

Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act, S. 5101

Sen. Michael Bennet & Sen. John Hickenlooper

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Submitted to the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee for the Hearing Record of Sept. 16, 2026

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**CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS
RESOLUTION NO. 18
SERIES OF 2026**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO,
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR S.5101 AND H.R.9826, “THE GLENWOOD HOT
SPRINGS PROTECTION ACT”**

WHEREAS, the City of Glenwood Springs (the “City”) is a home-rule municipality organized under Article XX of the Colorado Constitution and governed by the Glenwood Springs Home Rule Charter (the “Charter”); and

WHEREAS, the City is host to a significant natural hot springs resource that provides cultural, spiritual, health, and economic importance to local, regional, national, and international communities that utilize the springs; and

WHEREAS, since 1982 the Mid-Continent Limestone Quarry (the “Quarry”) has operated in close proximity to the City’s corporate limits on federal public land managed and permitted by the Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”); and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the Quarry owner proposed expanding the federal permit boundary from 16 to over 400 acres; and

WHEREAS, the greater Glenwood Springs community has uniformly opposed the expansion of the Quarry due to the likely negative impacts to the area’s natural resources and the local economy, including but not limited to impacts to the hot springs resource; and

WHEREAS, despite such opposition, the Quarry owner continues to press for expansion by recently submitting a new proposal that BLM is in the process of reviewing; and

WHEREAS, the Members of Congress representing the City – Representative Jeff Hurd, Senator Michael Bennet, and Senator John Hickenlooper – have recognized the community’s opposition to the Quarry expansion and introduced S. 5101 and H.R. 9826, the “Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act” (the “Act”) that would prohibit the Secretary of Interior from processing or approving any application to expand the federal permit for limestone mining in the vicinity of the Quarry; and

WHEREAS, the Act would only affect BLM management of the Quarry as it relates to expanded limestone mining and would not impact the ability to extract other mineral resources or uses of federal lands on the subject property; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to see the Act enacted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO, THAT:**

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals The foregoing recitals are hereby adopted as legislative findings of fact and necessity and incorporated into this Resolution.

Section 2. Support of Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act. The City Council hereby endorses S.5101 and H.R.9826 the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act as introduced in the 119th Congress by Representative Jeff Hurd (CO-3) and Senators Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper (CO).

Section 3. Passage of the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act. The City Council further urges the respective chambers of the U.S. Congress to take up and enact the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND APPROVED this 6th day of August 2026 in the municipal building of the City of Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS, COLORADO



Marco Dehm, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ryan Muse, City Clerk

**TOWN OF EAGLE, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 56
(Series of 2026)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EAGLE, COLORADO,
SUPPORTING S. 5101 AND H.R. 9826, THE GLENWOOD HOT SPRINGS PROTECTION
ACT

WHEREAS, the Town of Eagle is a close neighbor to Glenwood Springs, and affirms the strong cultural, social and economic ties between the two communities;

WHEREAS, the natural hot springs resources in Glenwood Springs provide health, recreational and economic benefits to Eagle residents and businesses;

WHEREAS, since 1982, the Mid-Continent limestone quarry has been operated in close proximity to the Glenwood Springs city limits on federal public land managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management;

WHEREAS, the operator of the Mid-Continent Limestone Quarry is seeking a new mining permit with the intent of expanding to 56 acres from the current size of 16 acres;

WHEREAS, any expansion of the mine poses a serious and irreversible risk of damage to the fragile groundwater network, which channels snowpack and rainfall downward from the Flat Tops mountains to the artesian hot springs that emerge along the Colorado River in Glenwood Springs;

WHEREAS, the members of Congress representing the area – Representative Jeff Hurd, Senator Michael Bennet and Senator John Hickenlooper – recognize the unified community opposition to the mine expansion and have introduced the bi-partisan Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act (S. 5101 and H.R. 9826) that would prohibit the U.S. Secretary of Interior from processing or approving any application to expand the federal permit for limestone mining in the vicinity of the quarry;

WHEREAS, the Town of Eagle desires to see the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act enacted by Congress and passed into law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EAGLE, COLORADO, THAT:

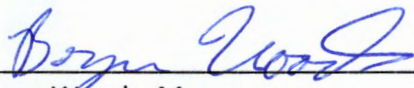
Section 1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated as findings by the Town of Eagle.

Section 2. The Town Council of the Town of Eagle hereby endorses S. 5101 and H.R. 9826, the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act, as introduced in the 119th Congress by U.S. Rep. Jeff Hurd and U.S. Sens. Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper.

