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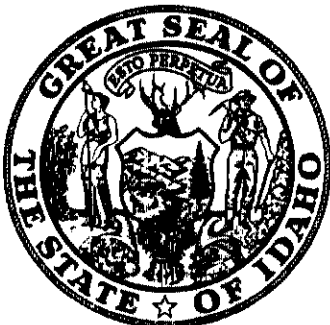
### CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF

THE COMMITTEE FOR IDAHO'S HIGH DESERT, INC.

I, PETE T. CENARRUSA, Secretary of State of the State of Idaho, hereby certify that duplicate originals of Articles of Incorporation for the incorporation of THE COMMITTEE FOR IDAHO'S HIGH DESERT, INC. duly signed pursuant to the provisions of the Idaho Nonprofit Corporation Act, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, I issue this Certificate of Incorporation and attach hereto a duplicate original of the Articles of Incorporation.

Dated: September 14, 1993



*Pete T. Cenarrusa*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

By

*[Signature]*

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
THE COMMITTEE FOR IDAHO'S HIGH DESERT, INC.**

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The undersigned, in order to form a nonprofit corporation under Chapter 30 of the Idaho Code, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE I**

**Name and Address**

The name of the corporation is The Committee for Idaho's High Desert, Inc. Its principal place of business is located at 500 West Washington, Boise, ID 83702.

**ARTICLE II**

**Duration**

The corporation shall be a nonprofit corporation and the duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

**ARTICLE III**

**Registered Office and Agent**

The initial registered office of the corporation is 500 West Washington, Boise, Idaho 83702, and the initial registered agent at such address is James A. Yost.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Purposes, Limitations and Powers**

Section 1. **Primary Purpose.** To provide funding for charitable, humanitarian, scientific and education purposes for the use and preservation of the high desert plateau of southwestern Idaho.

Section 2. **Purposes.** To operate exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

**Section 3.     Limitations.**

3.1     The corporation shall have no capital stock, and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member of the corporation, or of any private individual.

3.2     No director, officer, member of the corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon dissolution of the corporation, or upon the winding up of its affairs. Upon such dissolution or winding up, all the remaining assets of the corporation shall be distributed by the board of directors for identical uses and purposes, to any other organization that would then qualify for exemption under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as now stated or as hereafter amended, or any successor code.

3.3     No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation except as may be permitted to Section 501(c)(3) organizations by the Internal Revenue Code, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

3.4     Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the corporation shall not conduct or carry on activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as now stated or as hereafter amended, or any successor code, or by organization contributions which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of such Code, as now stated or as hereafter amended, or any successor code.

3.5     The corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

3.6     The corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

Section 4.     Powers.     In general, and subject to such limitations and conditions as are or may be prescribed by law, or in the corporation's Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws, the corporation shall have all powers which now or hereafter are conferred by law upon a corporation organized for the purpose set forth above, or are necessary or incidental to the powers so conferred, or are conducive to the attainment of the corporation's purpose.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Members**

The corporation shall have members who shall have rights as are provided in the Act and are consistent with the management authority that these Articles grant the Board of Directors of the corporation. Any person may become a member of the corporation upon payment of the annual dues fixed by the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Membership Dues**

Membership dues may be charged to all members or classes of membership in equal amounts or different amounts or proportions upon different members or classes of membership and some members or classes of membership may be made exempt from such membership dues. The Board of Directors is authorized to fix the amount of membership dues from time to time, and to make them payable at such times or intervals, and upon such notice, and by such methods as the Board of Directors may prescribe.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **Limitation of Directors' Liability**

A director shall have no liability to the corporation or its members for monetary damages for conduct as a director, except for acts or omissions that involve intentional misconduct by the director, or a knowing violation of law by the director, or for any transaction from which the director will personally receive a benefit in money, property or services to which the director is not legally entitled. If the Idaho Nonprofit Corporation Act is hereafter amended to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors, then the liability of a director shall be eliminated or limited to the full extent permitted by the Idaho Nonprofit Corporation Act, as so amended. Any repeal or modification of this Article shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a director of the corporation existing at the time of such repeal or modification for or with respect to an act or omission of such director occurring prior to such repeal or modification.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **Indemnification of Directors, Officers, Employees or Agents**

