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The Honorable Michael Bennet
458 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Bennet:

San Juan County would like to express our support regarding proposed legislation for the San Juan Mountains Wilderness and Special Management Area. We are on record in support of previously proposed legislation and will continue to be supportive of new legislation. We are hopeful that our Colorado delegation would be successful in approving this important legislation.

Over three years of dialogue, analysis, and compromise among a wide array of stakeholders, including San Juan County (as well as landowners, water and agriculture interests, and many others), led to proposed legislation. The previous bill was carefully crafted to accommodate a variety of interests and existing uses.

We look forward to working with you and other stakeholders on this proposal, and urge you to introduce and move legislation forward in the current session of Congress.

Thank you again for your interest in protecting the San Juan Mountains.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ernest F. Kuhlman". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ernest F. Kuhlman, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners