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The Honorable Congressman Mark Udall
8601 Turnpike Drive, Suite 206
Westminster, CO 80031

Dear Congressman Udall:

This letter is in support of the 4.5 million dollar federal appropriation request from the Federal Lands Program for the West Vail Pass Vegetated Wildlife Overpass *Pilot Project*, Eagle County, Colorado, submitted by the Wilderness Workshop

Eagle County is extremely enthusiastic about this project and the benefit it will provide the wildlife, residents and visitors of the Vail Valley. We are also supportive of this high-profile pilot project and the momentum it will gain for the construction of other wildlife crossings in the state of Colorado.

West Vail Pass is an immensely important wildlife linkage for lynx and other wildlife and we are pleased to have the opportunity to reconnect the Forest Service land on either side of I-70 for the benefit of wildlife.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with questions you have or assistance you may need. We hope that this unique and exciting project is successful.

Sincerely,
EAGLE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Arn M. Menconi,
Chairman

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Peter F. Runyon
Commissioner

cc: Senator Ken Salazar
Senator Wayne Allard