

**RESOLUTION #16-586**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF TWISP, WASHINGTON,  
REQUESTING THE WITHDRAWAL OF LANDS WITHIN THE METHOW RIVER  
HEADWATERS IN OKANOGAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, FROM THE OPERATION OF  
THE GENERAL MINING ACT OF 1872 AND REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES  
SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR AND CONGRESS TO USE THEIR ESTABLISHED  
AUTHORITY TO WITHDRAW SUCH LANDS FROM LOCATION AND ENTRY UNDER THE  
GENERAL MINING ACT OF 1872.**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Twisp, hereinafter "Town", has a responsibility and duty to provide clean water to its citizens under Washington State Law as deemed critical to physical health and wellbeing; and

**WHEREAS**, source water protection is an obligation of the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Methow Valley's pristine rivers are a key factor to the Town and Methow Valley's economy, as ranchers, farmers, recreationists, and small business owners are all dependent upon a stable and clean source of water; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council additionally recognizes that a vital local economy is dependent on the health of our natural environment in the Methow Valley, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council acknowledges that polluted waters and disturbed land from large commercial mining would pose negative impacts on fish and wildlife and threaten the very foundation of the many established industries of which our local economy is comprised; and

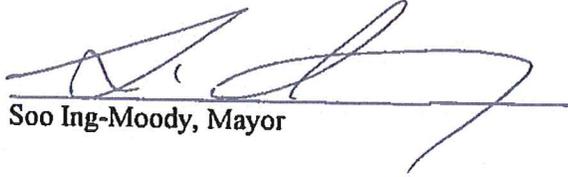
**WHEREAS**, the Town Council is greatly desirous of maintaining and protecting the health, vitality, and overall wellbeing of its citizens, and the greater Methow Valley community, for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Secretary of the Interior and the U.S. Congress have authority to withdraw these lands from location and entry under the General Mining Act of 1872 ( USC Title 30).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Twisp, Washington, formally request the U.S. Secretary of the Interior and the U.S. Congress, for the withdrawal of lands within the Methow Headwaters, Okanogan County, Washington, from location and entry under the General Mining Act of 1872, and do formally support such withdrawal for the health, vitality and wellbeing of it citizens and the greater Methow Valley community, and for future generations.

Passed by the Town Council of the Town of Twisp, Washington, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016.

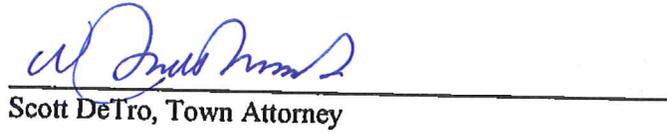
**APPROVED:**

  
Soo Ing-Moody, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Jackie Moriarty, Clerk/Treasurer

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Scott DeTro, Town Attorney