

January 6, 2012

TO: Andy Karsian, Colorado Counties, Inc.

FROM: Jon Stavney, Eagle County Commissioner

**RE: Election for the NACo Public Lands Committee**

With this, I am delighted to submit my interest in serving on the CCI Public Lands Committee, and request consideration among the membership at the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. I understand the required attendance at NACo, and the increased time commitment required.

It would be great honor to serve on Public Lands. When it is said that Colorado Counties are “well represented” as a delegation in Washington, example #1 is the CCI Public Lands Committee. When a group as diverse as CCI, representing 64 counties is able to share a balanced, articulate opinion, that takes in the four-corners of perspective, that opinion carries a great deal of weight.

Federal management of lands is one of the most important issues in the West. Whether the topic is water supply development, timber contracts or travel management plans, or such currently contentious matters such as mineral leases, or wilderness, the role the federal lands play in the lives of Coloradans is a matter of great personal passion. Recently, I was just asked to write a “bucket list” of things to do in Eagle County and 75% of those favorite things done or yet to do were on federal lands (Note: most activities were compliant with current federal law and management). Coloradans make their livings on federal land, on the resources provided by the land, and we take great joy in the health of our streams, canyons and forests. Most of us who have lived on the Western Slope have a relationship with the land far more complex than our opinions belie. We tend to debate land management as if it were a zero-sum game between those desiring strict environmental preservation vs. those who desire unfettered use. As I have learned as a Commissioner, and as a Director on the Colorado River Water Conservation District board is that the point is a respectful balance of interests. I believe I would bring that to this committee.

My perspective comes first as Coloradan; second as a commissioner whose 1,700 square mile county is 85% federally managed lands. The work I do with the local BLM and USFS offices is as important to my constituents as the work I do with the 7 municipalities. The economy and the quality of life in Eagle County begin-and-end on public lands.

Thank you for this opportunity.

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Andy Karsian  
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Dear Mr. Karsian,

Please accept this letter as my formal request to be placed on the ballot for consideration to serve on the Public Lands Committee with the National Association of Counties (NACO).

As a Commissioner of Clear Creek County, where nearly 75% of our land is public, I am intimately familiar with their significance to Colorado's economy and western identity, including, but not limited to, natural resource extraction and recreation. Balancing the demands placed on our public lands represent some of the foremost decisions our state – and local communities - face.

In addition to a familiarity with the diversity of opportunities our federally managed lands provide Clear Creek County, I also bring a professional background in resource policy and management at the local, state and national levels of government. And as a good Coloradan, I am passionate about a uniquely western heritage of hunting and angling on our vast public landscapes here in Colorado.

It would be an honor to serve on NACO's Public Lands Committee and assist in addressing some of the most pressing issues regarding our public lands. From discussing issues that range from water, minerals, grazing, forest products, wildlife, wildfire and passive and active recreation, I look forward to being engaged about how we can bring a balanced approach to some our state's most precious resources.

Should you or other members associated with Colorado Counties, Inc. have further questions or comments about my background, or interest in NACO's Public Lands Committee, please do not hesitate to contact me at (720) 425-7840.

Sincerely,

Tim Mauck  
Commissioner, Clear Creek County

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To: Commissioner John Martin, CCI Public Lands Committee Chair

From: Doug Davie, Rio Grande County Commissioner

Re: Interest in Public Lands Committee

I would like to submit my name for consideration to the Public Lands Committee.

Rio Grande County consists of close to seventy percent public land and I would like to represent them, as well as the rest of the State. In addition, I have attended most of the public lands steering committee meetings for the last eleven years.

I feel like I would be an asset to the committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

Andy,

I would like to express my interest in being considered for one of the Public Lands Steering committee positions.

Rio Blanco County and Northwest Colorado have an abundant amount of Public Land and a multitude of activities and businesses operating on Public Lands. These diverse uses are a key component to our economic sustainability as well as our heritage.

I feel representation from our area is crucial at the State and Federal level and would spend the time and energy necessary to help the Public Lands Steering Committee be successful on behalf of Colorado and Northwest Colorado.

Thanks,

Kai M Turner

Rio Blanco County Commissioner