

February 7, 2013

The Honorable Mark Udall
United States Senate
328 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-0605

Dear Senator Udall:

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At the conclusion of the meeting, CNMA Board members listened to comments from individual members and then conducted a poll to determine the level of support for the Monument becoming a National Park. The vote of the members in attendance was overwhelmingly supportive to change the Monument's status to a National Park.

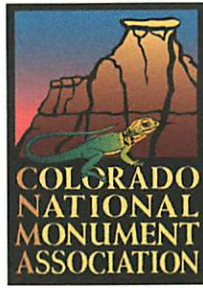
Based on that feedback from the meeting participants, the CNMA Board of Directors is sending this letter to indicate its support for crafting legislation to change the Monument's status to a National Park. We look forward to sharing any potential legislation regarding this change with our members and providing their feedback to you at the appropriate time. We also look forward to future discussions with you, Jerry and the National Park Service to assure this beautiful national treasure continues to be shared with the people of Colorado, our Nation and the world.

If CNMA can further assist you in this matter, I encourage you to contact CNMA Executive Director Linda Spinner at lspinner@coloradonma.org or 970-858-3617, ext. 307.

Sincerely,

Ginny McBride
Chairman of the Board

cc: Jerry Otero, Western Slope Regional Office



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The Honorable Scott R. Tipton
United States House of Representatives
218 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-0603

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