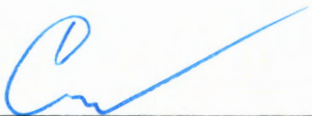
Section 3. The Town Council of the Town of Eagle further urges the respective chambers of the U.S. Congress to take up and enact the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Eagle this 8th day of September 2026.

TOWN OF EAGLE, COLORADO


Bryan Woods, Mayor

ATTEST:


Camille Deering, Town Clerk





September 9, 2026

*Senator Mike Lee, Chairman
Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510*

*Bruce Westerman, Chairman
House Committee on Natural Resources
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515*

**City of Aspen SUPPORT for S. 5101 and H.R. 9826
THE GLENWOOD HOT SPRINGS PROTECTION ACT**

On behalf of the Aspen City Council, I write to express the City of Aspen's strong support for **S. 5101 and H.R. 9826, the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act**, and to thank you for considering support for this bipartisan legislation.

The City of Aspen and the City of Glenwood Springs share deep cultural, social, and economic ties as communities located within the same river valley. The Glenwood Hot Springs are a unique historical natural resource that provides significant health, recreational, and economic benefits to residents and visitors throughout the Roaring Fork Valley, including the citizens and businesses of Aspen.

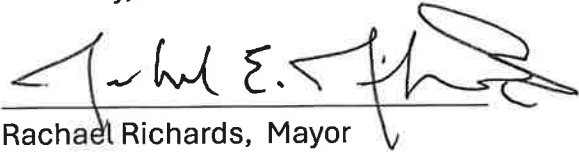
The City Council is concerned about the proposed expansion of the Mid-Continent Limestone Quarry located on federal public land near Glenwood Springs. As we understand it, the quarry operator seeks to expand mining operations from approximately 16 acres to 56 acres. Community members, local governments, and various stakeholders have raised substantial concerns regarding the potential impacts such an expansion could have on the fragile groundwater systems that contribute to and sustain the artesian hot springs that emerge along the Colorado River in Glenwood Springs.

Given the importance of these hot springs to the region and the risk of irreversible damage to the groundwater network that supports them, the Aspen City Council believes that protecting this resource is of critical regional importance. We therefore support the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act, which would prohibit the U.S. Department of the Interior from processing or approving any application to expand federal limestone mining permits in the vicinity of the existing quarry.

The City of Aspen respectfully urges you to advance and enact S. 5101 and H.R. 9826 ensure the long-term protection of the Glenwood Hot Springs for current and future generations.

Thank you for your continued leadership and service. We appreciate your efforts to protect one of the region's most significant natural resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rachael Richards", written over a horizontal line.

Rachael Richards, Mayor
City of Aspen, Colorado

Director Rachael Richards moved adoption of the following Resolution:

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ROARING FORK TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-34**

SUPPORT FOR THE GLENWOOD HOT SPRINGS PROTECTION ACT

WHEREAS, the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority ("RFTA") works with its Federal Delegation on legislative matters that affect public transportation and the region; and

WHEREAS, RFTA provides regional public transportation services throughout the Roaring Fork Valley, including service to and through the City of Glenwood Springs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed expansion of the Mid-Continent Limestone Quarry above Glenwood Springs has generated significant local and regional concern regarding potential impacts to the Glenwood Hot Springs, geothermal water resources, tourism, and the community of Glenwood Springs; and

WHEREAS, the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act, introduced in the United States House of Representatives as H.R. 9826 by Representative Jeff Hurd and in the United States Senate as S. 5101 by Senator Michael Bennet, with Senator John Hickenlooper as a cosponsor, would prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from processing or approving applications to expand the Mid-Continent Limestone Quarry within specified federal lands near Glenwood Springs; and

WHEREAS, support for the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act is consistent with RFTA's Strategic Plan, including Strategic Outcome 7, High Performing Organization, and Strategic Objective 7.3, which calls for RFTA to proactively influence policy and legislative development that benefits public transportation to the region; and

WHEREAS, the RFTA Board of Directors recognizes the importance of protecting the natural resources, economic vitality, and quality of life of the communities within the region served by RFTA; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ROARING FORK TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, THAT:

Section 1: *the Board of Directors expresses its support for the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act, H.R. 9826 and S. 5101; and*

Section 2: *the Board of Directors authorizes the Board Chair, or designee, to communicate RFTA's support for the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act to Colorado's United States Congressional Delegation and other appropriate federal officials.*

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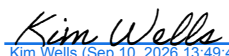
INTRODUCED, READ AND PASSED by the Board of Directors of the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority at its regular meeting held the 10th day of September 2026.

