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   Sections 801-815, Title VIII of the omnibus spending bill HR 4818, be repealed by 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