March 18, 2013

Ms. Lise Aangeenbrug, Executive Director
Great Outdoors Colorado
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Denver, Colorado 80203

RE: Crested Butte Land Trust's Slate River Valley Application

Dear Lise and the Board of Directors of Great Outdoors Colorado:

The Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners strongly supports the Crested Butte Land Trust's (Land Trust) grant application to protect acreage in the Slate River Valley. Conservation of scenic views and wildlife habitat, providing opportunities for recreation, and maintaining historic grazing patterns are all high priorities for the Gunnison County community. The Land Trust's proposal will conserve approximately 100 acres adjacent to other Great Outdoors Colorado protected parcels. The location of this parcel leverages all of the local and state monies already dedicated to preservation in this area.

The opportunity for this project to meet numerous conservation goals, while meeting various needs of the community, is tremendous. We enthusiastically urge you to support this application, and help the Crested Butte Land Trust continue in its efforts to preserve critical habitat in the Slate River Valley.

Sincerely,

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

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