



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners is opposed to H.R. 803, the “Protecting America’s Wilderness and Public Lands Act.”. This bill would lock-up nearly 1.5 million acres with new wilderness designations. We agree with Congressman Doug Lamborn’s statements that the American people deserve to access our nation’s public lands – not to be locked out of them and that a wilderness designation does not guarantee the protection of these lands.

We support Congresswoman Lauren Boebert’s amendments to the bill and ask that the House allow local governments to make the right decisions for their communities, especially when it comes to managing our beautiful outdoors.

Please feel free to contact us if you want to discuss this matter further. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Alvin Schaaf
Chairman,
Board of County Commissioners