



# CITY OF RAPID CITY


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To: Mayor Sam Kooiker and City Council Members  
From: Jerry Cole, Parks and Recreation Director   
Subject: Purchase of Property Adjacent to Skyline Wilderness Area  
Date: January 26, 2012

In the anticipation of construction of the Skyline Wilderness Area Trails Project funded with Vision 2012 dollars, an access point on the western side of Skyline Drive is needed. In working with Skyline Drive Preservation, Inc. to locate a trailhead on the west side, the property at the end of West Fulton Street is an excellent location and will provide an access point to the new trail system.

When the Parks & Recreation Advisory was presented with this idea, they voted unanimously to approve the purchase and provide 50% of the required funding, not to exceed \$95,000. It was incumbent on Skyline Drive Preservation, Inc. to provide the remaining funds.

Skyline Drive Preservation, Inc. has succeeded in their fundraising efforts and the remaining funds are now available. The attached Memorandum of Understanding will provide the City with an opportunity to receive the property as part of a donation from Skyline Drive Preservation, Inc. and it will be added to the Skyline Wilderness Area.

Staff recommends that the MOU be approved and authorization be given for the Mayor and Finance Officer to sign the document so the land can be accepted as a donation and added to the Skyline Wilderness Area maintained by the City of Rapid City.

If you have any questions, please contact me.