**Ouray Listening Session Agenda – REC Act  October 1, 2019**

Overarching goal:  To encourage Tipton to contribute to and co-sponsor the CORE Act for the benefit of local economies, recreation and natural resources protection/conservation by collaborating with bill sponsors Rep. Neguse and Senator Bennet.

Objectives:

1. Express our gratitude for Tipton’s support of the San Juan Wilderness
2. Emphasize the support of the three counties with public lands included in the San Juans (ie. Ouray, San Juan, San Miguel)
3. Thank him for correcting the cherry-stemming of trails: Blaine, Ice Lakes, Grant Swamp Pass
4. Thank him for recognizing the unsuitability of Paradise Basin for snowmobile use (Bob & Allison)
5. Compliment him (and lend our support) on addition of wilderness in the Sangre de Cristos
6. Share our opposition to the increased buffers around trails/?roads that he has proposed. (USFS standard is 50 feet consistent with CORE Act)
7. Express our opposition to release of WSAs (Gabriel & Leah)
8. Address concerns regarding lack of mitigation language regarding fishing access at Curecanti  (Tim)
9. Advocate for Tipton’s support of Thompson Divide and Continental Divide (Will,Juli, Gunnison Commissioners)
10. Give specific recognition to Camp Hale as first National Historic Landscape (Liza)

Proposed Agenda

*Welcome and expression of gratitude – Ouray Commissioner Ben Tisdel*

**Specific to REC Act**

*Note: elected officials could include any of the above objectives in their message plus additional comments and/or provide the closing remarks*

1.   Message from Ouray County – Ben Tisdel

2.   Message from San Miguel County – Hilary Cooper

3.   Message from Town of Ridgway – John Clark

4.   Thanks for Paradise Basin – Allison Snyder & Bob Kingsley: owners, Opus Hut

5.   Concerns re: Curecanti – Tim Patterson; owner RIGS Fly Fishing Guide Service & Fly Shop

6.   Opposition to release of WSAs – Gabriel Otero (TWS) & Leah Lopez (WCA)

7.   Thanks for inclusion of Sangre de Cristo landscapes (as an example of  a potential contribution to the CORE Act) and segue to discussion of Thompson Divide & Continental Divide.   – Robyn Cascade (Broads)

**Specific to CORE Act**

8.   Advocate for Thompson Divide – Will Roush & Juli Slivka (WW)

9.   Advocate for Continental Divide - Gunnison County Commissioners 10.Importance of Camp Hale designation to veterans and their descendants (plus message from agriculture voice) – Liza Clarke, local rancher  & daughter/niece of 10thMtn Division veterans

*Closing remarks, expression of gratitude for the opportunity to offer input and dedication to continued collaboration with emphasis on request for Tipton to improve and support the CORE Act rather than introduce the REC Act. - who??*