

BCDCC-05-1404012-PASS-ENV  
RESOLUTION: Candy Mountain Preserve and Ridge  
Trail Project

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WHERE AS the Badger Mountain Centennial Preserve has become the most visited Benton County park with almost 200,000 visits during 2013.

WHERE AS the Benton County's *Comprehensive Parks Plan* envisions a connected ridge trail system from Badger Mountain, over Candy Mountain, over Red Mountain to the Yakima River.

WHERE AS the Candy Mountain land owners have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Friends of Badger Mountain (FOBM) to sell their land to create a new Candy Mountain Preserve.

WHERE AS the Benton County Commissioners have approved applying to Washington State Recreation and Conservation Office for a matching grant for the purchase of land for the Candy Mountain Preserve.

WHERE AS the Friends of Badger Mountain have started a fund raising campaign to collect the required matching funds for the purchase of land for the Candy Mountain Preserve.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Benton County Democrats support the Candy Mountain Preserve and Ridge Trail Project to establish a natural open space park for public non-motorized outdoor recreation such as hiking, mountain biking, and horseback riding.

*Submitted by David Comstock, VP of Friends of Badger Mountain to the Benton County Democrats at the 8<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Caucus, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014.*

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