

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF MONTEZUMA
STATE OF COLORADO

At a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Montezuma County, Colorado, duly convened and held the 14th day of January, 2002, with the following persons in attendance:

Commissioners: G. Eugene Story, James Kent Lindsay, and Glenn E. Wilson, Jr.
Commissioners Absent: None
County Administrator: Thomas J. Weaver
Clerk and Recorder: Nelda Jenkins, Deputy

the following proceedings, among others, were taken:

RESOLUTION #1 -2002

WHEREAS, in 1996 Congress authorized the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program, which allows the United States Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management to charge visitors daily and yearly fees for recreation on publicly owned land under their management; and

WHEREAS, several Fee Demo programs have actually been implemented in Colorado, including Yankee Boy Basin, Vail Pass, the Gunnison Gorge, Mount Evans, and others; and

WHEREAS, it is reasonable to expect that the Fee Demo program will be extended to the numerous nearby recreation areas on federal land managed by the U.S. Forest Service, BLM, National Park Service and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, on which the economy and prosperity of our city depends; 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 visitor 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

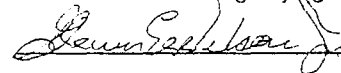
WHEREAS, since the purchase of a Fee Demo pass is counted by the federal land management agencies as support of the program, but no means of expressing opposition is provided except to avoid the fee area, we are concerned that some citizens may be deterred from visiting and enjoying the public lands near Montezuma County.

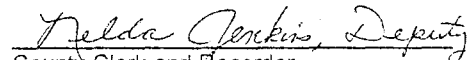
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Montezuma County hereby requests that no recreational fees be imposed on Federal lands in our vicinity under the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program.

Commissioners voting aye in favor of the Resolution were:

 Eugene Story

Commissioners voting nay against the Resolution were:



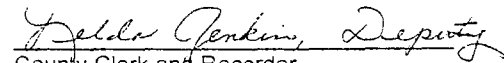

County Clerk and Recorder
Montezuma County, Colorado

I certify that the above Resolution is a true and correct copy of same as it appears in the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners of Montezuma County, Colorado, and the votes upon same are true and correct.

Dated this 14th day of January, 2002.

(SEAL)




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