

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

**Resolution #2001- 44**

**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**, a Fee Demo Program has actually been implemented in the Canyon Creek area of the Uncompahgre National Forest, including Yankee Boy Basin, Imogene Pass and Mount Sneffels; and

**WHEREAS**, it is reasonable to expect that the Fee Demo Program will be extended to public lands in San Miguel County such as Tomboy Basin, Ophir Pass, Lizard Head Wilderness, and other popular recreation areas on BLM and USFS land; 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

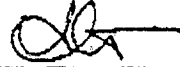
**WHEREAS**, since the purchase of a Fee Demo pass is counted by the USFS and BLM as support of the program, but no means of expressing opposition is provided except to avoid the fee area, we are concerned that some citizens may be deterred from visiting and enjoying the public lands in San Miguel County.

**WHEREAS**, a public meeting was held on August 3, 2001 before the Board of Commissioners, San Miguel County, Colorado.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the San Miguel 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 San Miguel County.

APPROVED and DONE by the Board of Commissioners of San Miguel County,  
Colorado at a public meeting on August 3, 2001.

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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Art Goodtimes, Chair Pro-tem

ATTEST:



Marie A. Thomas  
Chief Deputy Clerk