

RESOLUTION NO. 17

SERIES 2019

A RESOLUTION OF THE CRESTED BUTTE TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS OF GUNNISON COUNTY AND OTHERS TO KEEP THE ROAD TO GREEN LAKE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BECAUSE IT IS A PUBLIC ROAD.

WHEREAS, the Green Lake Road, FS 826.1D, is a longstanding public road located approximately nine miles west of the Town of Crested Butte, Colorado near the mining “ghost town” of Irwin and at the base of Mt. Owen and Ruby Peak; and

WHEREAS, the Green Lake Road is, and has historically been, an important public access route to Green Lake, one of the more beautiful high alpine lakes and cirques near the Town of Crested Butte; and

WHEREAS, residents of and visitors to the Town of Crested Butte have, as long as anyone can remember, used Green Lake Road to access Green Lake and surrounding areas because the Road has always been open and accessible to the public; and

WHEREAS, a private landowner recently purchased a mining claim which Green Lake Road crosses, and, notwithstanding the indisputable fact that it was and is a public road, improperly gated and restricted access across the road; and

WHEREAS, the landowner’s decision to block Green Lake Road has led to litigation involving not only the landowner but Gunnison County and the United States Forest Service; and

WHEREAS, although the Town of Crested Butte is not a party to the litigation, and although Green Lake Road is outside of the town limits, the Town recognizes the benefit of and the need for public access to the public lands surrounding the Town and the North end of the Gunnison Valley; and

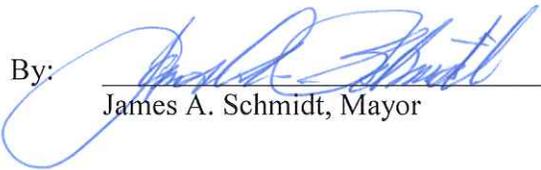
WHEREAS, the Town of Crested Butte recognizes and appreciates the efforts of Gunnison County and others to achieve a resolution to the pending lawsuit, whether by negotiation or litigation, that results in a re-opening of Green Lake Road to the public and that results in affirming that Green Lake Road is a public road.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO THAT:

The Town of Crested Butte supports the efforts of Gunnison County and others to keep Green Lake Road a public road.

**INTRODUCED, READ AND ADOPTED BEFORE THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO THIS 3RD DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019.**

TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO

By: 
James A. Schmidt, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lynelle Stanford, Town Clerk

