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To the Honorable Senator Gardner,

As Congress works on an economic stimulus package in this time of a national public health emergency, San Miguel County would like to ask for your support for an investment in our parks, public lands, and outdoor recreation through full funding of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). LWCF funds have been used to acquire and protect public lands in our county and in areas across Colorado that our residents rely on both economically and recreationally


In the weeks and months to come, our nation's parks, trails, and outdoor spaces will be integral to our collective coping and recovery. Great parks and green spaces make stronger, healthier communities. Everyone deserves access to the outdoors and the countless benefits parks provide. America's public lands bring us peace of mind and generate economic revenue - both critical needs as we work together to recover from the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak.

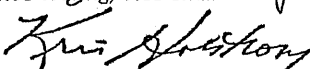
Investing now in full funding for LWCF will help with a strong long-term recovery for gateway communities and states that rely on visitors to public lands.

Investing in our public lands, and providing full, permanent funding for LWCF is a low-cost economic stimulus that will pay big dividends for communities including ours in San Miguel County. Please include full and permanent LWCF funding in the stimulus package.

Sincerely,
San Miguel County, Colorado
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