

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-33

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FLAGSTAFF CITY COUNCIL, ADOPTING THE
GREATER OBSERVATORY MESA NATURAL AREA PLAN**

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, implementing a trail plan will guide land management efforts to preserve natural and cultural resources, protect wildlife habitats, and enhance user experiences;

WHEREAS, passive recreation—including walking, running, biking, snowshoeing, and equestrian use—is valued by the Flagstaff community, which supports expanding opportunities for residents;

WHEREAS, the Flagstaff Regional Plan 2030 aims to increase pedestrian infrastructure and establish a system of open lands, including natural areas, wildlife corridors, trails, and access to public lands;

WHEREAS, multiple City of Flagstaff plans, including the Carbon Neutrality Plan, 10-Year Housing Plan, and Active Transportation Master Plan, emphasize the importance of open spaces in fostering inclusive walking and biking networks that promote community health;

WHEREAS, in November 2024, Flagstaff voters approved Proposition 487, extending the Bed, Board, and Beverage (BBB) sales tax to fund trail plan implementation;

WHEREAS, the trail plan encourages interagency collaboration that supports City priorities such as equity, inclusivity, connectivity, public health and safety, neighborhood character, and quality of life.

ENACTMENTS:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF AS
FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1: The City of Flagstaff hereby adopts the Greater Observatory Mesa Natural Area Plan attached hereto as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2: The City Manager will direct the implementation of the Greater Observatory Mesa Natural Area Plan with minor flexibility as it applies to final trail alignments and plan objectives to achieve its stated goals.

SECTION 3. Effective Date.

This resolution shall be immediately effective upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Flagstaff this 3rd day of June, 2025.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY

Exhibits:
Greater Observatory Mesa Natural Area Plan