

SAN JUAN COUNTY,
Silverton, CO, June 27, 2012.

Sen. MICHAEL F. BENNET,
Russell Senate Office Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR BENNET: San Juan County is supportive of the collaborative community process conducted by the Hermosa Creek Workgroup. This was an open, inclusive process that has brought together local citizens and organizations that are concerned with protecting the special values of the Hermosa Creek Watershed in San Juan and La Plata Counties in southwest Colorado.

For more than two years the Hermosa Creek Workgroup worked within the framework developed by the River Protection Workgroup whose goal is "Involving the public in protecting the natural values of selected streams while allowing water development to continue."

As a result of this process, the Hermosa Creek Workgroup determined that "The Hermosa Creek Area is exceptional because it is a large intact (unfragmented) natural watershed containing diverse ecosystems, including fish, plants and wildlife, over a road elevation range, and supports a variety of multiple uses, including recreation and grazing, in the vicinity of a large town."

San Juan County supports the proposed Federal Legislation for the Hermosa Creek Watershed Protection Act of 2012 and respectfully requests that your office initiate a legislative process to achieve the goals set forth by the Hermosa Work Group.

Sincerely,

ERNEST F. KUHLMAN,
Chairman,
San Juan County Commissioners.

LA PLATA COUNTY,
Durango, CO, November 3, 2011.

Hon. MICHAEL BENNET,
Hart Senate Office Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR BENNET: You recently released draft legislation to protect the Hermosa Creek area just north of Durango, and we wish to express our strong support for that component of the legislation. We have previously supported the work and recommendations of the Hermosa Creek Workgroup, and believe that this draft accurately reflects those recommendations.

The Board of Commissioners has followed the public process conducted by the Hermosa Creek Workgroup since its beginning over two years ago, and we believe that the process has been open, transparent, and effective. Virtually every group with an interest in the Hermosa watershed participated in the discussions, which were constructive and well-facilitated.

The Hermosa Creek watershed is an invaluable resource for La Plata County for a number of reasons. The recreational opportunities the area offers, from hunting and fishing to hiking, mountain biking, and skiing, are world class, and contribute significantly to the County's recreation and tourism economic base. Local outfitting businesses, hotels, restaurants, gas stations, and gear shops all benefit from a protected Hermosa Creek region.

With its Outstanding Waters designation by the State of Colorado, Hermosa Creek provides a major clean water contribution to the Animas River, which is the water source for many of La Plata County's residents. As a source of clean air and spectacular scenery, Hermosa Creek also plays a key role in maintaining the natural amenities that make La Plata County attractive to new residents and businesses.

The proposal to protect the Hermosa Creek watershed through a special management designation, containing wilderness and un-

roaded designations for portions of the area, is truly a community-based approach to local land management. We commend you for respecting the hard work of the Hermosa Creek Workgroup by including the group's recommendations in your draft legislation. We support the legislation, and stand ready to help in whatever way to see it enacted into law.

Sincerely,

KELLIE C. HOTTER,
Chair.
ROBERT A. LIEB, JR.,
Vice-Chair.
WALLACE "WALLY" WHITE,
Commissioner.

Mr. BENNET. It has the support of the Hermosa Creek Workgroup, ranging from hard-rock miners to wilderness advocates. I am pleased to carry this bill on behalf of the people of Colorado. I am especially proud because this was a community-driven process at its very finest, through and through, from beginning to end. Colorado wrote this bill. This bill wasn't written in Washington, DC. The bill has grown from the grassroots up, Republicans, Democrats, and Independents working together to cement a long-term plan for the community's future.

I also want to thank my senior Senator, Senator UDALL of Colorado, for joining me as a cosponsor of the bill, and to thank Senators BINGAMAN and MURKOWSKI for their past help moving Colorado land bills through their committee. I am confident that as we work on this bill together we will find similar consensus.

To bring this back to the beginning, I don't have to convince most people that Colorado is a special place. Many have visited our State over their lifetimes to ski our mountains, run our rivers, or climb a "14er." The Hermosa Creek watershed represents some of the best Colorado has to offer. It deserves to be protected for our outdoor recreation economy, and for future generations.

I want to thank all of the people who have spent countless hours working together to make sure they could overcome their differences and reach a consensus on this bill. As I have told all of them, it makes my work so much easier when people work in such a constructive way together, and for that, they have my deep appreciation.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2554. Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mrs. MCCASKILL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3364, to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2555. Mrs. MCCASKILL (for herself and Mr. PORTMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3364, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2556. Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3364, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2557. Mrs. HUTCHISON submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3364, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2558. Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself and Mr. COBURN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 3364, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2559. Mr. REID (for Mrs. MURRAY) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1627, to amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care and medical services to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune, to improve the provision of housing assistance to veterans and their families, and for other purposes.

SA 2560. Mr. REID (for Mrs. MURRAY) proposed an amendment to the bill H.R. 1627, supra.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2554. Mr. BROWN of Ohio (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mrs. MCCASKILL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 3364, to provide an incentive for businesses to bring jobs back to America; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. ____ REQUIRED DISCLOSURE OF NUMBER OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN EMPLOYEES.

Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. 78m) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(r) DISCLOSURE OF NUMBER OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN EMPLOYEES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning with the first full fiscal year that begins after the date of enactment of this subsection, each issuer required to file reports with the Commission pursuant to subsection (a) shall disclose annually to the Commission and to shareholders—

“(A) the total number of employees, as defined in subsection (d) of section 3121 of title 26 United States Code, or any regulations interpreting such subsection, who are domiciled in the United States and employed by the issuer or any consolidated subsidiary of the issuer;

“(B) the total number of employees, as defined in subsection (d) of section 3121 of title 26 United States Code, or any regulations interpreting such subsection, who are domiciled in any country other than the United States and employed by the issuer or any consolidated subsidiary of the issuer, listed by number in each country; and

“(C) the percentage increase or decrease in the numbers required to be disclosed under subparagraphs (A) and (B) from the previous reporting year.

“(2) EXEMPTIONS.—An issuer shall not be subject to the requirements of paragraph (1) if the issuer is an emerging growth company, as defined in section 3(a).

“(3) REGULATIONS.—The Commission may promulgate such regulations as it considers necessary to implement the requirement under paragraph (1).”.

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