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To: Debra Woods
Subject: Support for City of Fruita Action regarding land sales

To Fruita City Officials and Council Members,

I would like to voice my support for the city selling the Enoch Lake property and the second property under discussion. I spent my career protecting and educating people about our country's public lands and understand the passion others have for the Enoch Lake area. I also am quite familiar with costs associated with public lands. Outdoor recreation is not free. In fact it usually requires the financial support of a large number of people such as the citizens of an entire state to support state public lands. I assume that the number of Fruita residents who spend time there is a very small percentage of the population. If there was a way to add tax support from Grand Junction and other communities whose citizens also enjoy this area, then it would make sense to continue to support it. However, I am sure this has already been considered. Thus, I support the City's desire to sell these properties as there are so many other ways the city can support far more citizens for the same amount of funding.

I do have concerns that the city did not advertise that the land would be for sale. By taking the first offer, it gives the impression of an under the table deal.

Thank you for allowing time for the group of citizens to find other solutions so it can remain open to the public. I hope they are successful. They have a very difficult task especially if they are considering the long term preservation of that area.

Sincerely,

Arlene Jackson
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