



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GUNNISON COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4**

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUNNISON COUNTY POLICY TO OPPOSE TRANSFER
OF FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS TO STATE OWNERSHIP**

WHEREAS, approximately eighty-two percent (82%) of lands in Gunnison County are owned by the United States as public lands available for public use; and

WHEREAS, lands owned by the United States as public lands available for public use are an invaluable heritage and foundation for our natural and social environments and communities; and

WHEREAS, lands owned by the United States as public lands for public use both demonstrate and foster our commitment to common and equal access, and enjoyment and use of our national heritage; and

WHEREAS, lands owned by the United States as public lands for public use contribute, and bind us, to appreciative and shared experiences of living, learning, growth and responsibility; and

WHEREAS, lands owned by the United States as public lands for public use provide—as Wallace Stegner wrote—“geographies of hope” and places in which “...we are all each other’s consequences...”; and

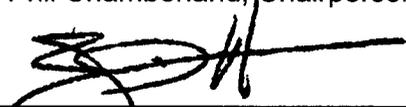
WHEREAS, there is a reasonable apprehension that transfer of federal public lands available for public use to state ownership may devolve to “privatization” of such lands—and the loss of this heritage, foundation, commitment and geography.

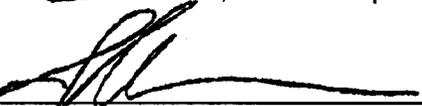
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado to formally express its policy to oppose, generally, the transfer of federal public lands to state ownership.

INTRODUCED by Commissioner Messner, seconded by Commissioner Houck, and adopted this 21st day of February, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO

By 
Phil Chamberland, Chairperson

By 
Jonathan Houck, Vice Chairperson


John Messner, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Deputy County Clerk

