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Senator Michael Bennet
261 Russell Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510
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Dear Senator Bennet,

Jagged Edge Mountain Gear would like to enthusiastically express support for the homegrown Dolores River National Conservation Area and Special Management Area Act you and Senator Hickenlooper introduced in the U.S. Senate last month. Jagged Edge, is located in Telluride, Colorado and would greatly benefit from the designations proposed in the legislation.

Telluride and San Miguel County is a diverse community that relies on the Dolores River and surrounding landscape for agriculture, recreation, industry, and tourism. The areas that are included in the bill are important for fishing, whitewater rafting and motorized recreation, as well as some small-scale industry and grazing. The region also brings in visitors from other parts of the state, which help many small businesses like ours located in Telluride and around San Miguel County. Also, the area is one of the most magnificent and ecologically significant areas in southwest Colorado. These lands support a variety of fish, wildlife, and birds that our communities enjoy and take pride in.

This proposal was developed by local stakeholders based on consensus, collaboration and a desire to see this area preserved for all sorts of users. We commend you for respecting this process in drafting the bill and introducing it in the Senate.

Given the strong community desire for protections for the Dolores River landscape and the bi-partisan nature of the proposal, we support the bill moving quickly through the congressional process.

Thank you for your strong support for the lands in Southwest Colorado, and we appreciate the time and effort it took to get this bill to protect the Dolores River introduced. Please let us know if we can help further this legislation.

Respectfully,

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