**Time for Rep. Tipton to Vote Yes on the CORE Act**

I am thrilled that Representative Tipton has finally decided to support public lands designations in the northern San Juan Mountains. However, I do not encourage Mr. Tipton to introduce new legislation. Instead, I urge him to support and co-sponsor the Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy (CORE) Act that has already passed out of the House Committee and has the endorsement of two dozen counties and municipalities as well diverse stakeholders including hunters, anglers, ranchers, recreationists, and businesses.

I am an avid hiker and I value these public lands in my backyard – not just for my personal recreation and renewal but also for the intrinsic values of these natural resources and the ecological services they provide – pristine watersheds; healthy forests that sequester carbon, filter air, and build soils; and important habitat for wildlife corridors and reproduction, riparian areas, and numerous sensitive species.

I applaud Representative Neguse and Senator Bennet for their championing the CORE Act. I urge Representative Tipton and Senator Gardner to work across the aisle and show bipartisan support for the CORE Act that will benefit Colorado and the nation now and into the future through lands and water protection, recreation access, and economic prosperity. I ask you to call Mr. Tipton and Mr. Gardner and request they support the CORE Act!

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