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Gunnison County supports the acquisition of 652 acres of private land located in the Union Park area within the Gunnison Ranger District of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison N.F. as discussed with District Ranger John Murphy at the 8/23/2016 Board of County Commissioners Meeting. This acquisition would preserve the historic grazing use of the Taylor Park Grazing Pool and make the land available for future recreation and other uses for enjoyment by the public.

The Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners have a long standing support for wildlife and agricultural land preservation and continues to highly prioritize land conservation in our policies as stated in the Gunnison County Land Use Resolution:

> "PROTECT THE HERITAGE OF OUR RURAL CHARACTER. To protect ranching and other existing industries, the beauty of the landscape and rural character of Gunnison County, in order to enhance recreational opportunities for residents and visitors, preserve important archeological and historic sites and viewsheds, and conserve soil, water, and forestry resources." (Gunnison County Land Use Resolution §§1-103.A.3.)

Gunnison County views the acquisition of the 262 acres of wetlands within the 652 acres of private land based upon the U.S. Fish and Wildlife National Wetland Inventory, as preserving natural wetlands and providing for the agricultural and recreational use within the Union Park area.

Gunnison County supports the United States Forest Service acquisition of the private land in order to preserve the grazing, recreational, and other public uses within the Union Park area.

Best Regards,

Paula Swenson, Chairperson	Phil Chamberland, Commissioner	Jonathan Houck, Commissioner