

Ute Mountain Ute Tribe

Office of the Chairman

Mr. Manuel Heart
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October 7, 2022

President Joseph Biden
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20500

Re: Support for a Camp Hale and Tenmile Range National Monument

Honorable President:

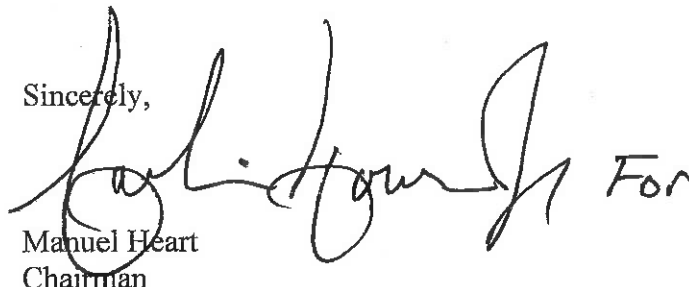
On October 5, I sent a letter to you informing you that the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe supports the CORE Act, and I am writing to you now to inform you that the Tribe supports the spirit of the CORE Act and, therefore, also supports efforts to make Camp Hale and Tenmile Range a national monument under the authority of the Antiquities Act.

The Tribe believes it is very important to protect Colorado's cultural and natural resources, landscapes, watersheds, and numerous other environmental qualities, and national monuments are well-suited to provide such protections. Further, consistent with the model for monument management at the Bears Ears National Monument, the Tribe encourages you to mandate that Tribal representatives sit on advisory boards and other relevant, decision-making bodies.

Designating these valuable places as national monuments will not only preserve them for the enjoyment of future generations, but it will also allow a greater understanding of the history of these places and the value they have for Coloradans. The designation will serve the best interests of all citizens.

Please accept this letter in support of designating Camp Hale and Tenmile Range as a national monument.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Manuel Heart", followed by the word "For" in a similar script.

Manuel Heart
Chairman



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

October 7, 2022

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden
President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe ("Tribe"), I am writing to show our strong support of the efforts being undertaken by Senators Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper, Rep. Joseph Neguse, and Gov. Jared Polis to declare the area around Camp Hale and the Tenmile Range in the State of Colorado a National Monument.

Camp Hale is well known for being a training ground for what became known as the 10th Mountain Division of the United States Army, which served heroically during World War II. But long before its establishment as a military camp, the area now known as Camp Hale was home to the Núuchiu or Ute people. The Ute people are the oldest and longest continuous residents of what is now the State of Colorado, inhabiting the mountains and vast areas of Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Eastern Kansas, Northern New Mexico, and Arizona. According to tribal history handed down from generation to generation, our people lived here since the beginning of time, including in the area today known as Camp Hale and the Tenmile Range. The Camp Hale and Tenmile Range area of the Rocky Mountains were described by the Ute peoples as Káava'avichi, meaning 'mountains laying down.' Moreover, Ute peoples traveled to the Pando Valley, where Camp Hale is currently situated, when winter snows melted as part of an annual circuit called the Míyatukhwatni – meaning "moving locations as the seasons change" – to hunt game and to gather plants and minerals for sustenance, medicine, and spiritual use. It remained home to the Ute people until pushed out of that area following the Treaty of 1868.

Despite being removed to a small portion of our original territory on a Reservation located hundreds of miles away, to this day the Camp Hale and Tenmile Range area remain culturally important to the Utes, who maintain the connection established centuries ago. It has been said that what a country saves is what a country chooses to say about itself. By preserving these areas of cultural importance to the Ute people, you are reflecting the significance of Native people and tribal nations to the history and progress of this country. In the days ahead, we look forward to consulting with your administration and federal agencies on the protection, preservation, and eventual co-management of these important cultural resources.

We are grateful for your attention to this request and look forward to working with you to take action to safeguard these key cultural resources.

Sincerely,



Melvin J. Baker, Chairman
Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council

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Sen. Michael Bennet

Sen. John Hickenlooper

Rep. Joseph Neguse

Gov. Jared Polis