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Forest Health Goals

WHEREAS: The U.S. Forest Service manages a substantial portion of Western Colorado, under authority of numerous federal laws which are often contradictory and complex, and

WHEREAS: Most management decisions are based upon Forest Management Plans, adopted after significant public input, and

WHEREAS: Under the current system the forest planning process must consider and determine yields and outputs of various forest products and services, including timber sales, grazing permits, mineral extraction, oil and gas explorations, road building, recreational uses and others, and

WHEREAS: The federal budget process often precludes full implementation of all aspects of forest management plans, resulting in public frustration and often in serious concerns about the health of Colorado's national forests, and

WHEREAS: CLUB 20 believes emphasis on the budget, federal costs, federal revenues, and the output of forest products are the wrong criteria for determining management strategies, because they do not fully consider the effect on long-term forest health,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CLUB 20 strongly encourages a shift in the management philosophy of the U.S. Forest Service, so that future forest management plans emphasize the long-term condition of the national forests, and the economic sustainability of local communities.

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