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October 21, 2022

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Designation of the Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the human powered outdoor recreation community, we write to express our thanks for your recent designation of the Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument. Our community and our organizations have worked for more than a decade to protect the myriad values of this landscape, and we are grateful for your decision to give them permanent protection.

Outdoor Alliance is a coalition of ten member-based organizations representing the human powered outdoor recreation community. The coalition includes Access Fund, American Canoe Association, American Whitewater, International Mountain Bicycling Association, Winter Wildlands Alliance, The Mountaineers, the American Alpine Club, the Mazamas, Colorado Mountain Club, and Surfrider Foundation and represents the interests of the millions of Americans who climb, paddle, mountain bike, backcountry ski and snowshoe, and enjoy coastal recreation on our nation's public lands, waters, and snowscapes.

We are particularly grateful for the recognition through this monument designation that America's outdoor recreation and conservation history merits protection and celebration. As you acknowledge in the monument proclamation, Camp Hale was formative in the experience of individuals who went on to become leaders in both the recreation and conservation world. This linkage between experiencing natural landscapes and becoming inspired to protect them and share that experience with others is core to the identity of our community, and we are tremendously pleased to see it celebrated in this fashion.

Additionally, we are grateful to see the specific recognition of the fundamental role of climbing, mountain biking, backcountry ski touring, and hiking on the landscape



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and the unique cultural history of America. These acknowledgments are crucial for ensuring that management planning embraces the varied forms of recreation through which Americans experience and become stewards of the protected objects—including the recreation history—of the Camp Hale-Continental Divide area.

Thank you for your vision and leadership in the designation of the Camp Hale-Continental Divide National Monument. We look forward to working with your administration through the management planning process; towards the further protection of the Thompson Divide through mineral withdrawals; and in furtherance of additional protections for our country's outdoor recreation and conservation heritage and future.

Best regards,



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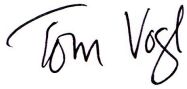
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