Section 1. **Right to Indemnification.** Each person who was, or is threatened to be made a party to or is otherwise involved (including, without limitation, as a witness) in any actual or threatened action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or

investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that she or he is or was a director or officer of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including service with respect to employee benefit plans, whether the basis of such proceeding is alleged action in an official capacity as a director, officer, employee or agent or in any other capacity while serving as a director, officer, employee or agent, shall be indemnified and held harmless by the corporation, to the full extent permitted by applicable law as then in effect, against all expenses (including attorney's fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement, actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if she or he acted in good faith and in a manner she or he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe her or his conduct was unlawful, and such indemnification shall continue as to a person who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee or agent and shall inure to the benefit of his or her heirs, executors and administrators; provided, however, that with respect to proceedings seeking to enforce rights to indemnification, the corporation shall indemnify any such person seeking indemnification in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by such person only if such proceeding (or part thereof) was authorized by the board of directors of the corporation. The right to indemnification conferred in this Section 1 shall be a contract right and shall include the right to be paid by the corporation the expenses incurred in defending any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition; provided, however, that the payment of such expenses in advance of the final disposition of a proceeding shall be made only upon delivery to the corporation of an undertaking, by or on behalf of such director or officer, to repay all amounts so advanced if it shall ultimately be determined that such director or officer is not entitled to be indemnified under this Section 1 or otherwise.

Section 2. Nonexclusivity of Rights. The right to indemnification and the payment of expenses incurred in defending a proceeding in advance of its final disposition conferred in this article shall not be inclusive of any other right which any person may have or hereafter acquire under any statute, provision of the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, agreement, vote of members or disinterested directors or otherwise.

Section 3. Insurance, Contracts and Funding. The corporation may maintain insurance, at its expense, to protect itself and any director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against any expense, liability or loss, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such expense, liability or loss under the Idaho Business Corporation Act. The corporation may, without further shareholder action, enter into contracts with any director or officer of the corporation in furtherance of the provisions of this Article and may create a trust fund, grant a security interest or use other means (including, without limitation, a letter of credit) to ensure the payment of such amounts as may be necessary to effect indemnification as provided in this Article.

Section 4. Indemnification of Employees and Agents of the Corporation. The corporation may, by action of its board of directors from time to time, provide indemnification and pay expenses in advance of the final disposition of a proceeding to employees and agents of the corporation with the same scope and effect as the provisions of this Article with respect to the indemnification and advancement of expenses of directors and officers of the corporation or pursuant to rights granted pursuant to, or provided by, the Idaho Nonprofit Corporation Act or otherwise.

## ARTICLE IX

### Directors

Section 1. Board of Directors. The management of the corporation will be vested in a board of no fewer than three (3) or more than five (5) directors. The number, qualifications, terms of office, manner of election, time and place of meeting, and powers and duties of directors shall be prescribed by the Bylaws of the corporation.

Section 2. Names and Addresses of Directors. The names and addresses of the directors who will manage the affairs of the corporation until the first annual meeting of the membership as provided by the Bylaws, and until their successors are elected and qualified, are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Ted Hoffman	P. O. Box 603 Mountain Home, ID 83647
Quey Johns	HC 85 Box 40 A Mountain Home, ID 83647
James A. Yost	500 West Washington Boise, ID 83702

## ARTICLE X

### Amendment of Bylaws

The authority to make, alter, amend or repeal Bylaws is vested in the board of directors, and may be exercised at any regular or special meeting of the board.

ARTICLE XI

Incorporator

The name and street address of the incorporator is James A. Yost, 500 West Washington, Boise, Idaho 83702.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 14 day of September 1993.

James A. Yost  
JAMES A. YOST, Incorporator

VERIFICATION

STATE OF IDAHO           )  
                                  : ss.  
County of Ada           )

I, Phil Inaerson, a notary public, do hereby certify that on this 14th day of September 1993, personally appeared before me James A. Yost, who, being by me first duly sworn, declared that he is the incorporator of The Committee for Idaho's High Desert, Inc., that he signed the foregoing document as incorporator of the corporation, and that the statements therein contained are true.

Phil Inaerson  
Notary Public for Idaho  
Residing at: Boise  
My commission expires: 1-14-99