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**97-9 PL 5**  
**BLM Roadless Area Review**

**WHEREAS:** The Bureau of Land Management extensively studied its lands in Western Colorado, as directed by Congress, to determine where wilderness designation was appropriate, and

**WHEREAS:** Those recommendations, which were forwarded to Congress in 1991, were based on a thorough analysis of relevant issues, including property rights, existing roads and trails, oil and gas leases, grazing permits, other existing and potential uses, as well as wilderness values, and

**WHEREAS:** The BLM has initiated another review of several areas which were not recommended for wilderness designation, including at least 5 areas where existing and proposed legal uses are incompatible with wilderness designation, and

**WHEREAS:** BLM has placed a moratorium on some activities within all CEC proposed wilderness, including activities in those 5 areas, pending a new review of potential wilderness characteristics, despite the fact that the areas were already studied extensively, and the result is the creation of "de-facto" wilderness areas without any action of Congress, and

**WHEREAS:** This moratorium has hindered legal land use activities and private property rights, with questionable legal authority, as Congress has not authorized additional BLM wilderness studies,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CLUB 20 opposes the current BLM roadless area review process.

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