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:

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Marie A. Thomas
Chief Deputy Clerk