



May 5, 2015

The Honorable Jared Polis
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Polis:

On behalf of our 2.4 million members and supporters, the Sierra Club writes to convey its support of the Rocky Mountain Recreation and Wilderness Preservation Act. This legislation protects wilderness, supports local tourism and recreation economies, and reconnects Americans with the outdoors.

The Rocky Mountain Recreation and Wilderness Preservation Act is the result of an extensive public process involving a wide variety of local stakeholder groups including local governments, water providers, land managers, constituents, and conservation and recreation organizations. This bill designates roughly 40,000 acres of new wilderness and expansions including to the Eagles Nest and Holy Cross Wildernesses. It would also create a Recreation Management Area for the Tenmile Range near Breckenridge. These lands are some of Colorado's most precious, ecologically important public lands that provide wildlife habitat and serve as invaluable watersheds for the region.

We thank you for your effort to advance legislation that ensures America's wild legacy lives on by protecting these key public lands.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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Rocky Mountain State Chapter Director