BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO RESOLUTION NO. 2007- <u>09</u>

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CERTAIN ROADS WITHIN THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO FOR PROTECTION OF GUNNINSON SAGE GROUSE

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gunnison, Colorado, (herein the "Board") has the legal authority to regulate and control the use of certain highways and roads in Gunnison County, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §42-4-111(i)(v) the Board has the authority to adopt temporary regulations as may be necessary to cover special conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Gunnison Sage Grouse is a species being considered to be listed as an endangered species and it would be prudent to attempt mitigation of impacts to its habitat; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it will be beneficial to the Gunnison Sage Grouse if access to critical breeding and brooding habitat is temporarily limited by the temporary restriction of motor vehicle use of certain roads within Gunnison County; and

WHEREAS, the roads to be temporarily closed to motor vehicles for a period from March 15th until May 15th each year are identified in "Appendix A" attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, said closure of the roads identified in "Appendix A" will not adversely affect health and safety nor will it cause substantial injury to the owner(s) or occupant(s) of adjacent land(s);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Gunnison County, Colorado, that the roads identified in "Appendix A" shall be temporarily closed from March 15th until May 15th, each year.

INTRODUCED by Commissioner <u>Jacoba</u>, seconded by Commissioner and adopted this 23rd day of January, 2007.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GLONNISON, COLORADO

Hap Channell, Chairperson

Paula Awenson, Commissioner

Jim Starr, Commissioner

Attest:

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