



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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William F. Jackson, District Ranger  
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Dear Bill,

I am writing in regards to the Dillon Ranger District's proposal to purchase lands owned by Summit County Government using Land and Water Conservation Funding for Critical Inholdings and Recreational Access. For many years, the County has worked diligently to purchase the privately-owned mining claims along the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST), so that access to the trail and open space values of the Snake River Basin backcountry could be protected. The County believes that the sale of the claims to the USFS will facilitate seamless land and recreation management, protect public access in perpetuity, and help to further joint efforts to protect open space in Summit County.

The Board of County Commissioners has reviewed the appraisal and is in concurrence with the proposed valuation of \$276,500 for the 119.599 acre Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST) claims. Summit County is ready to proceed with the sale of the claims to the United States Forest Service at that value.

Please reference the attached agenda and minutes as the official record of our discussion. Summit County appreciates the opportunity to collaborate to protect this important public resource.

Best regards,

Karn Stiegelmeier  
Chair, Summit County Board of County Commissioners