



Public Lands Steering Committee
Friday, February 25, 2022 | 2:00—3:00 pm (approx.)

Agenda as of 2/22/2022

Welcome/Introductions

Chair: Commissioner Keith Baker, Chaffee County
 Vice Chair: Commissioner Ramona Weber, Mineral County
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Travel Delegates: Warren Brown, Archuleta County
 Keith Caddy, Montrose County
 Hilary Cooper, San Miguel County
 Jonathan Houck, Gunnison County
 John Martin, Garfield County
 Dwayne McFall, Fremont County

Discussion Items

- Presentation on [H.R. 6435](#) , Abbie Callahan, Legislative Assistant, Congressman Joe Neguse
 - Purpose: Preserve local decision-making authority for National Forest Counties under the Secure Rural Schools Program
- Report from Travel Team on take-away's NACo's Legislative Conference
- Conversation about America the Beautiful Initiative formerly referred to as 30x30 plan

NACo Interim Resolution to Define Conservation under the America the Beautiful Initiative

Issue: The “America the Beautiful” initiative is the Biden Administration’s goal of conserving 30 percent of our nation’s lands and waters by 2030, also known as 30x30. The initiative lacks a clear definition of conservation and setting a land use policy is uniquely a county authority. Agricultural lands in production should not be at risk of having restrictive land use designations placed on them to achieve a 30% conservation goal.

Adopted Policy: The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges the administration and the U.S. Congress to fully adopt the principles of conservation under the U.S. Senate and Congressional Western Caucuses’ Western Conservation Principles issued in September 2021 when considering the definition of conservation under the “America the Beautiful” Initiative.

Approved | February 14, 2022

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