

May 30, 2017

To: Bureau of Land Management
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Subject: NOTICE OF APPEAL - DOI/BLM-CO-S060-2016-0022-EA

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This is Notice of Appeal of the decision made by Bureau of Land Management, Gunnison Field Manager, Elijah Waters. On May 3, 2017, Mr. Waters signed a Decision Record, “to implement the Proposed Action described in the Environmental Assessment for the Silverton Guides Helicopter Ski Terrain Exchange” (DOI/BLM-CO-S060-2016-0022-EA).

The decision is adverse to me. The decision substantially affects my use and enjoyment of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST) as it did not provide for a nonmotorized landscape setting and protect significant natural qualities of the CDNST corridor.

I believe that the decision is incorrect. Management actions allowed by this decision are inconsistent with the requirements of the National Trails System Act as implemented through the BLM National Trails Directive MS-6280 and the CDNST Comprehensive Plan. Furthermore, planning steps that led to this decision are inconsistent with some of the National Environmental Policy Act analysis and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Greg Warren