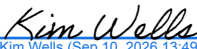
**ROARING FORK TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
By and through its BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

By: 
Greg Poschman (Sep 10, 2026 15:09:05 MDT)
Greg Poschman, Chair

I, the Secretary of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (the “Authority”) do hereby certify that (a) the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Board at a meeting held on September, 10, 2026 (b) the meeting was open to the public; (c) the Authority provided at least 48 hours’ written notice of such meeting to each Director and Alternate Director of the Authority and to the Governing Body of each Member of the Authority; (d) the Resolution was duly moved, seconded and adopted at such meeting by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Directors then in office who were eligible to vote thereon voting; and (e) the meeting was noticed, and all proceedings relating to the adoption of the Resolution were conducted, in accordance with the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority Intergovernmental Agreement, as amended, all applicable bylaws, rules, regulations and resolutions of the Authority, the normal procedures of the Authority relating to such matters, all applicable constitutional provisions and statutes of the State of Colorado and all other applicable laws.

WITNESS my hand this 10th day of September 2026.


Kim Wells (Sep 10, 2026 13:49:42 MDT)
Kimberly Wells, Secretary Pro Tem to the RFTA Board of Directors

Signature: 
Kim Wells (Sep 10, 2026 13:49:42 MDT)

Email: kwells@rfta.com

Title: Secretary Pro Tem to the RFTA Board of Dire

Company: Roaring Fork Transportation Authority

Signature: 
Greg Poschman (Sep 10, 2026 15:09:05 MDT)

Email: greg.poschman@pitkincounty.com

Title: Chair

Company: RFTA

**Commissioner Scherr moved adoption
of the following Resolution:**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF EAGLE, STATE OF COLORADO**

RESOLUTION No. 2026- 070

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING S. 5101 AND H.R. 9826, THE
GLENWOOD HOT SPRINGS PROTECTION ACT**

WHEREAS, the County of Eagle, State of Colorado, stretches into the Roaring Fork Valley and is therefore a close neighbor to Glenwood Springs, and affirms the strong cultural, social and economic ties between the two communities; and

WHEREAS, the natural hot springs resources in Glenwood Springs provide health, recreational and economic benefits to Eagle County residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, the Mid-Continent limestone quarry has been operated in close proximity to the Glenwood Springs city limits on federal public land managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management; and

WHEREAS, the operator of the Mid-Continent Limestone Quarry is seeking a new mining permit with the intent of expanding to 56 acres from the current size of 16 acres; and

WHEREAS, any expansion of the mine poses a serious and irreversible risk of damage to the fragile groundwater network, which channels snowpack and rainfall downward from the Flat Tops mountains to the artesian hot springs that emerge along the Colorado River in Glenwood Springs; and

WHEREAS, the members of Congress representing Eagle County – Representative Jeff Hurd, Senator Michael Bennet and Senator John Hickenlooper – recognize the unified community opposition to the mine expansion and have introduced the bi-partisan Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act (S. 5101 and H.R. 9826) that would prohibit the U.S. Secretary of Interior from processing or approving any application to expand the federal permit for limestone mining in the vicinity of the quarry; and

WHEREAS, Eagle County desires to see the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act enacted by Congress and passed into law.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of the county of Eagle, State of Colorado:

1. THAT, the above recitals are hereby incorporated as findings by Eagle County.

2. THAT, the County Commissioners of Eagle County hereby endorse S. 5101 and H.R. 9826, the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act, as introduced in the 119th Congress by U.S. Rep. Jeff Hurd and U.S. Sens. Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper.

3. THAT, the County Commissioners of Eagle County further urge the respective chambers of the U.S. Congress to take up and enact the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act.

MOVED, READ, AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Eagle, State of Colorado, at its regular meeting held the 15th day of September, 2026.

