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The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Joe Manchin
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural
Resources
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Manchin:

We respectfully request that the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources schedule a legislative hearing to consider S. 241, the Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy (“CORE”) Act. The bill was introduced on January 28, 2019 and referred to your committee. An identical bill was introduced in the House, received a hearing in the House Committee on Natural Resources on April 2, 2019, and was approved by the House Committee on Natural Resources on June 26, 2019.

The CORE Act was crafted by Coloradans over the last decade to conserve 400,000 acres of public land in Colorado. The bill includes four distinct titles: Continental Divide, San Juan Mountains, Thompson Divide, and Curecanti National Recreation Area, which reflect local recommendations for the management of public land in each region. The bill proposes more than 70,000 acres of new wilderness, and nearly 80,000 acres of special management areas to be managed for recreation and wildlife conservation. It includes a first-of-its-kind National Historic Landscape designation for Camp Hale to honor Colorado’s unique military history, and limits new federal energy development in parts of our state that are valued by ranchers and sportsmen.

The CORE Act enjoys the full support of seven affected counties, many cities and towns, local leaders, and a wide range of stakeholders – from mountain bikers to ranchers, and hikers to hunters. For these reasons, Coloradans are eager for the Senate to consider this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Bennet
United States Senator