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Commissioner Galusha
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Commissioner Sporleder
Carl Young, County Administrator
401 Main Street
Walsenburg, CO 81089

Subject: Request for Transfer of Ownership of Cuchara Mountain Park to the Cuchara Foundation

Dear Commissioners,

We are writing on behalf of the Cuchara Foundation, a community-based organization dedicated to the preservation, enhancement, and sustainable development of Cuchara's natural and cultural resources.

Over the years, Cuchara Mountain Park has played an invaluable role in our community, serving as a hub for outdoor activities, community gatherings, and environmental education. The park's rich history, diverse ecosystem, and unique character make it an irreplaceable asset for residents and visitors alike.

The Cuchara Foundation is deeply committed to preserving the essence of this park and ensuring its continued relevance and utility for future generations. To this end, we humbly request the transfer of ownership of Cuchara Mountain Park from the county to the Cuchara Foundation.

Here are a few reasons we believe this transition would benefit both the park and the larger community:

1. **Dedicated Focus**: As a foundation specifically invested in the well-being and progress of Cuchara, we can dedicate our full attention and resources to the park, ensuring its upkeep and development align with community needs and values.
2. **Community Engagement**: Our deep ties with local residents, businesses, and institutions mean that we can foster greater community involvement in decision-making processes, programming, and volunteer efforts related to the park.
3. **Environmental Stewardship**: With a dedicated focus on preserving the natural beauty of Cuchara, our foundation is uniquely positioned to undertake initiatives that prioritize environmental conservation and sustainable practices in the park.
4. **Cultural Programming**: Our foundation has consistently emphasized the cultural and historical significance of Cuchara. Owning the park would provide us with the platform to introduce educational programs, historical events, and community celebrations that resonate with the park's history and the community's shared heritage.

While we believe that the transfer of ownership would bring numerous benefits, we also recognize and deeply appreciate the efforts the county has invested in maintaining and managing the Cuchara Mountain Park over the years. We are eager to build upon this foundation, ensuring that the park continues to thrive as a community treasure.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We genuinely believe that the efforts of the Cuchara Foundation can ensure the continued growth, prosperity, and preservation of the Cuchara Mountain Park for generations to come.

Respectfully,

The Cuchara Foundation Board