

RESOLUTION NO. 22
SERIES OF 2014

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR CONGRESSIONAL WILDERNESS
DESIGNATION OF THREE SEPARATE AREAS ON PUBLIC LANDS SURROUNDING OR
NEARBY THE TOWN OF VAIL.

WHEREAS the Town of Vail is located in the heart of Colorado's mountains and is surrounded by vast and untrammelled natural beauty;

WHEREAS Vail's world class resort status and economic viability depend on maintaining unsurpassed landscapes, impeccable water and air quality, places of solace and quietude, as well as places to recreate in every manner including skiing and snowboarding, hunting and fishing, hiking and camping;

WHEREAS healthy watersheds provide favorable conditions of water flow that support high quality drinking water and wastewater treatment;

WHEREAS the public and private lands around Vail that support such values are under increasing pressure due to population growth and growing recreational interest;

WHEREAS Congressional designation of public lands as wilderness protects vital habitat and helps ensure that land and water resources not be degraded by human activity but instead be conserved for present and future generations;

WHEREAS no public lands in Eagle County have been designated as wilderness since 1980; and

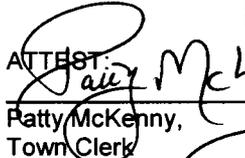
WHEREAS the Rocky Mountain Recreation and Wilderness Preservation Act would designate as wilderness portions of the White River National Forest in Eagle County, including several in the vicinity of Vail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in order to leave a balanced public lands legacy to future generations and as a showcase of our stewardship today, the Town Council of the Town of Vail, Colorado:

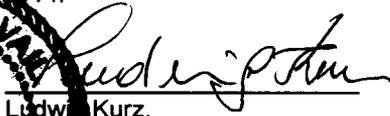
1. Hereby states its support for nearby proposed wilderness areas, which are expansions to the existing Eagle's Nest and Holy Cross Wilderness Areas in the vicinity of the Town, specifically Spraddle Creek, Freeman Creek, and No Name;
2. Urges Colorado's congressional delegation to enact laws so as to grant wilderness designation for the above named areas in as timely a fashion as possible.

INTRODUCED, PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Vail held this 2nd day of September, 2014.

ATTEST:


Patty McKenny,
Town Clerk




Ludwig Kurz,
Mayor Pro Tem