



August 21, 2014

Rep. Jared Polis
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Conservation Colorado
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Dear Rep. Polis:

The Town of Breckenridge would like to state our endorsement of the Rocky Mountain Recreation and Wilderness Preservation Act recently proposed by your office.

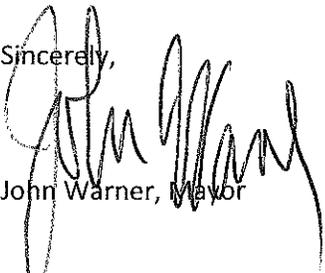
As a land protection tool, federal wilderness is important because it protects important ecosystem values, scenic landscapes, and recreational opportunities in perpetuity. Our community believes that additional wilderness designations in Summit County will augment existing land protection efforts while also supporting the local outdoor recreation economy.

Of particular interest to the Town of Breckenridge are the proposed Hoosier Ridge and Tenmile Wilderness Areas and the associated Tenmile Recreation Management Areas. We believe the landscape, ecosystem, and recreational values of these areas warrant additional land protection in the form of wilderness.

Your staff has worked judiciously with area stakeholders to amend the previously proposed wilderness boundaries to address recreational access, watershed protection, and forest health concerns expressed by Breckenridge citizens. The amended maps and language associated with the Rocky Mountain Recreation and Wilderness Preservation Act are consistent with the White River National Forest Travel Management Plan and allow for critically important access to prevent, prepare for, and respond to wildfire concerns. We appreciate your diligence in addressing these important community issues.

Thank you to you and your staff for your efforts in preserving Colorado's treasured landscapes.

Sincerely,



John Warner, Mayor

cc: U.S. Sen. Mark Udall
U.S. Sen. Michael Bennett