountains provide ongoing benefit to both visitors and future residents who appreciate the natural beauty, outdoor recreation, hiking, fishing, hunting, trail riding, and many other benefits to the beauty of our surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, timber sales, whether the Singletary plan, the newly proposed plan called Middle May, or other such plans to harvest vast amounts of forest in the surrounding area will negatively and drastically impact both the beauty and functionality of the forests for many decades to come; and

WHEREAS, any monetary benefit from the proposed sale of timber for logging provides a one-time limited benefit as opposed to ongoing maintainable sources of revenue for entities such as school, fire or hospital districts; and

WHEREAS, the funding for such districts should be ongoing and come from the voters of those districts and not lump sum one time sales of land without voter input; and

WHEREAS, economic growth for Gold Bar and the Skykomish valley is primarily going to come through tourism and services in the next fifty years and not through selling natural resources; and

WHEREAS, potential trail systems have been proposed that could create a large influx of economic growth while preserving the natural beauty of the valley exist and are being further developed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Gold Bar as follows.

Section I Alternative and Land Use
Section II Severability
Section III Effective Date

Section I, Alternatives and Land Use

The City seeks to urge the governing bodies of the State of Washington, the county of Snohomish, and the Department of Natural Resources, to continue to find ways to manage the land being proposed for harvesting that will preserve the natural beauty and outdoor recreation, and that will provide sustainable economic benefit for years to come. The City furthermore asks that all measures and options be explored that could lead to additional recreation and tourism in the area which would be fundamentally and irreversibly impacted by large scale logging of the hillsides in the surrounding areas of Gold Bar and the Skykomish valley. Furthermore the City reaffirms the letter sent in 2016 in support of exploring land swaps, options to purchase the land, or options to purchase timber rights in order to preserve income to

local taxing districts, and the economic benefits to the Skykomish valley from visitors to Wallace Falls State Park and its surrounding systems of existing and future trails and recreation opportunities.

Section II, Severability

This resolution is severable and if any portion of it shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining portion shall remain valid and enforceable.

Section III, Effective Date

This Resolution shall take effect from, and after, its passage and approval, as provided by law.

Resolved this 17th day of December, 2019.

APPROVED:



Bill Clem, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Lisa Stowe, Clerk/Treasurer