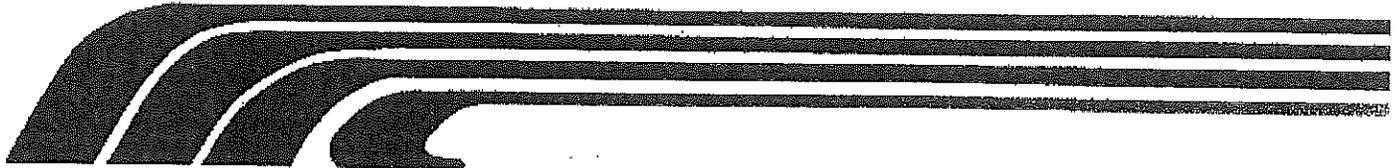


HB13-1188 Support from:

- Moffat County, Charles Grobe, Chairman
- Alamosa County, Darius Allen, Chairman
- Garfield County, John Martin, Chairman
- Mesa County, Steve Acquafresca
- Delta County, Douglas Atchley, Chairman
- Rio Blanco County, Shawn J. Bolton, Chairman
- Rifle Chamber of Commerce, Frank Ladd
- Colorado Oil and Gas
- Colorado Oil and Gas—Western Slope
- Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado



## MOFFAT COUNTY

January 26, 2013

Representative Bob Rankin  
Colorado State Representative-District 51  
200 E Colefax  
Denver, CO 80203

Representative Bob Rankin,

Moffat County expresses our support of House Bill 13-1188, Concerning a Coordinated System to Respond to Federal Decisions Regarding Federal Land that have Economic Impacts on the State. Moffat County has long stood for more local involvement in federal planning documents and deeper consideration of local economic impacts from federal agency actions. Moffat County initiated the Northwest Colorado Stewardship Program to help develop one of the most transparent Bureau of Land Management Plans in history, and regularly participate in planning documents including endangered species management, livestock grazing on National Park Service lands, and federal decisions of national proportion such as international power transmission lines and pipelines.

One consistent theme of federal planning processes is that local and statewide economic impacts are underestimated or focus on broad analysis minimally relevant to local affected communities. Moffat County supports House Bill 13-1188 because it strengthens the local government's influence in federal planning, strengthens the accuracy of federal impact analysis, and places the weight of the Governor's Office in assuring meaningful consideration to local economic impacts of federal decisions.

If you have any questions about Moffat County's support of H.B. 13-1188 please contact me at 970.824.9115.

Respectfully,

Charles G. Grobe, Chairman  
Moffat County Commissioner

### Commissioners

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A L A M O S A C O U N T Y



February 26, 2013

Representative Bob Rankin, District 57  
200 East Colfax  
Denver CO 80203

Dear Representative Rankin:

Alamosa Board of County Commissioners fully supports HB1118. Thank you for introducing HB 1188. This proposal is relevant and has my full support.

Alamosa County citizens would benefit immediately from the provisions of your legislation bill if it were adopted into law. Federal agency economic impact assessments of Federal planning processes are entirely insufficient. HB1188 offers a proactive avenue for local governments and the state to assist in assembling such assessments and advancing the critical information to the appropriate Federal agency.

Alamosa Board of County Commissioners enthusiastically endorses HB1188 for immediate adoption into state law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darius Allen", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Darius Allen, Chairman  
Alamosa Board of County Commissioners



February 15, 2013

John (Chip) Taylor, Executive Director  
Colorado Counties, Inc.  
800 Grant St., 5th Floor (Suite 500),  
Denver, CO 80203

**RE: *Garfield County Response to Pending Legislation***

Dear Chip,

At our most recent Garfield County Board of County Commissioners (the Board) meeting on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013, we discussed several pieces of proposed or pending legislation making their way through the General Assembly which include, most notably, Senate Bill 2013-21 (aka the "Pipeline Bill") and the House Bill sponsored by Bob Rankin having the short title of "Coordinated Response to Federal Land Decisions."

