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**U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AND U.S. BUREAU OF MINES**

**WHEREAS:** Efforts to balance the federal budget have resulted in various proposals to abolish certain federal agencies; and

**WHEREAS:** At least one proposal would include abolishing the U.S. Geological Survey and the U.S. Bureau of Mines; and

**WHEREAS:** USGS maps remain the definitive source for vital information used by all other public land managers, and in Western States such mapping information is crucial; and

**WHEREAS:** The USGS stream gauging program provides critical, impartial water data for water developers, water managers, and government agencies; and

**WHEREAS:** The U.S. Bureau of Mines oversees several critically important laws protecting both the environment and the miners; and

**WHEREAS:** Both USGS and Bureau of Mines may have grown larger and more expensive than necessary to accomplish their missions, so that some reforms and reductions in their budgets might be justified, but abolishing them altogether would eliminate several federal functions considered vital in Western Colorado,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CLUB 20 opposes legislation which would abolish the U.S. Geological Survey or the U.S. Bureau of Mines.

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