BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GUNNISON COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING GUNNISON COUNTY POLICY TO OPPOSE TRANSFER
OF FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS TO STATE OWNERSHIP

WHEREAS, approximately eighty-two percent (82%) of lands in Gunnison County are owned by
the United States as public lands available for public use; and

WHEREAS, lands owned by the United States as public lands available for public use are an
invaluable heritage and foundation for our natural and social environments and communities; and

WHEREAS, lands owned by the United States as public lands for public use both demonstrate
and foster our commitment to common and equal access, and enjoyment and use of our national
heritage; and

WHEREAS, lands owned by the United States as public lands for public use contribute, and bind
us, to appreciative and shared experiences of living, learning, growth and responsibility; and

WHEREAS, lands owned by the United States as public lands for public use provide—as Wallace
Stegner wrote—"geographies of hope" and places in which "...we are all each other's
consequences..."; and

WHEREAS, there is a reasonable apprehension that transfer of federal public lands available for
public use to state ownership may devolve to "privatization" of such lands—and the loss of this
heritage, foundation, commitment and geography.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison
County, Colorado to formally express its policy to oppose, generally, the transfer of federal public
lands to state ownership.

INTRODUCED by Commissioner Messner, seconded by Commissioner Houck, and adopted this
21st day of February, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO

By  
Phil Chamberland, Chairperson

By  
Jonathan Houck, Vice Chairperson

ATTEST:
Deputy County Clerk

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