Signed by:



COUNTY OF EAGLE, STATE OF COLORADO, By and Through Its BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:

Signed by:

Bucky Close

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Clerk to the Board of
County Commissioners

Signed by:

Tom Boyd

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By:

Tom Boyd
Chair

Signed by:

Matt Scherr

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Matt Scherr
Commissioner

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Jeanne McQueeney

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Jeanne McQueeney
Commissioner

Commissioner McQueeney seconded adoption of the foregoing resolution. The roll having been called, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Boyd	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Scherr	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner McQueeney	<u>Aye</u>

This resolution passed by 3/0 vote of the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Eagle, State of Colorado

**TOWN OF NEW CASTLE
RESOLUTION NO. TC 2026-19**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF NEW CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTING
S. 5101 AND H.R. P826, THE GLENWOOD HOT SPRINGS PROTECTION ACT**

WHEREAS, the Town of New Castle is a close neighbor to Glenwood Springs, and affirms the strong cultural, social and economic ties between the two communities; and

WHEREAS, the natural hot springs resources in Glenwood Springs provide health, recreational and economic benefits to New Castle residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, the Mid-Continent limestone quarry has been operated in close proximity to the Glenwood Springs city limits on federal public land managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management; and

WHEREAS, the operator of the Mid-Continent Limestone Quarry is seeking a new mining permit with the intent of expanding to 56 acres from the current size of 16 acres; and

WHEREAS, any expansion of the mine poses a serious and irreversible risk of damage to the fragile groundwater network, which channels snowpack and rainfall downward from the Flat Tops mountains to the artesian hot springs that emerge along the Colorado River in Glenwood Springs; and

WHEREAS, the members of Congress representing the Town of New Castle – Representative Jeff Hurd, Senator Michael Bennet and Senator John Hickenlooper – recognize the unified community opposition to the mine expansion and have introduced the bi-partisan Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act (S. 5101 and H.R. 9826) that would prohibit the U.S. Secretary of Interior from processing or approving any application to expand the federal permit for limestone mining in the vicinity of the quarry; and

WHEREAS, the Town of New Castle desires to see the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act as written and presented to Town Council on September 15, 2026 and enacted by Congress and passed into law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Town of New Castle THAT:

1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated as findings by the Town of New Castle.
2. The Town of New Castle hereby endorses S. 5101 and H.R. 9826, the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act, as introduced in the 119th Congress by U.S. Rep. Jeff Hurd and U.S. Sens. Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper.
3. The Town of New Castle further urges the respective chambers of the U.S. Congress to take up and enact the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act.

INTRODUCED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED by a vote of 6 to 0 at a regular meeting of the New Castle Town Council held on September 15, 2026.



ATTEST:

TOWN OF NEW CASTLE


Mayor Grady Hazelton


Town Clerk Mindy Andis, CMC

**TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 43 - SERIES OF 2026**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING S. 5101 AND H.R. 9826, THE
GLENWOOD HOT SPRINGS PROTECTION ACT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Minturn is a mountain municipality similar to Glenwood Springs, and affirms the strong cultural, social and economic ties between the two communities; and

WHEREAS, the natural hot springs resources in Glenwood Springs provide health, recreational and economic benefits to Minturn residents; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, the Mid-Continent limestone quarry has been operated in close proximity to the Glenwood Springs city limits on federal public land managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management; and

WHEREAS, the operator of the Mid-Continent Limestone Quarry is seeking a new mining permit with the intent of expanding to 56 acres from the current size of 16 acres; and

WHEREAS, any expansion of the mine poses a serious and irreversible risk of damage to the fragile groundwater network, which channels snowpack and rainfall downward from the Flat Tops mountains to the artesian hot springs that emerge along the Colorado River in Glenwood Springs; and

WHEREAS, the representative for Colorado's third congressional district – Representative Jeff Hurd; and the senators for the State of Colorado – Senator Michael Bennet and Senator John Hickenlooper – recognize the unified community opposition to the mine expansion and have introduced the bi-partisan Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act (S. 5101 and H.R. 9826) that would prohibit the U.S. Secretary of Interior from processing or approving any application to expand the federal permit for limestone mining in the vicinity of the quarry; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Minturn desires to see the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act enacted by Congress and passed into law.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO:**

THAT, The above recitals are hereby incorporated as findings by the Town of Minturn.

THAT, Town Council hereby endorses S. 5101 and H.R. 9826, the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act, as introduced in the 119th Congress by U.S. Rep. Jeff Hurd and U.S. Sens. Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper.

THAT, Town Council further urges the respective chambers of the U.S. Congress to take up and enact the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act.

INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED, ADOPTED AND RESOLVED this 16th day of
September, 2026.

