RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,
SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO,
REQUESTING THE REPEAL OF H.R. 3283,
THE FEDERAL LANDS RECREATION ENHANCEMENT ACT,
BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS

Resolution #2005-1

WHEREAS, H.R. 3283, 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, and by millions of rural Americans; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 3283 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 Colorado and changes to them should be conducted in an open public forum; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 3283 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 an omnibus spending bill as an appropriations rider.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners considered this matter at a regular meeting on January 11, 2005.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners, San Miguel County, Colorado, that the County requests that H.R. 3283 be repealed by the United State Congress.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor of Colorado, to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United State House of Representatives, the majority and minority leadership of the United States Senate, and to each member of the Colorado Congressional Delegation.

DONE AND APPROVED by the Board of Commissioners of San Miguel County, Colorado, on the 14th day of January, 2005.

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Art Goodtimes, Chair

Vote: Art Goodtimes  Aye
      Elaine Fischer  Aye
      Vern Ebert  Aye
ATTEST: Marie A. Thomas, Chief Deputy Clerk