

November 1, 2022

Doug Vilsak, State Director
Bureau of Land Management
2850 Youngfield St.
Lakewood, CO 80215

Alan Bittner, Deputy State Director, Resources
Bureau of Land Management
2850 Youngfield St.
Lakewood, CO 80215

RE: Routt County Commissioners Formally Authorize John Swartout as a Volunteer Expert in Support of the County's Participation as a Cooperating Agency

Dear Director Vilsak and Deputy Director Bittner,

As a Cooperating Agency in the 2021 Bureau of Land Management's Greater Sage Grouse Environmental Impact Study, we would like to endorse our support and authorization of John Swartout as a member of our Cooperating Agency Team. Having been the Director of Colorado Counties, INC. and taking into consideration his breadth of knowledge and experience, we strongly believe that Mr. Swartout will be an essential asset to these efforts.

John Swartout agrees to be bound by the same process and substantive protections contained in the Memorandum of Understanding afforded to any Cooperating Agency specifically including the protection of pre-decisional information, etc, as duly authorized.

This letter commemorates the Routt County Commissioners' support for and formal authorization of John Swartout to serve in a volunteer capacity as a member of the Cooperating Agency Team regarding the development of the BLM's Greater Sage Grouse Environmental Impact Statement and associated Resource Management Plan Amendments.

Sincerely,

M. Elizabeth Melton, Chair
Routt County Board of County Commissioners

John Swartout