



2025 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: 2028 Are you term limited? starting second term
Committee(s): TRED Position(s): Chair (or Vice-Chair)

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

I am ready to continue serving on TRED. I enjoyed serving beside Commissioner Dick Elsner in 2024 and am familiar with the types of legislation which falls under TRED. I will promote discussions between fellow Commissioners about the pros and cons of different bills on individual or multiple counties. Gilpin is one of the counties which is dependent on tourism and outdoor recreation for revenue, jobs, small business opportunities, and economic development. We are a gaming county bringing that perspective as well. Golden Gate State Park is the 4th most visited park in Colorado with 1.7 million visitors in 2024. We experience both the benefits and challenges to counties from these industries. Most counties rely on recreation and tourist visitors for revenue. Locally decided economic growth plans with the desire to preserve rural and/or residential character of our counties is a theme in CCI discussions.

It is important to challenge or question state legislative proposals to expand tourism without their full consideration of impacts to each county's infrastructure, services, public safety, capacity, and budgets. I'm ready to listen to varied views and carry forward any positions on Bills decided in TRED.

Since November 2020 I have served on NOCO Places which is a 6 county & 3 state or federal land management agencies RPI (Recreation Planning Initiative), including the Arapahoe National Forest Service and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. It is working to coordinate access to recreation while balancing conservation of public lands in the region. I'm aware other counties have similar collaborations in place addressing their local area planning and impacts. I'm on our Recreational Sport Shooting Initiative working to open a shooting range partnering between two counties. I attend the Clear Creek Watershed and Forest Health Collaborative which spans most of Clear

Creek and Gilpin counties to protect watersheds while planning for recreational uses of waterways and adjacent lands. I was on the state Roadmap to Resiliency initiative in our region which has led to accelerated progress and grants for broadband to support economic development and rural connectivity. I'm aware that the need to add workforce housing is pressing in resort and recreational counties for jobs. My participation on the Mountain Rail Coalition supports another aspect of TRED recreation and economic development focus areas. These efforts tie into counties' strategic plans being drafted or underway to support our economies and small businesses. Tourism, Resorts, and Economic Development overlap and I would appreciate contributing to CCI by leading this subcommittee.

Please feel free to ask questions as you consider me for chair (or vice-chair) of TRED,
Gilpin County Commissioner Sandy Hollingsworth.