

**RESOLUTION #06-47**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLEAR CREEK COUNTY, COLORADO IN FAVOR OF PROTECTING THE NATIONAL FOREST ROADLESS AREAS, ESPECIALLY THOSE FOUND IN CLEAR CREEK COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Colorado General Assembly has created the Roadless Areas Review Task Force to make recommendations to Governor Owens regarding the management of roadless areas in Colorado's National Forests; and

WHEREAS, roadless areas in Clear Creek County provide recreational opportunities including hunting, fishing, horseback riding, hiking, camping, skiing, snowshoeing, rafting, kayaking, wildlife viewing, birding, and rock climbing; and

WHEREAS, roadless areas in Clear Creek County are important to the local economy by providing opportunities for outdoor recreation, tourism and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, roadless areas in Clear Creek County provide important watershed functions and water flows which protect our local water supply for homes, communities, industry, agriculture, native fisheries, and recreation; and

WHEREAS, roadless areas in Clear Creek County provide critical habitat for wildlife such as black bear, elk, mule deer, mountain lion, and threatened species such as northern goshawk, peregrine falcon, and Colorado cutthroat trout; and

WHEREAS, roadless areas in Clear Creek County play an integral role in preserving our local quality of life; and

WHEREAS, many people support the protection of all roadless areas in Clear Creek County and the national forest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Clear Creek County, Colorado as follows:

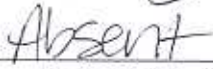
1. That Clear Creek County urges the Roadless Areas Review Task Force to recommend that Governor Bill Owens petition the U.S. Forest Service to protect all existing roadless areas in the national forest.
2. That Clear Creek County strongly supports the protection of all currently existing roadless areas located in Clear Creek County.
3. That management of the national forest roadless areas in Clear Creek County should prohibit the construction or reconstruction of roads required for development activities such as logging, mineral development, or any kind of residential or commercial development, with the exception of valid and existing rights.
4. That within the context of protection of roadless areas, allowances should be made for preventing and handling emergency situations such as catastrophic fire in which County

residents may be damaged without action.


ADOPTED, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2006, at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Clear Creek County Board of County Commissioners.



  
Kevin J. O'Malley, Chairman

  
Joan Drury, Commissioner

  
Harry Dale, Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
  
County Attorney Robert Loeffler

ATTEST:  
  
Deputy Clerk and Recorder