

RESOLUTION 2010-02

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SPECIAL LEGISLATION FOR THE ALPINE TRIANGLE

WHEREAS, the San Juan Mountains in San Juan County is an area of extraordinary mineral, scenic, watershed, economic, and recreational value; and

WHEREAS, San Juan County has supported legislation for the Sheep Mountain Special Management Area and Hermosa Creek; and

WHEREAS, San Juan County supports mining as a use by right; and

WHEREAS, additional federal legislation of the Alpine Triangle could have an adverse impact on future mining within San Juan County; and

WHEREAS, eighty-eight percent of San Juan County is already public land; and

WHEREAS, special legislation of the Alpine Triangle could create additional public lands; and

WHEREAS, Federal Payments in Lieu of Taxes and Secure Rural Schools Funding does not provide adequate compensation for these federal lands, and

WHEREAS, additional federal legislation could have an adverse impact on the tax base of San Juan County; and

WHEREAS, San Juan County believes that the current state federal and local regulations adequately protect the public lands within San Juan County; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management, the San Juan National Forest, Rio Grande National Forest and Uncompahgre National Forest manage the public lands within San Juan County and continue to regulate the public lands within San Juan County to preserve the mineral, scenic, watershed, economic, and recreational values.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of San Juan County opposes any special federal legislation to create a National Conservation Area, National Monument or National Park in the Alpine Triangle Area or any unmitigated actions that would create an adverse impact on the economy and environment of San Juan County