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"Over the past few years, public lands have been a bright spot in our nation's recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic with residents and visitors finding solace in the outdoors more than ever. Following the designation of the Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument, it is now time for Congress to finish the job and pass the CORE Act in its entirety. So many of Colorado's local elected officials are excited to see all the places within the CORE Act protected by Congress in 2023. We are grateful to Senator Bennet and Representative Neguse, along with Senators Hickenlooper and Representatives Crow, Pettersen, Caraveo, and Degette for re-introducing this critical piece of legislation for Colorado and our county."

Anna Peterson, Executive Director, The Mountain Pact

"As a long-time supporter of many of the individual components of the CORE Act, such as the San Juan Wilderness component that dates back more than a decade, I'm thrilled to hear the Act is being re-introduced," said **Ridgway, Colorado Mayor John Clark**. "Let's finally get it across the finish line!"

Town of Avon, Colorado Mayor Amy Phillips said, "Public lands are the backbone of our mountain communities and the CORE Act includes significant protections for many Colorado public lands. We are still celebrating the designation of Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument which protected some lands in the CORE Act and I'm so glad the bill has been re-introduced. Once passed, it will protect more important landscapes for our communities."