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The Mountain Pact Praises CORE Act Reintroduction - Calls for Passage in 2021

Today the Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy (CORE) Act was reintroduced by Senator Bennet and Representative Neguse. It was co-sponsored by Colorado Senator Hickenlooper and Representatives Crow, Perlmutter, and Degette. In response, Anna Peterson, Executive Director of The Mountain Pact, an organization that works with local elected officials in mountain communities across the West, released this statement:

Anna Peterson, Executive Director of The Mountain Pact said, *"As we've seen throughout this past year as we deal with COVID, public lands have been a bright spot, providing a refuge from the pandemic with residents and visitors finding solace in the outdoors more than ever. Passing the CORE Act will be a vital piece to our state's recovery and protecting 30 percent of our lands and waters by 2030. So many of Colorado's local elected officials are excited to see the CORE Act finally pass Congress in 2021. We are grateful to Senator Bennet and Representative Neguse, along with Senators Hickenlooper and Representatives Crow, Perlmutter, and Degette for re-introducing this critical piece of legislation for Colorado and our county."*

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MORE INFORMATION

At the end of 2020, 111 local elected officials in Colorado, with representatives from over 30 communities, [sent a letter](#) to Senator Cory Gardner urging passage of the Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy (CORE) Act. They also hosted a call with Colorado local elected officials to discuss why they support passing the CORE Act.

[LISTEN TO THE CALL HERE: http://bit.ly/TMPCORECALL](http://bit.ly/TMPCORECALL)

The CORE Act will protect 400,000 acres of Colorado public land and designate nearly 80,000 acres as new recreation and conservation management areas that preserve existing outdoor uses such as hiking and mountain biking. It is the most significant and broadly-supported effort to protect Colorado's most cherished lands, waters, and forests in a generation.

The measure also includes a first-of-its-kind National Historic Landscape at Camp Hale to honor Colorado's military legacy and the history of Colorado's 10th Mountain Division, a unique and powerful tribute to those who have served our country. The last living members of the 10th Mountain Division have [called for passage of the Act](#) before they pass.

Founded in 2014, [The Mountain Pact](#) mobilizes local elected officials in over 80 Western mountain communities with outdoor recreation based economies to speak with a collective voice on federal climate, public lands, and outdoor recreation policy.