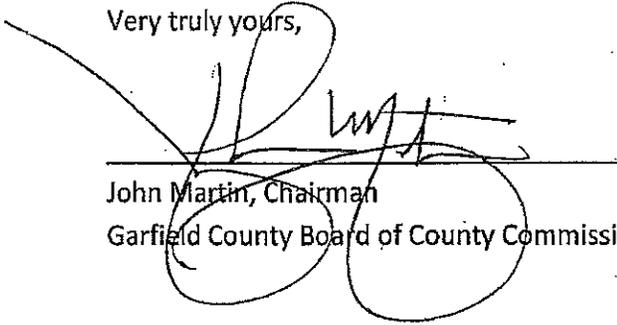
As you are aware, many of the Counties in Colorado are largely comprised of federal lands. As an example, 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of Garfield County (or approximately 2,000 sq. miles) is held and managed by either the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) or the US Forest Service (USFS). As such, land management decisions made on those lands can have a significant socio-economic impact on the County. This is precisely the challenge currently presented to Garfield County as a result of the ongoing revisions to the Resource Management Plans (RMPs) for both the BLM and USFS not to mention the specific Environmental Impact Statement for the Greater Sage Grouse being conducted by the BLM. The net result is that the County is working very diligently to properly react, participate in, and comment on at least on seven (7) massive federal land decision projects. To the degree possible, the County participates in these reviews as a Cooperating Agency; however, a collective voice regarding socio-economic impacts as proposed in SB-21 with the assistance of the Governor's Office of Economic Development is welcomed support.

As a result of the forgoing comments, the Board wishes to convey its support of the House Bill regarding "Coordinated Response to Federal Land Decisions" to CCI as it monitors this proposed legislation as a prudent way to alert the various federal land management agencies to the very real and significant economic impact of their decisions to Colorado Counties with the support of the Governor's Office of Economic Development.

Second, the Board also conveys its support of CCI to continue to monitor the status of Senate Bill 2013-21 regarding eminent domain power for companies wishing to pipe (via transmission rights-of-way) "oil or other petroleum or hydrocarbon products" across lands for which access has not been granted. The Board understands there was much discussion regarding safety concerns in addition to the issue of eminent domain and a requirement for just compensation as the Bill was discussed in Committee. As you know, Garfield County has the second highest amount of oil and gas activity in the State second only to Weld County. This issue will have an effect pending on its outcome.

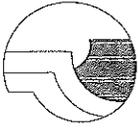
Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the position of the Board outlined above on these two issues. I thank you, in advance, for forwarding them to the Board of Directors of CCI, Inc. on our behalf.

Very truly yours,



John Martin, Chairman  
Garfield County Board of County Commissioners

Cc *Garfield County Board of County Commissioners*  
*Frank Hutfless, Garfield County Attorney*  
*Andrew Gorgey, Garfield County Manager*



Mesa County, Colorado

Steve Acquafresca  
County Commissioner  
District 2  
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February 23, 2013

Representative Bob Rankin  
State Capitol Building  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Representative Rankin:

Thank you for authoring and introducing House Bill 1188, regarding Federal lands that have economic impacts on the state. This proposal is very relevant, timely and has my full support.

Mesa County government is currently engaged in numerous planning processes with various federal agencies. Our county citizens would benefit immediately from the provisions of your legislation, HB-1188, if it were adopted into law. Your proposal offers a much needed mechanism to develop an economic analysis of Federal decisions and assert a consolidated report of such analysis from the Office of Economic Development and the office of the Governor to the appropriate agency. Such a mechanism is sorely needed.

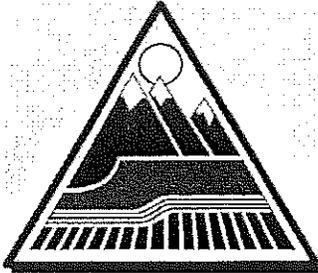
Federal agency economic impact assessments of Federal planning processes are entirely insufficient. HB-1188 offers a proactive avenue for local governments and the state to assist in assembling such assessments and advancing the critical information to the appropriate Federal agency.

On behalf of the citizens of this part of the state, I enthusiastically endorse HB-1188 for immediate adoption into state law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven Acquafresca".

