

RESOLUTION NO. 2002-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE OF THE TOWN OF CARBONDALE, COLORADO, SUPPORTING THE ALTERNATIVE F AS LISTED ON THE PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES RELEASED BY BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ON OCTOBER 15, 2002.

WHEREAS, the Roan Plateau area in western-Garfield County provides outstanding opportunities for backcountry recreation, such as hunting, backpacking, camping, and scenic drives, and also opportunities for solitude, and these uses contribute significantly to the local and national economy; and

WHEREAS, the Roan Plateau area includes important mid-elevation wildlife habitat in a region already heavily impacted by existing gas development; and

WHEREAS, the Roan Plateau includes an extremely high level of biological diversity, including several species of endemic plants, and is considered by the Colorado National Heritage Program to be one of the top four most biologically diverse places on the Western Slope; and

WHEREAS, the Roan Plateau provides an undeveloped island of important public lands resources in the rapidly growing upper Grand Valley and is the scenic backdrop for Rifle, Parachute and Battlement Mesa, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, intensive gas development on the plateau and cliffs would harm these public resources; and

WHEREAS, sufficient gas resources exist outside the undeveloped portion of the Roan Plateau to meet our nation's energy needs and allow companies to develop resources and to provide jobs and county revenue; and

WHEREAS, oil and gas under the plateau can reasonably be recovered by drilling directionally from facilities at the base of the plateau.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE OF THE TOWN OF CARBONDALE, COLORADO, RESOLVES:

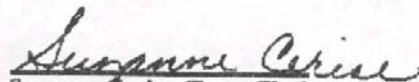
That we support the protection of the undeveloped portions of the Roan Plateau and oppose additional gas development on the cliff faces and on top of the plateau. In addition, we support the preliminary Alternative F, released by the Bureau of Land Management on October 15, 2002, as the best of the alternatives presented.

INTRODUCED, READ AND PASSED THIS 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2002.

TOWN OF CARBONDALE


Michael Hassig, Mayor

ATTEST:


Suzanne Cerise, Town Clerk