



RESOLUTION #5

TITLE: Flathead National Park and Canadian Rocky Mountain Wildlife Connectivity

WHEREAS

British Columbia's Flathead River Valley contains the long-recognized missing piece of the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park;

The Government of Canada's National Parks Action Plan calls for the expansion of the Waterton Lakes National Park which adjoins the Flathead River Valley.

The landscape is critical for protecting connectivity along the Yellowstone to Yukon Corridor;

The Flathead River Valley is the last low elevation valley in southern Canada with no human settlement;

Water quality in the Flathead River is an international benchmark for water purity.

The Flathead is home to the highest density of grizzly bears in the interior of North America;

The Flathead provides habitat for the greatest range of carnivores in North America;

The Flathead has the highest diversity of vascular plants in Canada;

The Flathead is home to 16 carnivore species, 6 ungulate species and 4 native fish species;

The Waterton-Glacier World Heritage site is threatened by British Columbia's land use plan for the Flathead, which prioritizes mining and energy development above all other values.

THEREFORE All the delegates at the Ninth World Wilderness Congress urge the Governments of Canada and British Columbia to take action for the protection of the Flathead River Valley and wildlife connectivity in Canada's Southern Rocky Mountains.

Be it **RESOLVED** that:

The governments of Canada and British Columbia co-operate in the completion of the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park by designation of a National Park Reserve in the south eastern one-third of British Columbia's Flathead River Valley.

The British Columbia government create a Wildlife Management Area along the Rocky Mountains which will connect wildlife and their habitat between the Waterton-Glacier and Rocky Mountain Parks World Heritage Sites.

The British Columbia government preserve the Flathead River Valley permanently from all mining and drilling activities.

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