

RESOLUTION No. 01-13

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT NO RECREATIONAL FEE BE IMPOSED ON
FEDERAL LANDS UNDER THE RECREATIONAL FEE DEMONSTRATION
PROGRAM IN MINERAL COUNTY

WHEREAS, in 1996 Congress authorized the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program, which allows the United States Forest Service to charge visitors daily and yearly fees for recreation on public lands under their management; and

WHEREAS, recreational fees constitute double taxation which bears no relationship to the actual cost of recreation such as hiking, picnicking, observing wildlife or scenic driving on County roads; and

WHEREAS, while the original intent of the Fee Demo Program was to generate revenue to address maintenance backlogs and enhance visitors services, it has instead limited public access and garnered strong public criticism; and

WHEREAS, while the controversy over Demo Fees continues, the core issue of providing adequate funding for public land maintenance remains unresolved; and

WHEREAS, since the purchase of a Fee Demo pass is counted by the USFS as support for the program, but there is no means of expressing opposition except to avoid the fee area, we are concerned that some citizens may be deterred from visiting and enjoying the public lands in Mineral County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mineral County Board of County Commissioners hereby request that No recreational fees be imposed on Public Lands under the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program within the boundaries of Mineral County.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Kolisch, seconded by Commissioner ROGERS, and passed unanimously by the Board of County Commissioners at a meeting of said Board on the 3rd day of December 2001.

ATTEST:

Virginia Wyley
Clerk & Recorder

Stephen Wardell
Stephen Wardell, Chairman/ Commissioner

Karl Kolisch
Karl Kolisch, Commissioner

Lonnie Rogers
Lonnie Rogers, Commissioner