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March 7, 2017

Governor John W. Hickenlooper, governor.hickenlooper@state.co.us
136 State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203-2471

Re: Gunnison County Resolution #2017-04; Establishing Gunnison County Policy to Oppose Transfer of Federal Public Lands to State Ownership

Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

The enclosed resolution was adopted by the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners on 2/21/2017.

If you have any questions regarding this resolution, please feel free to contact us.

Best Regards,

Phil Chamberland, Chairperson	Jonathan Houck, Commissioner	John Messner, Commissioner

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GUNNISON COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-04

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 land available for public use; and

WHEREAS, lands owned by the United States as public land 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 out commitment to common and equal access, 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 land 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

By _____
John Messner, Commissioner

ATTEST:

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Deputy County Clerk

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