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Dinosaur National Monument & Vermillion National Monument
– Opposition to Expansion of

WHEREAS: The National Wildlife Federation has petitioned President Clinton requesting his action through the Antiquities Act to expand the boundaries of the Dinosaur National Monument, and

WHEREAS: The National Wildlife Federation also included a new national monument designation to be called the Vermillion National Monument, and

WHEREAS: The citizens of Moffat County have requested the Board of County Commissioners to intercede in this proposal, and

WHEREAS: The Board of County Commissioners of Moffat County have met with the National Wildlife Federation to have them explain their motivation in this action, and

WHEREAS: The National Wildlife Federation did in fact confirm that they had not involved the citizens of Moffat County, the Board of County Commissioners or any other recognized citizens groups before filing their petition with President Clinton, and

WHEREAS: The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) clearly states that any federal land use decision requires local government and citizens interested in the proposal to be involved in the process, and

WHEREAS: This proposal serves no national purpose, but is only intended to strengthen the Clinton Legacy Landscape effort, and

WHEREAS: The proposal was sent directly to President Clinton to avoid any review by NEPA including local government and citizens, and

WHEREAS: The expansion of Dinosaur National Monument and the creation of the Vermillion National Monument will have adverse impacts on the local and regional economies.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Club 20 strongly opposes any expansion of Dinosaur National Monument or the creation of the Vermillion National Monument without substantial local public support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Colorado Congressional delegation hold immediate oversight hearings on these proposals to assure that local government and citizens are heard in a fair and just manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Wildlife Federation petition be immediately withdrawn as a demonstration of good faith and the support of a public review process following the NEPA process.

Adopted Sept. 8, 2000