

RESOLUTION NO. 25-16

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO**

**A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PARKER-FITZGERALD
CUCHARA MOUNTAIN PARK TO THE HUERFANO COUNTY PARKS AND
RECREATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Huerfano County, Colorado (the “County”) is a political subdivision of the State of Colorado duly organized and existing pursuant to the Constitution and the laws of the State of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) of the County is authorized, pursuant to Section 30-11-101(b), (c) and (d), Colorado Revised Statutes, and other provisions of law to: (1) purchase and hold real and personal property for the use of the County, (2) sell and convey any real or personal property owned by the County, (3) make all contracts and do all other acts in relation to the property and concerns necessary to the exercise of its corporate and administrative powers; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Cuchara Mountain Park, as created by Huerfano County, is an environmentally friendly destination for year-round recreation, education, and cultural programs in harmony with nature; and

WHEREAS, the County’s Parks and Recreation Program includes, Fiesta Park, the County Fairgrounds, the Parker-Fitzgerald Cuchara Mountain Park, the Fox Theatre Walsenburg, the Raymond Aguirre Community Center and the Huerfano County Community Center.

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2023 the County released RFP 2023-08 to find an operator/concessionaire for the Parker-Fitzgerald Cuchara Mountain Park (hereafter “Cuchara Mountain Park” or “the Park”); and,

WHEREAS, in a letter dated October 12, 2023 the Cuchara Foundation requested a letter requesting the transfer of the Park from the County to the Foundation; and

WHEREAS, at the January 23, 2024 meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, staff was given direction through a motion to develop conditions of transfer between Huerfano County and the Cuchara Foundation; and

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2024 the Board of County Commissioners approved the conditions of transfer, with amendments, and gave no further instructions regarding the transfer of the Park; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to clarify, definitively, that the Cuchara Mountain Park is an essential component of the County’s Parks and Recreation Program and shall not be sold or transferred.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Huerfano County, Colorado that:

- 1) The Cuchara Mountain Park is essential to the Huerfano County Parks and Recreation Program;
- 2) The Cuchara Mountain Park is not for sale;
- 3) The transfer of the Cuchara Mountain Park to the Cuchara Foundation is cancelled as of February 27, 2024; and
- 4) That the Cuchara Mountain Park shall remain a County Park

INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 25th day of MARCH 2025.



ATTEST:

County Clerk and Recorder and
Ex-Officio Clerk to said Board

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO

BY _____
Karl S. Sporleder, Chairman

Mitchell Wardell, Commissioner

James L. Chamberlain, Commissioner