



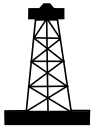
The GORP Act is a bipartisan grassroots conservation effort offering permanent protection of over 730,000 acres in and around the Gunnison Basin.

## Homegrown Conservation for the Gunnison Basin

### GORP Act Benefits to Delta County



*North Fork Valley Watershed Withdrawal:* Precludes 74,271 acres from future oil & gas development.



*No Surface Occupancy in GMUG National Forest Roadless Areas:* Precludes additional 49,422 acres from oil & gas surface work



*Pleasure Park Boat Ramp Access:* Public access in perpetuity

### Collaborative Roots



In 2014, the Gunnison Public Lands Initiative (GPLI) formed bringing together varying interest groups and stakeholders.



In 2019, after years of stakeholder conversations, GPLI released a proposal serving as the basis of the GORP Act legislation.



In 2024, Delta County Commissioners offered their formal support along with five other county governments, local government officials, and Ute Mountain Ute Tribal leadership.



In 2025, Senators Bennet & Hickenlooper and Representative Hurd bicamerally introduced the legislation to Congress.



### Designation Categories & Acres of Land:

- Wildlife Conservation → 223, 865
- Special Management → 214,650
- Wilderness → 122,902
- Protected Areas → 20,542
- Recreation Management → 18,247
- Rocky Mountain Scientific Research & Education → 12,250

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The GORP Act offers

# BALANCE

The GORP Act safeguards the region’s local economy, world-class recreation, ranching heritage, wildlife habitat, and clean air and water while fostering rural western Colorado culture, values, and quality of life.

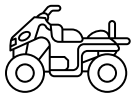
## Additional Benefits of the GORP Act:



Would allow for current mountain bike trails to continue unaffected



Would designate land held in trust for the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe at Pine Crest Ranch



Would allow for summer and winter motorized use on all roads and trails currently permitted by federal land management agencies



Would allow all existing water, livestock grazing, and private property rights to continue without change



Includes provisions to ensure that emergency responders continue to have access to respond to emergencies within all protected areas

“In the face of growing visitation and shifting land use, the GORP Act ensures that public lands in the Gunnison Basin remain healthy, accessible and productive — today and for future generations. “

- Grand Junction Daily Sentinel



## Ways to Support the GORP Act:



Receive **Action Alerts** from WSCC via e-newsletter and social media to know when to engage



Sign up for GORP specific newsletters from [gorpact.org/join-our-mailing-list](http://gorpact.org/join-our-mailing-list)



Write **representatives Bennet, Hickenlooper, and Hurd** expressing support for their advancement of the legislation



Share this **flyer with a friend** and let them know you support the GORP Act

To learn more about the GORP Act, visit:

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