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Board of County Commissioners

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525 South Albert Ave
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September 12, 2023

RE: Collaboration on Parks and Outdoor Recreation

Dear Board of Directors,

We write to open an initial conversation with the City, Town, and Parks and Rec District on how we can collaborate on Parks and Outdoor Recreation. Our region has a number of great Parks and Recreation Assets and we have each been working to bring new opportunities into reality.

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We have been made aware of a Community Capacity Program from OEDIT's Outdoor Recreation Office and CU Boulder that might be able to help us navigate these opportunities in a structured way. We would like to propose a meeting with the Town Clerk, City Administrator, County Administrator, and the Chair of the Parks and Recreation District to discuss this OREC/CU Boulder opportunity and/or the logistics of a meeting that includes not just the local governments, but our local partners as well.

Sincerely,

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Identical Letter Sent to Town of La Veta and Huerfano Parks and Recreation District

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