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To whom it may concern,

On behalf of the Carbon County Board of Commissioners, I lend my support and efforts to the passage of the Public Lands Initiative (PLI). PLI is a good example of grass roots politics in action. There have been thousands of hours worked, multiple counties involved, hundreds of meetings held, diversity of both the political and societal spectrums and representation from a wide range of user groups. PLI is also a good example of collaboration as both sides of the issue have felt like they were giving up some things and gaining others.

The declaration of this monument undermines the local peoples' ability to have a say and be involved in something that will affect their lives personally and is contrary and in opposition to a grass root movement like the PLI.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you would like to discuss this very important matter further.

Very truly yours,

Casey Hopes
Carbon County Commission Chairman

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