

RESOLUTION

No. 14 - 2025

**The Montrose County Board of Commissioners Opposing the Designation
of the Dolores National Conservation Area**

WHEREAS, Montrose County, Colorado is home to vast public lands that serve as vital resources for local communities, industries and outdoor recreation enthusiasts supporting multiple-use access, economic prosperity and responsible land management; and

WHEREAS, public lands in Montrose County have historically been managed under the principles of multiple use and sustained yield ensuring that activities such as grazing, mining, energy development, and motorized and non-motorized recreation can co-exist while preserving the area's ecological and cultural resources; and

WHEREAS, a proposal has been introduced to designate portions of the Dolores River region as the Dolores National Conservation Area (NCA), which would impose additional federal restrictions on land use and management, potentially limiting access and negatively impacting local industries and residents; and

WHEREAS, the designation of a National Conservation Area introduces unnecessary federal oversight, further complicating land use regulation, restricting access for motorized recreation, and creating bureaucratic barriers that hinder responsible economic development, including mining, ranching and energy productions; and

WHEREAS, the proposed NCA would further contribute to the erosion of local control over public lands diminishing the ability of Montrose County residents to utilize these lands for productive purposes; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of such a designation could be detrimental to local businesses including those in the agriculture, mining, energy, and outdoors recreation sectors, by restricting access, limiting resource development, and reducing the availability of public lands for traditional uses; and

WHEREAS, Montrose County rejects any efforts to further restrict access to public lands under the guise of conservation and opposes any federal designation that limits multiple-use access, economic development, and individual freedoms.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Montrose County Board of Commissioners formally OPPOSES the designation of the Dolores National Conservation Area within Montrose County and demands that the proposal be rejected; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Montrose County affirms its commitment to fighting against all restrictive federal land designations that threaten access, economic activity, and individual freedoms.

ADOPTED AND APPORVED on this 19 day of February, 2025.

MONTROSE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

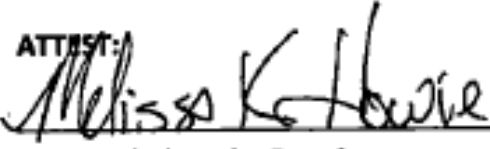


Scott Miljares, Chair



Sean Pond, Vice-Chair

Sue Hansen, Commissioner

ATTEST:


Deputy Clerk to the Board



Date 2-25-25