TOWN OF MINTURN, COLORADO



Eric Gotthelf, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jay Brunvand, Town Clerk



**CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 22
SERIES OF 2026**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO, SUPPORTING S. 5101 AND
H.R. 9826, THE GLENWOOD HOT SPRINGS PROTECTION ACT.**

WHEREAS, the City of Rifle is a close neighbor to Glenwood Springs, and affirms the strong cultural, social and economic ties between the two communities; and

WHEREAS, the natural hot springs resources in Glenwood Springs provide health, recreational and economic benefits to Rifle residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, the Mid-Continent limestone quarry has been operated in close proximity to the Glenwood Springs city limits on federal public land managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management; and

WHEREAS, the operator of the Mid-Continent Limestone Quarry is seeking a new mining permit with the intent of expanding to 56 acres from the current size of 16 acres; and

WHEREAS, any expansion of the mine poses a serious and irreversible risk of damage to the fragile groundwater network, which channels snowpack and rainfall downward from the Flat Tops mountains to the artesian hot springs that emerge along the Colorado River in Glenwood Springs; and

WHEREAS, the members of Congress representing the Town of Rifle – Representative Jeff Hurd, Senator Michael Bennet and Senator John Hickenlooper – recognize the unified community opposition to the mine expansion and have introduced the bi-partisan Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act (S. 5101 and H.R. 9826) that would prohibit the U.S. Secretary of Interior from processing or approving any application to expand the federal permit for limestone mining in the vicinity of the quarry; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rifle desires to see the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act enacted by Congress and passed into law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIFLE THAT:

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals. The above recitals are hereby incorporated as findings by the City of Rifle.

Section 2. Endorsement. The City Council hereby endorses S. 5101 and H.R. 9826, the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act, as introduced in the 119th Congress by U.S. Rep. Jeff Hurd and U.S. Sens. Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper.

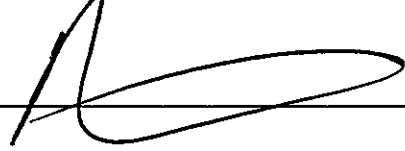
Section 3. Support. The City Council further urges the respective chambers of the U.S. Congress to take up and enact the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act.

THIS RESOLUTION was read, passed, and adopted by the Rifle City Council at a regular meeting held this 16 day of September 2026 and is effective immediately.

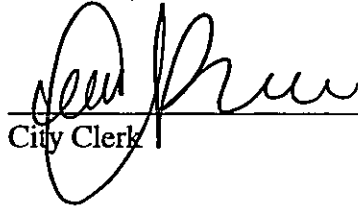
CITY OF RIFLE, COLORADO

BY

Mayor



ATTEST:



City Clerk



**TOWN OF CARBONDALE
RESOLUTION NO. 13
SERIES OF 2026**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SUPPORTING S. 5101 AND H.R. 9826,
THE GLENWOOD HOT SPRINGS PROTECTION ACT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Carbondale is a close neighbor to Glenwood Springs, and affirms the strong cultural, social and economic ties between the two communities; and

WHEREAS, the natural hot springs resources in Glenwood Springs provide health, recreational and economic benefits to Carbondale residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, the Mid-Continent limestone quarry has been operated in close proximity to the Glenwood Springs city limits on federal public land managed by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management; and

WHEREAS, the operator of the Mid-Continent Limestone Quarry is seeking a new mining permit with the intent of expanding to 56 acres from the current size of 16 acres; and

WHEREAS, any expansion of the mine poses a serious and irreversible risk of damage to the fragile groundwater network, which channels snowpack and rainfall downward from the Flat Tops mountains to the artesian hot springs that emerge along the Colorado River in Glenwood Springs; and

WHEREAS, the members of Congress representing the Town of Carbondale – Representative Jeff Hurd, Senator Michael Bennet and Senator John Hickenlooper – recognize the unified community opposition to the mine expansion and have introduced the bi-partisan Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act (S. 5101 and H.R. 9826) that would prohibit the U.S. Secretary of Interior from processing or approving any application to expand the federal permit for limestone mining in the vicinity of the quarry; and

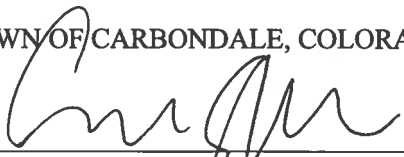
WHEREAS, the Town of Carbondale desires to see the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act enacted by Congress and passed into law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF CARBONDALE, COLORADO, THAT:

1. The above recitals are hereby incorporated as findings by the Town of Carbondale.
2. The Board of Trustees hereby endorses S. 5101 and H.R. 9826, the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act, as introduced in the 119th Congress by U.S. Rep. Jeff Hurd and U.S. Sens. Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper.
3. The Board of Trustees further urges the respective chambers of the U.S. Congress to take up and enact the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act.

