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The Honorable Jared Polis
1727 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Polis:

We are writing to express our support for the Continental Divide Recreation, Wilderness and Camp Hale Legacy Act.

We applaud this bill for balancing the needs of wildlife and watershed protection with recreational and other uses of the forest. Our citizens, water providers, conservation groups, recreational groups, and businesses were included in this collaborative legislative process. The addition of the Camp Hale National Historic Landscape will help preserve and highlight the incredible history and legacy of the Tenth Mountain Division in Eagle County.

Wilderness lands reflect the history and heritage of Colorado's scenic high country. In Eagle County, their presence and availability is essential to local lifestyles, the quality of our environment and the strength of our tourism economy. While a balanced approach to land management that considers the needs of all user groups is necessary, we believe that expanding wilderness to carefully selected land areas will provide long lasting benefits.

Many thanks to you and your staff for your continued efforts to preserve beautiful places in Colorado.

Sincerely,

Kathy Chandler-Henry

Chair

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