

July 12, 2022

The Honorable Michael Bennet
261 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bennet:

I am writing this letter in support of the Dolores River NCA legislation. I have worked continuously on this proposal since 2008. I believe local participation in the management of the area will provide better benefits for the native fish, scenic area, recreation, permitted federal land uses, private land values and water rights than a wild and scenic designation. I have ranching and farming operations in all three counties involved.

I appreciate your continued support and hope this can go forward in the bipartisan way we have shown is possible with the diverse local groups that put this proposal together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Al Heaton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Al Heaton