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Senator Mark Udall

<http://www.markudall.senate.gov/?p=blog&id=4141>

Representative Scott Tipton

<http://tipton.house.gov/colorado-national-monument-comments#overlay-context=user>

Re: Colorado National Monument  
Proposal to Re-designate as a National Park

Dear Congressmen:

Thank you for accepting public comments from the constituents of Mesa County concerning the Colorado National Monument, and the proposal to convert the Monument to National Park status. We appreciate your recognition of our community's desire for a voice in this matter. Most importantly, we appreciate your interest in public lands discussions in Mesa County.

The Mesa County Board of Commissioners have been present at various meetings and events in which our constituents have been discussing the proposed conversion. It is clear to us that not only is there no consensus within our community but more polarization appears to be present with every dialogue we hear.

Therefore, we recommend that a clear community consensus in support of the conversion from a National Monument to a National Park exist before any such legislation is introduced.

Sincerely,  
Mesa County Board of Commissioners

John Justman, Chairman  
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