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Angela Belden Martinez
Regional Director
Economic Development Administration, Denver Office
U.S. Department of Commerce
1244 Speer Boulevard, Suite 431
Denver CO, 80204

Dear Director Martinez,

Routt County strongly backs the multi-regional Build Back Better Regional Challenge application spearheaded by Region 10 in partnership the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado on behalf of Western Colorado Coal Communities. As a governmental partner we are committed to the region's vision to focus on building the manufacturing and innovation/entrepreneurship clusters. Within outdoor recreation and manufacturing we see great opportunity to grow our outdoor recreation and light manufacturing cluster. Building the infrastructure, such as broadband and business parks, will help the industry grow. With the closure of our mines and plants it is important to provide quality jobs where our residents can stay and live.

Routt County is an economic hub of Northwest Colorado and we partner with several agencies across the region. We are a leader in the outdoor recreation space, and are very excited about this opportunity to help make this transition for the region smooth and equitable.

Thank you for seriously considering the Colorado Western Slope Coal Communities Build Back Better Project application and for implementing these important economic development initiatives on behalf of our nation. In the meantime, if there any additional topics or questions concerning our fervent support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
Routt County Commissioners



Timothy Corrigan, Chair, Routt County Commissioner