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## Board of County Commissioners

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Congressman Scott Tipton  
U.S. House of Representatives  
third District, Colorado  
503 Main Street, Suite 658  
Pueblo CO 81003

RE: Healthy Forest Management and Wildfire Prevention Act

Dear Congressman Tipton:

Please accept this letter as evidence of support for the introduction of the referenced legislation. Huerfano County depends on the health of the forest for several reasons. Tourism is a major economic driver for our county and the quality of tourism experiences depends heavily of the health of the forests. The ability to attract hunting, fishing, hiking and exploring enthusiasts is critical to our summer economy.

The tourism aspect of forest health is important to us, but far more importantly is the watershed which originates in the forests. Having the ability to work with the USFS, Governor and other agencies to identify areas in need of hazardous fuels reduction greatly enhances our chances of protecting our water.

Knowing that we are facing a Spruce Beetle epidemic this year give additional support to work closely with all agencies to minimize the potential adverse impacts.

Please move forward with this legislation knowing that Huerfano County appreciates your foresight and proactive approach to issues that reach beyond the immediate control of federal lands.

Sincerely,  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO

BY \_\_\_\_\_

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