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WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO:

Gayle S. Brownlee

WCDA

P.O. Box 634

Casper, WY 82602

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THIS DECLARATION OF LAND USE RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS (this "Agreement"), DATED December 18, 2015 by Sage Valley Apartments, LP and its successors and assigns (the "Owner"), and Wyoming Community Development Authority (the "Authority") is given as a condition precedent to the allocation of low-income housing tax credits by the Authority together with any successor to its rights, duties and obligations.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Owner is or shall be the owner of a low-income rental housing development located on land in the City of GILLETTE, County of CAMPBELL, State of Wyoming, more particularly described in Exhibit "A" hereto, known as or to be known as Sage Valley Apartments (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority has been designated by the Governor of the State of Wyoming as the housing credit agency for the State of Wyoming for the allocation of low-income housing tax credits (the "Credit"); and

WHEREAS, the Owner has applied to the Authority for an allocation of Credit to the Project in an amount not to exceed \$580,850.00 Credits; and

WHEREAS, the Owner has represented to the Authority in Owner's Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Application (the "Application") that Owner shall lease 40 of the units in the Project to individuals or families whose income is 60 or less of the area median gross income (including adjustments for family size) and with the rent restricted ("Low-Income Tenants"), all as determined in accordance with Section 42 and other applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"); and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined the Project would support a Credit allocation in an amount not to exceed \$580,092.00; and

WHEREAS, the Owner has represented to the Authority in Owner's Application that it will impose additional rent restrictions and/or will covenant to maintain Section 42 of the Code rent and income restrictions for an additional period of time as set out in Section 5 of this Agreement ("WCDA Occupancy Restrictions"); and

WHEREAS, Section 42 of the Code requires as a condition precedent to the allocation of the Credit, that the Owner execute, deliver and record in the official land deed records of the county in which the Project is located this Agreement in order to create certain covenants running with the land for the purpose of enforcing the requirements of Section 42 of the Code and the WCDA Occupancy Restrictions found in Section 5 hereof by regulating and restricting the use and occupancy and transfer of the Project as set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, the Owner intends, declares and covenants that the regulatory and restrictive covenants set forth herein governing the use, occupancy and transfer of the Project shall be and are covenants running with the Project land for the term stated herein and binding upon all subsequent owners of the Project for such term, and are not merely personal covenants of the Owner.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and covenants hereinafter set forth, and of the other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Owner and the Authority agree as follows:

SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS

All words and phrases defined in Section 42 of the Code and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder (“Regulations”) or HUD regulations pertaining thereto shall have the same meanings in this Agreement.

SECTION 2 – RECORDING AND FILING; COVENANTS TO RUN WITH THE LAND

(a) Upon execution and delivery by the Owner, the Owner shall cause this Agreement and all amendments hereto to be recorded and filed in the official public land deed records of the county in which the Project is located, and shall pay all fees and charges incurred in connection therewith. Upon recording, the Owner shall immediately transmit to the Authority an executed original of the recorded Agreement showing the date, deed book and page numbers of record. The Owner agrees that the Authority will not issue the Internal Revenue Service Form 8609(s) constituting final allocation of the Credit unless and until the Authority has received the recorded executed original of this Agreement.

(b) The Owner intends, declares and covenants, on behalf of itself and all future Owners and operators of the Project land during the term of this Agreement, that this Agreement and the covenants and restrictions set forth in this Agreement regulating and restricting the use, occupancy and transfer of the Project land and the Project (i) shall be and are covenants running with the Project land, encumbering the Project land for the term of this Agreement, binding upon the Owner’s successors in title and all subsequent Owners and Operators of the Project land, (ii) are not merely personal covenants of the Owner, and (iii) shall bind the Owner and the benefits shall inure to the Authority and any past, present or prospective tenant of the Project and its respective successor and assigns during the term of this Agreement. The Owner hereby agrees that any and all requirements of the laws of the State of Wyoming to be satisfied in order for the provisions of this Agreement to constitute deed restrictions and covenants running with the land shall be deemed to be satisfied in full, and that any requirements or privileges of estate are intended to be satisfied, or in the alternate, that an equitable servitude has been created to insure that these restrictions run with the land. For the longer of the period this Credit is claimed or the term of this Agreement, each and every contract, deed or other instrument hereafter

executed conveying the Project or portion thereof shall expressly provide that such conveyance is subject to this Agreement, provided, however, the covenants contained herein shall survive and be effective regardless of whether such contract, deed or other instrument hereafter executed conveying the Project or portion thereof, provides that such conveyance is subject to this Agreement.

