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**Memorandum**

To: Vail Town Council

From: Paul Cada, Wildland Program Administrator

Date: June 20, 2017

Subject: Resolution No. 21, Series of 2017, an IGA Between the Town of Vail and The United States Forest Service for a Timber Sale Associated with the Intermountain Fuels Reduction Project

## **I. Background**

For the past 4 years the Town of Vail and United States Forest Service (USFS) have been working together to develop and implement the Intermountain Fuels and Forest Health project. During the project implementation planning, the USFS and Town staff discussed methods to streamline project implementation. It was decided that the USFS would contract and implement the phase 1 hand treatment units and the Town would contract and implement the phase 2 helicopter logging units. This decision was based on the complex nature of the helicopter logging project and the Town's ability to solicit contracts and make agreements. An additional benefit of the Town implementing phase 2 is a higher level of control over the helicopter logging project.

Since the entirety of the helicopter logging treatment area is on USFS land, the USFS must transfer the responsibility for treatment over to the Town. The process that was chosen to transfer this responsibility was through the use of a timber sale agreement. The timber sale agreement spells out specific responsibilities the Town has for the completion of the project area in compliance with the environmental review that was completed in 2016. The USFS is obligated to account for the value of the forest products that are removed through all timber sale activity. Because of this, the Town will be required to make a payment of \$348.05 to account for the value of the wood products contained in the 43 acres of the project area.

## **II. Staff Recommendation**

Approve Resolution No. 21, Series of 2017 to enter into an IGA between the Town of Vail and U.S. Forest Service for the timber sale associated with the Intermountain Fuels Reduction Project.

Sample motion: I move to approve on consent, Resolution 21 to enter into an IGA between the Town and U.S. Forest Service for the timber sale associated with the Intermountain Fuels Reduction Project.