



## 2026 Steering Committee Letter of Intent

In addition to the questions below, please write a letter of intent (in the space below or attached separately) regarding your desire to serve in a leadership role (Steering Committee Chair, Vice Chair or Public Lands Travel Team delegate). Please include why you want to serve, any public service experience, and/ or any special training or experience relevant.

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Expiration of Current Term: 12/2028

Are you term limited?: Yes

Committee(s): Public Lands

Position(s): Vice Chair

I, Warren Brown (insert name) commit to participating in the encouraged training as described in the bylaws.

Please see attached.

Committee Members,

My name is Warren Brown; I am a County Commissioner in Archuleta County. As many of you may remember, I was born and raised in Colorado, and I have lived in Colorado for much of my life.

Growing up in Western Colorado and throughout my life, I have lived for the outdoors and specifically our public lands. A primary reason I continue to make Colorado my home is for variety of activities I can access just outside my back door.

I am proud to say I have been a member of the Public Lands Traveling Delegation for the past four years and I have faithfully represented you, and the collective efforts of Colorado Counties Inc. (CCI) members. I am humbled to have been chosen to be a part of our larger CCI voice in supporting legislation and discussions which positively impacted our state and the citizens of Archuleta County as well as other Colorado counties.

As a part of the Traveling Delegate Team, I voiced our CCI collective views and concerns determined to be important to the preservation and protection of the Gunnison Sage Grouse to Wildfire prevention and continued funding from the federal government. I have consistently and reliably attended Zoom calls, made phone calls, sent text messages, testified in person, provided support from Archuleta County as a co-sponsor to numerous public land bills, all intended to garner support for Colorado Public Lands. My consistent attendance at Colorado Counties Inc., NACO's Annual conferences, and the Western Interstate Region conferences, show my commitment to our efforts, which I believe have resulted in dependable, and well-rounded advocacy that moves us forward.

Like many of your counties, Archuleta County is comprised of massive amounts of public land, which can be both a blessing and a curse. According to the U.S. Department of The Interior for 2023 PILT payment ([pilt.gov/counties](http://pilt.gov/counties)), Archuleta County has more than four hundred and thirty thousand acres. As a member of our Public Lands Traveling Delegation, I have had a voice in advocating for permanent funding through PILT and Secure Rural Schools, (SRS), because our communities depend upon these revenues.

Archuleta County is a gateway community to public lands, including National Forests, lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management, and the Bureau of Reclamation, Navajo State Park, and the lands of the Southern Ute Tribe. The waters that flow through Archuleta County creating the San Juan River system are fed by the Blanco,

Navajo and Piedra rivers and supply a multitude of downstream lower basin users in other states.

As a County Commissioner, I have used the opportunity afforded me through my office to support and encourage responsible stewardship of our public lands, sensible domestic livestock grazing, and forestry management which has a much-needed roll in a healthy forest and protecting headwaters.

I understand the symbiotic relationship between our forests and our waters which are increasingly threatened with the passing of every year from wildfires, noxious weeds and invasive species, all the while advocating for more inclusive uses of the public lands in Archuleta County.

I believe it is important to be able to continue to represent CCI as the Public Lands Vice Chair as we take on the many challenges we face at our local, state, and federal levels and that we collectively address these challenges in a nonpartisan, and outcome-based effort.

I am asking for your support in serving you, through CCI as the Public Lands Vice Char.

Thank you,

Warren Brown