



April 26, 2013

Congressman Scott Tipton
835 East 2nd Ave
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RE: Hermosa Watershed Protection Act of 2013

Dear Congressman Tipton;

Please accept this correspondence as confirmation of the Organizations on-going support for the Hermosa Watershed Protection Act of 2013, which your office has introduced in the United States House of Representatives. The Organizations believe this Legislation is critical to protect and maintain the historical motorized access to the trail network and riding opportunities currently in the Hermosa Watershed area and winter motorized access to the Molas Park area between the Towns of Durango and Silverton, Colorado. These areas provide exceptional and unique opportunities for multiple use recreation, which the proposal will permanently protect for future generations enjoyment and benefit.

The Legislation will also protect the significant economic benefits to the Town of Silverton that are provided by the continuation of motorized recreation on the Molas Park areas, which has a long history of being a nationally recognized winter recreational destination. The significance of these economic concerns was highlighted in the recent meeting of the San Juan County Commissioners to address possible changes to management in this area. In this meeting the

overwhelming community concern and support was evidenced regarding the need for on-going motorized access to the Molas Park area in particular.

We thank you for your efforts and leadership in developing legislation with Senator Bennet that could be supported by all recreational users and resolved concerns of user groups regarding the proper management of these areas.

Sincerely,



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