
Appendix A

Memorandum of Understanding





MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

And

SAN JUAN COUNTY

This Memorandum of Understanding is executed this 24th day of January 1984, by the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR), acting through the Commissioner of Public Lands, and San Juan County, acting through the San Juan County Commissioners.

WHEREAS, San Juan County and the DNR, consistent with the exercise of their several responsibilities, have expressed the desire that San Juan County assist the DNR in developing a management plan for the Common School Trust Lands located in San Juan County, and

WHEREAS, close cooperation and consultation between the DNR and San Juan County will assure that management of these lands can be carried out effectively without diminishing the responsibilities or authorities of either party, and

WHEREAS, consultation between the DNR and San Juan County will provide a predictable basis for trust land management, to the extent permitted by State law, and ensure the exchange of information necessary to make the most effective use of the various resources located on state trust lands,

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The Commissioner of Public Lands, following consultation with the San Juan County Board of Commissioners, will appoint an independent citizen advisory committee to provide a public forum in which the multiple uses of state trust lands in San Juan County will be examined and evaluated. The DNR and San Juan County will provide all necessary staff support for the committee. The results of the committee's work will be available for review and comment by the County, DNR and other interested parties at periodic intervals during the committee's work.

2. After public review and comment, the advisory committee will forward its recommendations to the DNR and San Juan County. At that time, consistent with the intent of this Memorandum of Understanding, representatives from both parties will review the recommendations of the advisory committee. In the case of substantial disagreement between the parties regarding the recommendations of the committee, both parties agree to make a good faith effort to resolve such differences in the spirit of this Memorandum. The DNR will then develop a management plan for review. San Juan County will then have an opportunity to review this management plan. In the case of substantial disagreement, both parties again agree to make a good faith effort to resolve such differences in the spirit of this Memorandum.

3. Public review of the proposed management plan will be provided in accordance with RCW 79.68.100.

4. The DNR will submit the plan to the Board of Natural Resources for consideration after consultation with San Juan County.

The Board of Natural Resources retains final authority for all major actions by the DNR.

5. Each party agrees, to the greatest extent possible, to supply the other party with any information relating to this Memorandum and subsequent agreements, and wherever possible, to utilize existing means of information exchange.

6. The principle DNR contact under this Memorandum shall be the Northwest Area Manager. The principle San Juan County contact shall be the Planning Director for San Juan County.

7. The principle DNR and County contact shall organize timely information meetings not less than once a year for the purpose of keeping each party apprised of activities of mutual concern.

8. The Memorandum shall take effect immediately upon signing by the Commissioner of Public Lands and the Chairman of the San Juan County Board of Commissioners.

9. Nothing in this Memorandum is intended to restrict or extend or alter the constitutional or statutory authority of either the DNR or San Juan County.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES


By



Brian J. Boyle
Commissioner of Public Lands

SAN JUAN COUNTY

By



Thomas R. Cowan
Chairman, San Juan County
Board of Commissioners



Appendix B

Charter