Steven Acquafresca  
Mesa County Commissioner



# DELTA COUNTY, COLORADO

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February 22, 2013

Representative Bob Rankin, District 57  
200 East Colfax  
Denver, CO 80203  
[Bob.rankin.house@state.co.us](mailto:Bob.rankin.house@state.co.us)

Representative Rankin;

Delta Board of County Commissioners fully supports HB13-1188 – Coordinated Response to Federal Land Decisions. Delta County is 55% federal land and our diverse economies are directly impacted by decisions on federal lands. Delta County currently has cooperating status with the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service and dedicates significant county resources working in partnership with the federal agencies. This partnership is based on economies that are tied together and having hard data that is local based. Including the Office of Economic Development in federal land decisions and providing data for counties and state is similar to the role the General Accounting Office and Office of Budget and Management provides at the federal level. Economic information does not imply a policy position; it provides information from which to make better decisions.

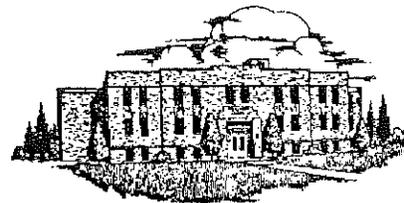
Delta Board of County Commissioners encourages the full passage of HB13-1188. If we can provide additional information, feel free to contact me at [datchley@deltacounty.com](mailto:datchley@deltacounty.com)

Respectfully yours,

Douglas Atchley, Chairman  
Delta Board of County Commissioners

Cc: Representative Don Coram-District 58  
Representative Jared Wright-District 54  
Representative Millie Hammer-District 61

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
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19 February 2013

The Honorable Bob Rankin  
State Representative, District 57  
State Capitol Building  
200 E. Colfax  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Representative Rankin:

RE: 13-0535\_01

The Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners are in support of the "Coordinated Response To Federal Land Decisions" bill concerning a coordinated system to respond to federal decisions regarding federal land that have economic impacts on the state. We are in support of mechanisms that will help accurately determine and report whether the federal decisions are consistent with state and local plans and to what extent these decisions will have on the state and local economy. It seems reasonable that developing a unified response will add weight to the arguments for or against the federal decision.

RE: 13-0747\_01

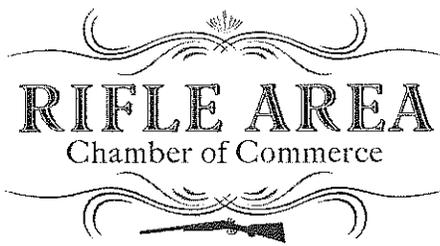
The Rio Blanco County Board of Commissioners supports the "List of Contracts Between Political Subdivisions" bill amending C.R.S. 29-1-205 concerning the elimination of the requirement that a political subdivision provide certain reports on an annual basis. Rio Blanco County prefers the approach to provide the list of current contracts within 30 days of receiving a written request to do so from the division of local government.

Sincerely

Board of Commissioners  
Rio Blanco County



Shawn J. Bolton  
Chairman of the Board



2/27/2013

Representative Bob Rankin  
Colorado State Representative-District 57  
200 E. Colfax  
Denver, CO 80203

Representative Rankin:

House District 57 and Senate District 8 in Colorado are home to one of the largest and most diverse energy producing regions in Colorado and the United States. It represents nearly half of the state of Colorado. Representative Rankin's district includes the world's largest oil shale deposit, some of the nation's cleanest coal reserves, strategically important reserves of uranium and vanadium, and vast geothermal potential. They are also home to one of the most prolific natural gas producing basins in the United States.

The Rifle Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and nearly 350 member Businesses fully support House Bill 13-1188. In fact, the Chamber feels it is critical to have local involvement in federal planning documents and consideration of local economic impacts from federal agency actions. Energy production from District's 57 and 8 can and will occur if, local energy policy will allow responsible, safe, and environmentally friendly development of energy resources to advance Western Colorado's vast and diverse energy resource base. HB13-1188 strengthens the local governments influence in federal planning and puts the burden on the Governor's office in assuring meaningful consideration to local economic impacts of federal decisions. The Rifle Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors feels the above provides a very compelling reason to pass HB13-1188 for immediate adoption into state law.

Thank you for your consideration and for the recognition of the role Western Colorado should play in helping secure and shape the nation's energy future.

Sincerely,

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Frank Ladd  
President/CEO  
Rifle Area Chamber of Commerce

RIFLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE