



Board of County Commissioners - Staff Report

Meeting Date: April 20, 2021 **Presenter:** Brenda Ashworth
Submitting Dept: ISWR/Public Works **Subject:** Consideration of Public Hearing for Bear Spray, Isobutane, and Propane Canister Tip Fees

Statement / Purpose: To consider proceeding with public hearing of 2021 tip fees for bear spray, isobutane, and propane canister disposal at the Recycling Center.

Background / Description (Pros & Cons): ISWR is proposing to adopt tip fees for the Teton County Recycling Center for bear spray, isobutane, and propane canister disposal. ISWR currently does not charge fees for bear spray, isobutane, and propane canister disposal. Advertising occurred for a 45-day period beginning on March 3, 2021.

Historically, ISWR, Grand Teton National Park (GTNP), Yellowstone National Park (YNP) and other entities have provided free disposal of bear spray and propane canisters throughout the region. GTNP and YNP employees collected the canisters from ISWR and used specialized equipment to extract the remaining chemicals/fuel. Finally, they crushed the canisters to prepare them for recycling. Siting safety concerns, the bear spray machine was decommissioned in early 2020, and the propane machine will be decommissioned by fall 2021.

With the decommissioning of reclamation machines, bear spray and propane canisters will be disposed of as household hazardous waste. While this is a viable solution, the cost for handling these materials is extremely high. ISWR has received grant funding from the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole, Vail Resorts and the Teton Conservation District (pending) to subsidize a portion of disposal costs for residents and businesses. A nominal tip fee is necessary to cover the full cost of disposal of bear spray, isobutane, and propane canisters.

Stakeholder Analysis & Involvement: Fees paid by a myriad of entities and persons, ISWR, Community Foundation of Jackson Hole, Vail Resorts, and Teton Conservation District.

Fiscal Impact: Potential increases to revenue of ISWR, which is an enterprise fund. ISWR estimates bear spray, isobutane, and propane canister disposal will cost \$16,000 for FY21. ISWR received \$6,000 from the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole, \$1,800 from Vail Reports and anticipates receiving \$4,000 from the Teton Conservation District to support canister disposal. The remaining \$4,200 will be funded through the \$1 per canister tip fee.

Staff Impact: The staff of ISWR will communicate, track, and collect new and adjusted fees for service.

Legal Review: Gingery

Staff Input / Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of proceeding with public hearing and adopting the tip fees.

Attachments: Resolution for Adoption of 2021 Tip Fees

Suggested Motion: I move to approve the 2021 Tip Fees for bear spray, isobutane, and propane canister disposal.

RESOLUTION # _____
(Tipping Fees for the Teton County Recycling Facility)

WHEREAS, the Teton County Board of County Commissioners operate on behalf of Teton County, Wyoming, the Teton County Trash Transfer Facility and also the Teton County Recycling Center ; and

WHEREAS, the Teton County Board of County Commissioners are authorized as the owner and operator of the Teton County Recycling Center to set the fees for use and disposal at the Teton County Recycling Center; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wyoming Statute §16-3-103, the Teton County Board of County Commissioners gave 45 day notice of their intent to adopt these tipping fees for the Teton County Recycling Center, and

WHEREAS, the tip fees as delineated below will go into effect as of April 21, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE, having met at a regular meeting on April 20, 2021, and having fully considered the matter, it is hereby,

RESOLVED, that the Teton County Board of County Commissioners approves and adopts the following Tip fees which shall be in effect April 21, 2021, until the next resolution is approved by the Teton County Board of County Commissioners, of which the fees shall be set as follows:

RECYCLING CENTER	
Material	Disposal Fee
Bear Spray Cannister	\$1.00 each
Isobutane Camping Fuel Cannister	\$1.00 each
One Pound Propane Fuel Cannister	\$1.00 each

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Teton County, Wyoming on this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2021.

TETON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Natalia D. Macker, Chair

(Seal)

Attest:

Maureen Murphy, Teton County Clerk