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Landscape-Scale Mitigation Planning for Energy Development

WHEREAS Western Colorado has vast mineral reserves including coal, natural gas, uranium, and oil shale, and

WHEREAS it is important for America’s national security to reduce dependence on foreign energy supplies by fully developing our own domestic reserves, and

WHEREAS it is equally important to develop America’s reserves in a thoughtful manner which respects the environmental and cultural values in these areas, and

WHEREAS science-based, landscape-scale mitigation planning can help ensure the persistence of environmental and cultural values while allowing for the development of mineral reserves, and

WHEREAS consistent application of landscape-scale mitigation practices can increase the efficiency of such mitigation and thereby reduce costs to industry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CLUB 20:

- Supports the concept of utilizing landscape-scale science-based mitigation planning processes for energy development (such as Energy by Design) which are intended to:
 1. Recognize and expand existing mitigation efforts by industry and stakeholders,
 2. Provide a framework for balancing the development of mineral reserves while minimizing local and regional environmental impacts,
 3. Provide a consistent framework for mitigation planning and, in so doing, increase the efficiency and effectiveness of such mitigation efforts, and
 4. Avoid or reduce adverse impacts to biodiversity through up-front planning and strive towards a “net-zero” impact or net biodiversity gain through mitigation.

- Supports the creation and implementation of an “Energy by Design” demonstration project, in voluntary collaboration with industry, local governments and other stakeholders as appropriate, to evaluate the feasibility and merits of a landscape-scale approach to energy development and impact mitigation.

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