



April 8, 2020

Governor Jared Polis
State Capitol Building
200 E. Colfax Ave., Rm. 136
Denver, CO 80203

Governor Polis:

I am writing to you today on behalf of the thirteen counties that comprise the Mountain District of CCI. Our county commissioners have been working tirelessly with your office and various state and federal agencies on the front line of this pandemic response. As fellow elected officials, we sincerely appreciate your leadership during this health crisis.

Throughout this COVID-19 pandemic, we have been dismayed to see droves of out-of-town residents continuing to come into our counties to recreate – despite guidance from state and federal agencies that call on citizens to remain at home. The presence of these out-of-towners is creating an enhanced health threat to our residents, straining our local resources and undermining our local efforts to protect our communities.

The CCI Mountain District requests that your emergency declaration order be amended to prohibit travel to the mountainous areas of the state for the purposes of recreation. We further request that state law enforcement or National Guard resources be utilized to enforce this travel prohibition.

We understand that physical activity is key to maintaining both the physical and mental well-being of Coloradoans during this difficult time. Residents of the Front Range have ample urban trails, park amenities and open spaces in their own communities that allow for physical activity while still observing social distancing guidelines.

We thank you for your time and consideration of this request and for your leadership and continued efforts on behalf of all Coloradoans during this pandemic response.

Respectfully yours,

Merrit Linke, President
CCI Mountain District