

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution No. 26-59

Resolution of Intent to Annex Property into the Blue Creek Fire Service Area

WHEREAS, the Blue Creek Fire Service Area was created to provide fire service in the Blue Creek area.

WHEREAS, the Yellowstone County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has received a petition to annex the private property adjacent to the existing district. The tracts of land are identified in the attached petitions and are listed as

- S01, T02 S, R25 E, C.O.S. 2236, Parcel 2;
- S01, T02 S, R25 E, C.O.S. 2290, Parcel 2, NW4;
- S01, T02 S, R25 E, C.O.S. 2290, Parcel 3; NW4
- S01, T02 S, R25 E, C.O.S. 2290, Parcel 4, N2;
- S01, T02 S, R25 E, C.O.S. 2290, Parcel 6;
- S01, T02 S, R25 E, C.O.S. 2290, Parcel 7;
- S01, T02 S, R25 E, C.O.S. 2290, Parcel 8;
- S01, T02 S, R25 E, C.O.S. 2298, Parcel 1, NW;
- S01, T02 S, R25 E, C.O.S. 2309, Parcel 1;
- S01, T02 S, R25 E, C.O.S. 2309, Parcel 2;
- S01, T02 S, R25 E, C.O.S. 2309, Parcel 4;
- S01, T02 S, R25 E, C.O.S. 2311, Parcel 2;
- S01, T02 S, R25 E, C.O.S. 2311, Parcel 5, E2 & W2;
- S01, T02 S, R25 E, C.O.S. 2311, Parcel 6, E2 & W2;
- S01, T02 S, R25 E, C.O.S. 2311, Parcel 7A, AMD(12); and
- S01, T02 S, R25 E, C.O.S. 2311, Parcel 8A, AMD(12).

WHEREAS, Section 7-33-2401 of the Montana Code Annotated states that upon receipt of a petition signed by at least 30 owners of real property in the proposed service area, or by a majority of the owners of real property if there are no more than 30 owners of real property in the proposed service area, the board of county commissioners may establish a fire service area within an unincorporated area not part of a rural fire district in the county or alter the boundaries of the fire service area to provide the services and equipment set forth in 7-33-2402.

WHEREAS, in April of 2026, the Blue Creek Fire Service Area reviewed several petitions for annexation and indicated its support for approval. On May 19, 2026, this petition was presented to the BOCC.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on June 23, 2026 in the Commissioners' Board Room on the third floor of the Ostlund Building located at 2825 3rd Ave North Street in Billings, Montana, at 8:00 A.M., a public hearing shall be held pursuant to MCA § 7-33-2401. The BOCC orders the Yellowstone County Clerk and Recorder to provide notice of the hearing, make copies of the

application available to the public, receive written comments on the annexation and provide the comments to the BOCC before the hearing.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following the public hearing, the Yellowstone County Commission the BOCC shall pass a resolution establishing the annexation unless more than 50% of the owners of real property in the area proposed for annexation protest the annexation, in which case the annexation must be disapproved pursuant to MCA § 7-33-2124. The area created is effective 60 days after passage of the resolution unless by that date more than 50% of the property owners of the proposed fire service area protest its creation.

Passed and Adopted the 19th day of May 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
YELLOWSTONE COUNTY, MONTANA

Mark Morse, Chair

Michael J. Waters, Member

Chris White, Member

ATTEST:

Jeff Martin, Clerk and Recorder

Attachments:
Application