



May 5, 2015

The Honorable Jared Polis
1433 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Polis:

The Central Mountains of Colorado are among America's most treasured landscapes. The Wilderness Society strongly supports your efforts to conserve their critical watersheds, protect their sensitive wildlife habitats, and improve the ample recreational opportunities they provide.

Permanently protecting the wilderness values of the Tenmile Range, Hoosier Ridge, Williams Fork, and areas adjacent to the Eagle's Nest, Ptarmigan Peak, and Holy Cross Wilderness Areas in Summit and Eagle Counties would ensure that present and future generations can continue to enjoy the world-class hiking, camping, fishing, and other recreational activities they offer; help to safeguard pristine drinking-water supplies for local communities and cities along the front-range; and preserve healthy wildlife habitat by limiting road building, new mines, and other development that would degrade these critical public values. Special management of areas north and south of the Tenmile Range also will enhance outdoor recreation experiences that help to drive the tourism economy of the area.

We strongly supported your proposal to protect these critical areas in the 113th Congress (H.R. 5311) and look forward to continuing to work with you to achieve permanent protection for these important public assets.

Sincerely,

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The Wilderness Society