RESOLUTION NO. 2005-12

RESOLUTION OF THE LA PLATA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING THE REPEAL OF THE FEDERAL LANDS RECREATION ENHANCEMENT ACT BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS

WHEREAS the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act allows the federal land management agencies to charge access fees for recreational use of federally managed public lands by the general public; and

WHEREAS these public lands access fees have been highly controversial and are opposed by hundreds of organizations and county governments, by state legislatures including the Colorado General Assembly in HJR 02-1051, and by millions of rural Americans; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2002, the La Plata County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution 2002-12 opposing recreational fees on federal lands in La Plata County, Colorado; and

WHEREAS the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act is substantive legislation, including criminal penalties, that fundamentally changes the way America's public lands are funded and managed; and

WHEREAS federal policies regarding management of public lands have a profound impact on the well-being of the citizens of La Plata County and changes to them should be conducted in an open public forum; and

WHEREAS the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act was never approved by the U.S. House and was never introduced, never had hearings, and was never approved by the U.S. Senate but was instead attached to omnibus spending bill HR 4818 as an appropriations rider;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LA PLATA COUNTY COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the La Plata County Board of County Commissioners requests that the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, which was enacted on December 6, 2004 as Sections 801-815, Title VIII of the omnibus spending bill HR 4818, be repealed by the United States Congress; and
2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor of Colorado, to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the majority and minority leadership of the United States Senate, and to each member of the Colorado Congressional Delegation.

DONE AND ADOPTED IN DURANGO, LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO, this 14th day of February 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LA PLATA COUNTY, COLORADO

Sheryl D. Ayers, Chair

Wallace "Wally" White, Vice-Chair

Robert A. Lieb, Commissioner