



C O P P E R M O U N T A I N

The Honorable Michael Bennet  
United States Senator  
261 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Cory Gardner  
United States Senator  
354 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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

Dear Senator Bennet, Senator Gardner, and Representative Polis:

Copper Mountain Resort is pleased to support the Continental Divide Recreation, Wilderness and Camp Hale Legacy Act (S. 2337 and H.R. 4883). The Continental Divide bill will provide permanent protections for particularly important National Forest lands in Summit and eastern Eagle Counties; including lands adjacent to Copper Mountain Resort. These lands are utilized for an array of purposes such as recreation, conservation, watershed and wildlife protection, historic interpretation and preservation, wilderness, and ecological restoration. In the process, it will help to sustain our local economy, culture, outdoor way of life, and help to ensure that the world-class scenery, variety of recreational opportunities, and healthy ecosystems that Copper Mountain and our guests cherish will remain for generations to come.

Of particular note, Copper Mountain welcomes the designation of the Camp Hale National Historic Landscape, the Tenmile Recreation Management Area, the Tenmile Wilderness Area, and additions to the Eagles Nest Wilderness. These public lands surround Copper Mountain Resort. The Tenmile RMA is a popular area for world-class cross-country mountain biking that is frequented by guests of Copper Mountain. The additions to the Eagles Nest Wilderness and designation of the new Tenmile Wilderness will preserve Copper Mountain's incredible viewshed and protect the wilderness recreation opportunities for our employees and guests who take advantage of the impeccable hiking, backpacking, fishing, backcountry skiing, snowshoeing, and wildlife viewing to be had.

Camp Hale is of special significance to Copper Mountain Resort not only because of the excellent motorized and non-motorized recreation the landscape provides for our guests, but because of the incredible history it holds. In many ways, the modern outdoor recreation economy—and particularly the significant portion of it generated by ski resorts—owes its existence to the many 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division veterans who founded ski resorts in Colorado and across the country. These admirable individuals revolutionized outdoor recreation gear and made it available to Americans. It is well-deserving of designation as the nation's first National Historic Landscape.

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Copper Mountain is proud of its record of sustainability, stewardship of the public lands it operates on, and array of recreational and educational opportunities that it provides. The new protections proposed by the Continental Divide bill complement our efforts by protecting the public land values and uses that local Coloradans, from the West Slope and the Front Range, and visitors from across America and the globe enjoy. We appreciate that the bill was developed collaboratively by a broad coalition of public land users, state and local government officials, and local and regional business owners. We thank you for your support and urge you to work diligently to pass this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary Rodgers", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gary Rodgers  
President & General Manager  
Copper Mountain Resort