

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-07

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE RELOCATION OF THE
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT HEADQUARTERS
TO GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO**

WHEREAS, Department of Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke has indicated his intention to relocate the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Headquarters out of Washington, DC to the Western United States where BLM manages a significant amount of public lands; and

WHEREAS, four BLM Field Offices are located in Northwestern Colorado; and

WHEREAS, The BLM White River Field Office located in Meeker, Colorado encompasses 1,455,900 surface acres of land; and

WHEREAS, The BLM Little Snake Field Office located in Craig, Colorado encompasses 4,200,000 surface acres of land; and

WHEREAS, The BLM Colorado River Valley Field Office located in Silt, Colorado encompasses 567,000 surface acres of land; and

WHEREAS, The BLM Grand Junction Field Office located in Grand Junction, Colorado encompasses 1,061,795 surface acres of land; and

WHEREAS, Rio Blanco County, Colorado is 76% public land, which includes land managed by the BLM White River Field Office; and

WHEREAS, Mesa County, Colorado is 72% federal land, which includes 981,360 acres of land managed by the BLM Grand Junction Field Office; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction is located in Mesa County, Colorado and is the County Seat of Mesa County, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction features the Grand Junction Regional Airport providing direct access to domestic air travel; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of counties to have the people who manage BLM lands and make the decisions relative to these lands living within the areas that have high percentages of BLM land; and

WHEREAS, there is a vast amount of natural resources, ranging from oil, gas, coal, grazing for livestock, wildlife habitat, hunting, streams and trails on our federal lands; and

WHEREAS, the economic vitality of Rio Blanco County, Colorado and our surrounding counties is dependent on BLM officials managing our federal lands for multiple uses; and

WHEREAS, Western Colorado, and specifically, Grand Junction in Mesa County, Colorado, is ideal for the relocation of the BLM Headquarters because of the abundance of BLM lands in Western Colorado and our neighboring states.

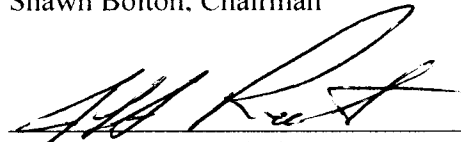
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado does hereby support the relocation of the Bureau of Land Management Headquarters to Grand Junction, Colorado and further, we direct that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Secretary Ryan Zinke, each member of our Colorado Congressional Delegation and Governor Hickenlooper.

DULY MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED ON A VOTE OF 3 FOR AND 0 AGAINST THIS 20 DAY OF February 2018.

**BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF RIO BLANCO
COUNTY, COLORADO**



Shawn Bolton, Chairman



Jeff Rector, Commissioner



Si Woodruff, Commissioner



ATTEST:



~~Boots Campbell,~~ Shawn M. Luce
County Clerk, Rio Blanco County

Deputy Clerk

