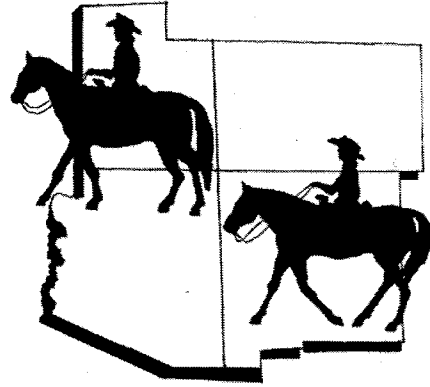


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May 10, 2008

Kitty Benzar  
Western Slope No Fee Coalition  
P.O. Box 135  
Durango, Colorado 81302

Dear Ms. Benzar:

The Four Corners Back Country Horsemen support the efforts of the Western Slope No Fee Coalition in opposition to access fees on public lands managed by the US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management. The 4CBCH believes that public lands are held in trust for all citizens.

We are encouraged by the introduction of the Fee Repeal and Expanded Access Act of 2007 (S.2438). The 4CBCH has long opposed the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) and its predecessor, the Recreation Fee Demonstration Program, as an intrusive and inefficient means of financing the management of public lands in Colorado and throughout the United States.

Our interest is in maintaining unrestricted access to public lands for pack and stock use. We support the common sense use and enjoyment of America's backcountry through educational programs emphasizing low-impact practices and appropriate sharing of trails by multiple users. We consistently collaborate with the US Forest Service on projects to maintain facilities within the San Juan National Forest.

As an organization we are very concerned with the negative impact that fees have on our ability to attract members willing to donate their time, energy and resources to volunteer in areas where they are charged for access.

We appreciate your work toward the successful passage of S.2438. The expenses a grassroots organization incurs by becoming involved in the legislative process can be very high. Enclosed is a check for \$100 to help defray some of these expenses.

Please continue your good work.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. Testa".

Elizabeth Testa  
President, Four Corners Back Country Horsemen

Enclosure