

RESOLUTION NO. 2013 – 101

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY FIRE COUNCIL
AND ITS MEMBER FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

WHEREAS, Lewis and Clark County relies on many citizen volunteers who provide fire protection services throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the very nature of fire protection services puts our volunteer forces in harm's way in the event of any fire suppression activities; and,

WHEREAS, Lewis and Clark County Rural Fire Council and all of the individual fire departments continue to evaluate the most practical and safest way to provide fire suppression services throughout Lewis and Clark County; and,


WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Lewis and Clark County Commission to support all our firefighters and endorse the Lewis and Clark County Fire Council's position to protect lives of firefighters above the protection of structures that may be in harm's way.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Lewis and Clark County Commission hereby confirms support for prioritizing fire protection services based on the threat posed to firefighters.
2. Fire service staff in this County will be trained in basic Fire Behavior to properly evaluate their ability to safely engage a fire in the Wildland/Urban Interface.
3. Homes in the Wildland/Urban Interface will not dictate fire suppression tactics, strategies, or the location of fire lines.
4. The Lewis and Clark County Commission has been and will continue to be committed to supporting all fuel mitigation efforts that improve the survivability of structures and enhance the safety of our firefighters.

DATED this 5th day of November, 2013.

ATTEST:


Paulette DeHart, Clerk of the Board

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Michael A. Murray, Chairman


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