(c) The Owner covenants to obtain the consent of any prior recorded lienholder on the Project to this Agreement and such consent shall be a condition precedent to the issuance of Internal Revenue Service Form 8609(s) constituting final allocation of the Credit.

SECTION 3 – REPRESENTATION, COVENANTS AND WARRANTIES OF THE OWNER

The Owner hereby represents, covenants and warrants as follows:

(a) The Owner (i) is a Limited Partnership duly organized under the laws of the State of Montana and is qualified to transact business under the laws of the State of Wyoming, (ii) has the power and authority to own its properties and assets and to carry on its business as now being conducted, and (iii) has the full legal right, power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform all the undertakings of the Owner hereunder.

(b) The execution and performance of this Agreement by the Owner (i) will not violate or, as applicable, have not violated any provision or law, rule or regulation, or any order of any court or other agency or governmental body, and (ii) will not violate or, as applicable, have not violated any provision of any indenture, agreement, mortgage, mortgage note, or other instrument to which the Owner is a part or by which it or the Project is bound, and (iii) will not result in the creation or imposition of any prohibited encumbrance of any nature.

(c) The Owner will, at the time of execution and delivery of this Agreement, have good and marketable title to the premises constituting the Project free and clear of any lien or encumbrance (subject to encumbrances created pursuant to this Agreement, and Loan Documents relating to the Project or other permitted encumbrances).

(d) There is no action, suit or proceeding at law or in equity or by or before any governmental instrumentality or other agency now pending, or, to the knowledge of the Owner, threatened against or affecting it, or any of its properties or rights, which, if adversely determined, would materially impair its right to carry on business substantially as now conducted (and as now contemplated by this Agreement) or would materially adversely affect its financial condition.

- (e) The Project constitutes or will constitute a qualified low-income building or qualified low-income project, and a "Residential Rental Property" as defined in Section 42 of the Code and the applicable Regulations thereunder.
- (f) Each unit in the Project contains complete facilities for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation for a single person or a family (unless the Project qualifies as a single-room occupancy project or transitional housing for the homeless pursuant to Section 42(i)(3) of the Code) which are to be used on other than a transient basis.
- (g) During the term of this Agreement, all units subject to the Credit shall be leased and rented or made available on a continuous basis to members of the general public who qualify as Low-Income Tenants (or otherwise qualify for occupancy of the low-income units) under the applicable election specified in Section 42(g) of the Code.
- (h) The Owner agrees gross rent collected from all sources will not exceed the maximum percentage as presented in the application and further described in this document.
- (i) During the term of this Agreement, the Owner shall not evict or terminate the tenancy of an existing tenant of any low-income unit other than for good cause.
- (j) The Owner agrees to comply fully with the requirements of the Fair Housing Act as it may from time to time be amended.
- (k) During the term of this Agreement, the Owner covenants, agrees and warrants that each low-income unit is and will remain suitable for occupancy, taking into account all federal, state and local health, safety and building codes (or other habitability standards).
- (l) Subject to the requirements of Section 42 of the Code and this Agreement, the Owner may sell, transfer or exchange the entire Project at any time, but the Owner shall notify in writing and obtain the agreement of any buyer or successor or other person acquiring the Project or any interest therein that such acquisition is subject to the requirements of this Agreement and to the requirements of Section 42 of the Code and applicable Regulations. This provision shall not act to waive any other restriction on sale, transfer or exchange of the Project or any low-income portion of the Project. The Owner agrees that the Authority may void any sale, transfer or exchange of the Project if the buyer or successor or other person fails to assume in writing the requirements of this Agreement and the requirements of Section 42 of the Code.
- (m) The Owner agrees to notify the Authority in writing of any sale, transfer or exchange of the entire Project or any low-income portion of the Project.

