

**TOWN OF SILT
RESOLUTION NO. 38
SERIES OF 2002**

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTING THE ROAN PLATEAU AND FOR
ALTERNATIVE F AS LISTED ON THE PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES RELEASED
BY THE BLM ON OCTOBER 15, 2002**

WHEREAS, the Roan Plateau area in western Garfield County provides outstanding opportunities for backcountry recreation, such as hunting, backpacking, mountain biking, 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 Natural 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 land 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, abundant gas resources surround 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, public lands along the base of the Roan Plateau along the I-70 corridor have already been leased and are currently being developed for oil and gas, and it is reasonable to require that the industry utilize the best technology available to protect the sensitive and unique resources of the Roan Plateau, so any additional energy development should be focused in this area using these technologies (such as directional drilling) in order to maximize resource extraction and utilize the existing infrastructure, while minimizing environmental and scenic impacts.

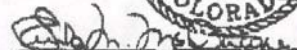
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO, BOARD OF TRUSTEES support protection of the undeveloped portions of the Roan Plateau, and opposes additional gas development on the cliff faces and on top of the Plateau; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Silt supports preliminary alternative F as the best of the alternatives presented (as released by the BLM on October 15, 2002).

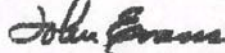
INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Silt, Colorado held on the 25th day of November 2002



ATTEST:


Town Clerk, Sheila M. McIntyre

TOWN OF SILT



Mayor John Evans

