

# HIGH COUNTRY CITIZENS' ALLIANCE



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Dear Friend of the High Country,

Our conversations with part-time residents of the Crested Butte community indicate that many share our concern with the scale and accelerating pace of new development in the East River Valley. The many major developments now pending could permanently change the Valley and our community.

Most of us made this place our home or part-time home because of the magnificent natural surroundings, access to outstanding recreation, small-town atmosphere, peacefulness and safety. HCCA is working hard to preserve these attributes and needs your financial support.

Today these features are threatened. Rampant growth brings declining air and water quality, diminished social and economic diversity, loss of wildlife habitat, reduced recreational access, and altered landscapes. In the midst of these changes, we face Crested Butte Mountain Resort's proposal to expand its commercial skiing terrain onto Snodgrass Mountain.

HCCA has taken a stand in opposition to the Snodgrass development. We have considerable community support across the spectrum of full and part-time residents. We continue to support downhill skiing at the existing ski area on Crested Butte Mountain, as it is the foundation of our local economy. But we don't need the shot of "growth hormones" which Snodgrass and the North Village represent.

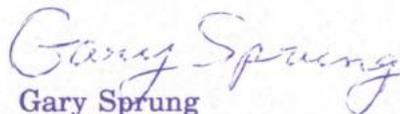
With good planning and determination, we can avoid the pitfalls experienced by other mountain resort communities. We still have an excellent chance to follow a different course. HCCA is working to create solutions to these problems. We acknowledge ongoing growth, and are working to make it benefit existing residents and property owners. We seek to steer growth toward building in the municipalities instead of remote areas, to help secure the Valley's ranching heritage, to foster affordable housing, and to promote a quality operation at the existing ski area.

HCCA has served as the environmental voice of Crested Butte and Gunnison County for 18 years, protecting Wilderness, preserving our water, and preventing the AMAX molybdenum mine. We are dedicated to preserving a very special place and a priceless way of life. We are non-profit and accomplish much with our small staff and crew of volunteers. Our work has brought us acclaim from many realms.

Our energies, talents and faith are substantial, yet we can only do as much as resources will afford, which is why I am asking for your help. We thoroughly appreciate any support you may have given us in the past. Please consider a tax-deductible donation of \$100, \$500, \$1000 or more to help us preserve the health of our community and its surroundings for future generations to enjoy. Our donation mailer is enclosed for your convenience.

Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

  
Gary Sprung  
for the HCCA Board