(n) The Owner shall not demolish any part of the Project or substantially subtract from any real or personal property of the Project or permit the use of any residential rental unit for any purpose other than rental housing during the term of this Agreement unless required by law.

(o) The Owner represents, warrants and agrees that if the Project, or any part thereof, shall be damaged or destroyed or shall be condemned or acquired for public use, the Owner will use its best effort to repair and restore the Project to substantially the same condition as existed prior to the event causing such damage or destruction, or to relieve the condemnation, and thereafter to operate the Project in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

(p) The Owner warrants that it has not and will not execute any other agreement with provisions contradictory to, or in opposition to, the provisions hereof, and that in any event, the requirements of this Agreement are paramount and controlling as to the rights and obligations herein set forth and supersede any other requirements in conflict herewith.

SECTION 4 – INCOME RESTRICTIONS; RENTAL RESTRICTION

The Owner represents, warrants and covenants throughout the term of this Agreement and in order to satisfy the requirements of Section 42 of the Code (“Section 42 Occupancy Restrictions”) that:

(a) At least 40% or more of the residential units in the Project are both rent-restricted and occupied by individuals or families whose income is 60% or less of area median income.

(b) The determination of whether a tenant meets the low-income requirement shall be made by the Owner at least annually in a manner consistent with the methods used under HUD’s Section 8 Program.

(c) The Project will accept as tenants, on the same basis as all other prospective tenants, persons who are holders of vouchers or certificates for federal housing assistance payments for existing housing pursuant to Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 or a successor federal program (“Section 8”), and, in connection therewith, the Owner will not refuse to lease to a holder of a voucher or certificate under Section 8 because of the status of the prospective tenant as such a holder and will not apply tenant selection criteria to Section 8 voucher or certificate holders which are more burdensome than the criteria applied to any other prospective tenants.

(d) The form of lease to be used by the Owner in renting any units in the Project to Low-Income Tenants shall provide for termination of the lease and consent by such person to immediate eviction proceeds in accordance with state law for failure to qualify as Low-Income Tenants, as applicable, as a result of any material misrepresentation made by such person with respect to his or her income, the failure to provide supporting income verification or failure by such person to annually update the information.

SECTION 5 – WCDA OCCUPANCY RESTRICTIONS

This Section is intended to make enforceable those extended use or deeper targeting covenants which the Owner represented to the Authority in its Application.

The Owner represents, warrants and covenants throughout the term of this Agreement that:

(a) Throughout the term of this Agreement rent and occupancy shall be restricted as follows:

Number Units	Square Footage	Number Bedrooms	Rent Restricted at or Below Median Gross Income %	Income Restricted at or Below Median Gross Income %	Program Restrictions
6	950	2	30%	35%	LIHTC
3	1,110	3	30%	35%	LIHTC
12	950	2	45%	50%	LIHTC
4	1,110	3	45%	50%	LIHTC
20	950	2	55%	60%	LIHTC
8	1,110	3	55%	60%	LIHTC
1	1,110	3	Manager	Manager	Manager

A unit is “rent-restricted” if the gross rent with respect to such unit does not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the imputed income limitation applicable to such unit (based upon the income limitations set forth in this subsection), all as determined in accordance with Section 42 (g) of the Code.

Rent restrictions float within the project. When a household’s income increases above the limit for that unit, the next available unit must be rented at the lower level. Every effort must be made to insure the income and rent levels are attained at all times throughout the compliance period. As such, projects with multiple rent and or income levels must recertify each household on an annual basis.

(b) The Owner will extend the required 15 year term of Section 42 of the Code income and rental restrictions for an additional 35 years, for a total 50 year initial compliance period, plus an additional 15 year extended use period as required by IRS.

(c) Regardless of any provision in Section 6 of this Agreement to the contrary, Owner agrees that the provisions of Section 42(h)(6)(E)(i)(II) and 42(h)(6)(F) (which provisions would permit the Owner to terminate the restrictions under this agreement at the end of the compliance period in the event that the Agency does not present the Owner with a qualified contract for the acquisition of the Project) do not apply to the Project, and that the Section 42 income and rental

restrictions shall apply for a period of 50 years beginning with the first day of the compliance period in which the building is a part of a qualified low-income housing project.

