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Boards and Commissions Application

Board/Commission or position applying for:	Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee
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Why would you like to serve on this Board or Commission?	January 8, 2018 Gunnison County Administration Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee 200 E. Virginia Gunnison, CO 81230 To whom it may concern, I am writing to express my interest in joining the Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee as a representative of the recreation community. I moved to the Gunnison Valley in 2008, drawn here by the incredible access to the surrounding public lands. I returned to school and earned a Masters in Environmental Management from Western State Colorado University, with a focus on recreation management on public lands in a time of growth and greater accessibility. I have been fortunate to have the opportunity to continue this work as the Executive Director of Gunnison Trails, a non-profit, trail advocacy group for the Gunnison Valley. Gunnison Trails works closely with land managers, local non-profits and residents and visitors to the Gunnison Valley on all things related to trail-based recreation. A large part of Gunnison Trails' mission is educating users on responsible trail based recreation. This includes outreach and education regarding the Gunnison Sage-grouse. We have a strong local membership committed to responsible recreation

here in the Basin. Through our website, newsletters, trail signage and social media, we keep locals and visitors alike up-to-date on seasonal trail and road closures, areas to avoid during lekking season and sensitive areas for wintering wildlife. Gunnison Trails is also committed to developing and building responsible, non-motorized trail networks in and around the Gunnison Basin. Whether it's maintaining existing trails or planning a new route, our work is closely tied to the Gunnison Sage-grouse. We work closely with our wildlife managers at both the BLM and CPW, and nothing we advocate for would be possible without these vital partnerships. Our Signal Peak proposal, currently under environmental review by the BLM, would not have made it far without the Candidate Conservation Agreement and this group's efforts to work collaboratively to meet the needs of a growing community while protecting the Gunnison Sage-grouse. I also serve on both the Gunnison Public Lands Initiative (GPLI) working group and the Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee (STOR). GPLI is a grass-roots, collaborative effort dedicated to the preservation of public lands here in Gunnison County through protective land designations. Much like the Sage-grouse Committee, this group is comprised of individuals representing various groups with very different missions, coming together to work towards shared goals to preserve the health and character of our natural surroundings. Similarly, the newly created Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee aims to proactively manage recreation and our public resources in a time of increasing visitation and related pressures. By prioritizing the recreational goals of our diverse community, the STOR Committee is dedicated to fostering our recreation economy through coordinated management and conservation. The success of both the GPLI working group and the STOR Committee lies in the ability of members to reach a broader community audience to better inform and educate. Thank you for your consideration and all of the hard work you do on behalf of the Gunnison Sage-grouse. Sincerely, Tim Kugler

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Additional Comments

Thank you for your time and consideration.