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Longtime Whitefish Range adversaries celebrate accord on land use plan

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In the Bible's First Book of Kings, Solomon nearly has to chop a baby in half before two women claiming to be its mother can resolve their dispute.

No swords were pulled at the table where the Whitefish Range Partnership found a way to let loggers, wilderness advocates, snowmobilers, mountain bikers, river rafters and cabin owners share 300,000 acres of the Flathead National Forest. But the roomful of longtime adversaries agreed having a Solomonic deadline actually helped them build the trust to share the land.

Last Monday, partnership members shared chili and champagne as they presented Flathead Forest Supervisor Chip Weber with their final agreement. Thirteen months in the making, the deal could help the U.S. Forest Service settle even bigger debates across the Rocky Mountains.

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Bob Brown, a former secretary of state and longtime Whitefish legislator, stands in a snow-caked parking lot outside Ed and Mully's Restaurant at the base of Big Mountain, his"
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- Stoltze Land and Lumber
- National Parks Conservation Association
- Headwaters Montana
- Local Land Owners
- Whitefish Area Fire Safe Council
- City of Whitefish
- Winter Sports, Inc. (Big Mountain)
- Others
Michael Jamison:

“If we do this at a local level and base the talks on shared values we can deliver a community-driven plan.

“Instead of the Forest Service putting a plan on the table and the community yelling at them, we put the plan on the table and do the front-end work.”

“The goal is to build community license to our lands.”