SECTION 6 – TERM OF AGREEMENT

(a) Except as hereinafter provided, this Agreement and the Section 42 Occupancy Restrictions specified herein shall commence with the first day in the Project period on which any building which is part of the Project is placed in service and shall end on the date which is 15 years after the close of the initial compliance period.

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) above, the Owner shall comply with the requirements of Section 42(h) of the Code relating to the extended use period for an additional 15 years (65 years total), provided, however, the extended use period for any building which is part of this Project shall terminate:

- (1) On the date such building is acquired by foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure, unless the IRS determines that the foreclosure is part of a plan to avoid maintaining the Project as a low-income project;
- (2) On the last day of the compliance period if the Owner has properly requested in accordance with Section 42(h)(6) of the Code that the Authority assist in procuring a qualified contract for the acquisition of the low-income portion of any building which is part of the Project and the Authority is unable within one year after the date the written request was submitted to the Authority to present a qualified contract; or
- (3) Upon the exercise of a right of first refusal of a qualified low-income tenant to purchase the low-income building(s) as provided under Section 42(i)(7) of the Code.

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (b) above, Section 42 of the Code rent requirement shall continue for a period of three years following the termination of this Agreement pursuant to the procedures specified in the subsection (b) above. During such three year period, the Owner shall not evict or terminate the tenancy of an existing tenant of any low-income unit other than for good cause and shall not increase the gross rent above the maximum allowed under Section 42 of the Code with respect to such low-income unit.

(d) The Owner has agreed to WCDA Occupancy Restrictions as reflected in Section 5 of this Agreement, and the term for the optional restrictions shall not terminate until the time period agreed upon.

SECTION 7 – ENFORCEMENT OF WCDA OCCUPANCY RESTRICTIONS

(a) The Owner shall permit, during normal business hours and upon reasonable notice, any duly authorized representative of the Authority, to inspect any books and records of the Owner

regarding the Project with respect to the rentals and incomes of Low-Income Tenants which pertain to compliance with the WCDA Occupancy Restrictions specified in any section of this Agreement.

(b) The Owner shall submit any other information, documents, or certifications requested by the Authority, which the Authority shall deem reasonably necessary to substantiate the Owner's continuing compliance with the provisions of the WCDA Occupancy Restrictions specified in this Agreement.

(c) The Owner shall permit the Authority to perform on-site inspections of the Project during the time frame specified in Section 5 of this Agreement.

SECTION 8 – ENFORCEMENT OF SECTION 42 OCCUPANCY RESTRICTIONS

(a) The Owner covenants that it will not knowingly take or permit any action that would result in a violation of the requirements of Section 42 of the Code and applicable Regulations or this Agreement. Moreover, Owner covenants to take any lawful action (including amendment of this Agreement as may be necessary, in the opinion of the Authority) to comply fully with Section 42 of the Code and with all applicable rules, rulings, policies, procedures, regulations or other official statements promulgated or proposed by the United States Department of the Treasury, or the Internal Revenue Service, or the Department of Housing and Urban Development from time to time pertaining to Owner's obligations under Section 42 of the Code and affecting the Project.

(b) The Owner acknowledges that the primary purpose for requiring compliance by the Owner with the restrictions provided in this Agreement is to assure compliance of the Project and the Owner with Section 42 of the Code and the applicable regulations, AND BY REASON THEREOF, THE OWNER, IN CONSIDERATION FOR RECEIVING LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS FOR THIS PROJECT, HEREBY AGREES AND CONSENTS THAT THE AUTHORITY AND ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS THE INCOME LIMITATION APPLICABLE UNDER CODE SECTION 42 (WHETHER PROSPECTIVE, PRESENT OR FORMER OCCUPANT) SHALL BE ENTITLED, FOR ANY BREACH OF THE PROVISIONS HEREOF, AND IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER REMEDIES PROVIDED BY LAW OR IN EQUITY, TO ENFORCE SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE BY THE OWNER OF ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS AGREEMENT IN A STATE COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION. The Owner hereby further specifically acknowledges that the beneficiaries of the Owner's obligations hereunder cannot be adequately compensated by monetary damages in the event of any default hereunder.

