

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,  
RIO GRANDE COUNTY, COLORADO  
REQUESTING A NO RECREATIONAL FEE BE IMPOSED ON FEDERAL  
LANDS UNDER THE RECREATIONAL FEE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM  
IN RIO GRANDE COUNTY

Resolution 2001-30

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, 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

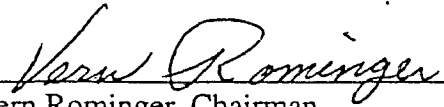
WHEREAS, while the original intent of the Fee Demo Program was to generate revenue to address maintenance backlogs and enhance visitor services, it has instead limited public access and garnered strong public criticism; and

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 USFS and BLM 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 in Rio Grande County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rio Grande County Board of Commissioners hereby requests that no recreational fees be imposed on Federal lands under the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program within the boundaries of Rio Grande County.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Davie, and passed on vote of the Board of County Commissioners at a meeting of said Board on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2001.

  
Vern Rominger, Chairman yes  
Vote

  
Randy Brown, Commissioner yes  
Vote

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Doug Davie  
Doug Davie, Commissioner yes  
Vote

ATTEST:

Kay Hanna  
Clerk of the Board