



November 10, 2022

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

The over one hundred local elected officials from Colorado listed below thank you for designating Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument to protect Camp Hale, the Tenmile Range and its rich history while helping our communities that depend on outdoor recreation and sustainable public lands succeed. We also thank you for initiating consideration of a 20-year withdrawal of the Thompson Divide area from new oil and gas leasing and mining.

This designation of a Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument protects a unique piece of mountain history that will bring awareness to visitors about the societal contributions that mountain communities provide.

In World War II, the Army found its soldiers were not adequately trained in mountain warfare and so Camp Hale was formed to equip soldiers for high-altitude, low temperature operations, and those who trained there helped improve outcomes later in the war. It was at Camp Hale that the famed 10th Mountain Division was founded. Many of those 10th Mountain Division ski troops came home to Colorado after the war to build our skiing and outdoor recreation economy.

This national monument designation will help our western communities thrive by preserving and enhancing our public lands and historic landmarks, historic and prehistoric structures, and other objects of historic or scientific interest. The Tenmile Range is a scientific and geographically interesting and beautiful area for outdoor recreation. The most hiked peak above 14,000 feet in Colorado, Quandary Peak, is located in the Tenmile Range.

Bringing additional resources to the Tenmile Range will help preserve the scientific importance of the area and make it more resilient so that future generations can enjoy it as much as those of today. Establishing these areas as a Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument will bring great benefits to our Western mountain communities and will be a great step forward to providing our communities with a bright future while honoring the past.

We face serious challenges as we deal with the effects that our changing climate has on our communities through wildfires, drought, flooding, and intense weather. The time to invest further in enhancing our public lands is now; we appreciate you taking this forward-looking action and encourage you to designate more national monuments soon.

Thank you,

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2. Mayor Pro Tem Ward Hauenstein, City of Aspen, Colorado
3. Council Member John Doyle, City of Aspen, Colorado
4. Council Member Rachael Richards, City of Aspen, Colorado
5. Council Member Skippy Mesirov, City of Aspen, Colorado

6. Mayor Sarah Smith Hymes, Town of Avon, Colorado
7. Mayor Pro-tem Amy Cramer Phillips, Town of Avon, Colorado
8. Council Member Scott Prince, Town of Avon, Colorado
9. Council Member Tamara Underwood, Town of Avon, Colorado
10. Council Member Glenn Drummond, Town of Basalt, Colorado
11. Council Member Elyse Hottel, Town of Basalt, Colorado
12. Council Member Angela Anderson, Town of Basalt, Colorado
13. Council Member David Knight, Town of Basalt, Colorado
14. Council Member Dieter Schindler, Town of Basalt, Colorado
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18. Council Member Junie Joseph, City of Boulder, Colorado
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20. Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Owens, Town of Breckenridge, Colorado
21. Council Member Todd Rankin, Town of Breckenridge, Colorado
22. Council Member Carol Saade, Town of Breckenridge, Colorado
23. Council Member Jay Beckerman, Town of Breckenridge, Colorado
24. Council Member Dick Carleton, Town of Breckenridge, Colorado
25. Council Member Jeffrey Bergeron, Town of Breckenridge, Colorado
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27. Town Trustee Colin Laird, Town of Carbondale, Colorado
28. Town Trustee Chris Hassig, Town of Carbondale, Colorado
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31. Council Member Mallika Magner, Town of Crested Butte, Colorado
32. Council Member Beth Goldstone, Town of Crested Butte, Colorado
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34. Mayor Pro Tem Brad Bailey, Town of Dillon, Colorado
35. Council Member Kyle Hendricks, Town of Dillon, Colorado
36. Council Member John Woods, Town of Dillon, Colorado
37. Council Member Renee Imamura, Town of Dillon, Colorado
38. Council Member Dana Christiansen, Town of Dillon, Colorado
39. Council Member Tony Scalise, Town of Dillon, Colorado
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53. Council Member Marco Dehm, City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado
54. Council Member Ingrid Wussow, City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado

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57. County Commissioner Roland Mason, Gunnison County, Colorado
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75. Council Member Kevin Grambley, Town of Ridgway, Colorado
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81. Council Member Mike Pollock, City of Salida, Colorado
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83. Council Member Jane Templeton, City of Salida, Colorado
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98. Council Member Lars Carlson, Town of Telluride, Colorado
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103. Council Member Travis Coggin, Town of Vail, Colorado

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105. Council Member Jonathan Staufer, Town of Vail, Colorado
106. Council Member Pete Seibert, Town of Vail, Colorado

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