(c) The Owner hereby agrees that the representations and covenants set forth herein may be relied upon by the Authority and all persons interested in Project compliance under Section 42 of the Code and the applicable regulations.

(d) The Owner agrees to comply with Section 42(m)(1)(B)(iii) of the Code regarding monitoring compliance and the WCDA Monitoring Procedures which includes but is not limited to: record keeping and retention provisions, annual certification and review provisions, and auditing provisions, and provisions for notifying owners and the Internal Revenue Service of non-compliance or lack of certification.

An annual compliance-monitoring fee equal to \$35.00 per unit will be charged for each year of the compliance period.

SECTION 9 – MISCELLANEOUS

(a) Severability. The invalidity of any clause, part or provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

(b) Notice. All notices to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given when mailed by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the parties hereto at the addresses set forth below, or to such other place as a party may from time to time designate in writing.

To the Authority:

WCDA

Attn: Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program

P.O. Box 634

Casper, WY 82602

To the Owner:

Sage Valley Apartments, LP

283 W. Front Street, Ste. 1

Missoula, MT 59802

The Authority, and the Owner, may, by notice given hereunder, designate any further or different addresses to which subsequent notices, certificates of other communications shall be sent.

(c) Amendment. The Owner agrees that it will take all actions necessary to effect amendment of this Agreement as may be necessary to comply with Section 42 of the Code, any and all applicable rules, regulations, policies, procedures, rulings or other official statements pertaining to the Credit.

(d) Subordination of Agreement. This Agreement and the restrictions hereunder are subordinate to the loan and loan documents, if any, on the Project except insofar as Section 42 of the Code requires otherwise (relating to the three-year vacancy control during the extended use period).

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(e) Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Wyoming and, where applicable, the laws of the United States of America.

(f) Survival of Obligations. The obligations of the Owner as set forth herein and in the Application shall survive the allocation of the Credit and shall not be deemed to terminate or merge with the awarding of the allocation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Owner has caused this Agreement to be signed by its duly authorized representative(s), as of the day and year first written above.

OWNER: Sage Valley Apartments, LP

BY: Patrick Klier

NAME: Patrick Klier

TITLE: V. Pres. of its Gen. Pmt.

ATTEST:

State of Montana

County of Missoula

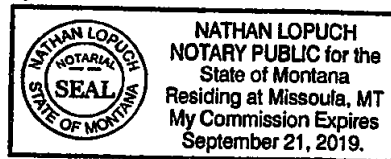
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by Patrick Klier as VP of the Gen. Pmt. of

Sage Valley Apartments, LP.

Nathan Lopuch
Signature of Notary

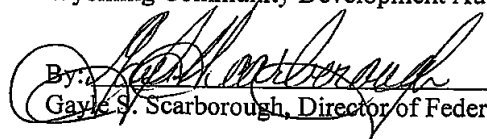
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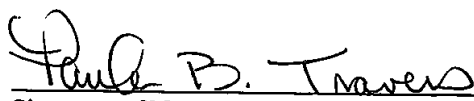
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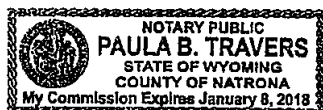
By: 
Gayle S. Scarborough, Director of Federal Programs

ATTEST:
State of Wyoming
County of Natrona

This instrument was acknowledged before me on July 1, 2015 by Gayle S. Scarborough as Director of Federal Programs of Wyoming Community Development Authority.


Signature of Notary

01-08-2018
My commission expires

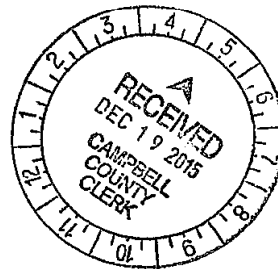


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Exhibit "A"

Lot 3 Antelope Ridge Subdivision, a Resubdivision of Tract E Pronghorn Ranch, Phase I, a Resubdivision of Lot 1 Tract 2 Bison Estates, according to the plat recorded January 16, 2009 in Book 9 of Plats, page 123 of the records of Campbell County, Wyoming.



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Susan F. Saunders, Campbell County Clerk by: B. GREGORY

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