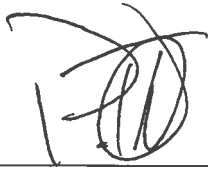
INTRODUCED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Carbondale on the 22nd day of September 2026.

TOWN OF CARBONDALE, COLORADO



Erica Sparhawk, Mayor

ATTEST:



Patrick Thibault, City Clerk





September 23, 2026

The Honorable Mike Lee, Chair
The Honorable Martin Heinrich, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Bruce Westerman, Chair
The Honorable Jared Huffman, Ranking Member
House Committee on Natural Resources
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Support for the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act, H.R. 9826 and S. 5101

Dear Chairs and Ranking Members:

On behalf of the Pitkin County Board of County Commissioners, I am writing in support of the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act, H.R. 9826 and S. 5101, and in opposition to expansion of the Mid-Continent Limestone Quarry above Glenwood Springs.

Although the quarry is located in Garfield County, its impacts are regional and spread throughout the Roaring Fork watershed. Glenwood Springs is part of the same Roaring Fork Valley economy, transportation network, public lands system, watershed and tourism economy that support Pitkin County. Expansion threatens the groundwater network that feeds the hot springs, while also bringing increased blasting, dust, noise, heavy truck traffic, and disruption to the surrounding community, including haul trucks crossing a major arterial road that serves as a school bus route.

Pitkin County recognizes that extractive activity is not appropriate everywhere, particularly where it threatens environmental resources, recreation, community character, and the economic vitality of established communities. For approximately eight years, the prospect of expansion has affected property values, business decisions, and long-term planning. The community deserves certainty and finality.

The Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act is narrowly focused on this specific mining operation and does not affect other mining projects or proposals. The Pitkin County Board of County Commissioners strongly supports passage of this legislation and appreciates your consideration of this important regional issue.

Thank you for your consideration and continued service to Colorado.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey H. Woodruff
Pitkin County Board of County Commissioners, Board Chair

September 21, 2026

Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
304 Dirksen, Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act: Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Mike Lee and Ranking Member Martin Heinrich,

We, EPR Springs, LLC is the owner of property located at 281 Centennial Street, Glenwood Springs, Colorado, commonly known as Iron Mountain Hot Springs, and we are writing to extend our support for the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act (the “Act”) and its protection of the priceless natural resources that make the Glenwood Springs community so special.

The geothermal waters of Glenwood Springs are an irreplaceable natural resource. They support recreation, wellness, tourism, and the broader local economy, and largely define the identity and reputation of the community. We believe all Glenwood Springs' hot springs are vital to the city's unique culture and bring irreplaceable local enjoyment and impactful tourism to the community. As the owner of Iron Mountain Hot Springs, it is immensely important to us that these crucial resources are and remain healthy and accessible for all to enjoy.

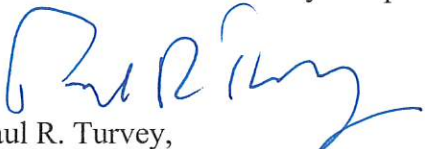
We lend our support to the Act because we understand the importance of protecting the affected waters and considering how certain activities could harm them. The proposed expansion of the Mid-Continent Limestone Quarry raises significant concerns about negative impacts to the area's geothermal groundwater system and the corresponding resources upon which the Glenwood Springs community depends, including pollution, traffic, and other disruptions caused by such industrial expansion.

Glenwood's Springs' hot springs support local businesses, jobs, tourism, and the quality of life enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. Protecting these waters is an investment in the long-term vitality of the community and in preserving Colorado's distinctive natural assets.

We appreciate your help and hard work in advancing the Act and your willingness to listen to community's concerns. We share your goal of securing long-term protection for the Glenwood Springs' hot springs and the invaluable benefits they bring to all who live in or visit the community.

Sincerely,

EPR SPRINGS, LLC,
a Delaware limited liability company



Paul R. Turvey,
Vice President and Secretary



Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act: Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Mike Lee and Ranking Member Martin Heinrich,

On behalf of Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park, I am writing to express our strong support for the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act and its efforts to protect the natural resources, businesses and community that make Glenwood Springs a special place to live and visit.

As a longtime local business located near the mining area, Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park has a particularly close connection to the landscape at the center of this issue. Our business, our caves and the experience we provide to hundreds of thousands of visitors each year are intrinsically tied to the geology and natural environment surrounding Glenwood Springs. We believe protecting those resources is both an environmental responsibility and an economic imperative for our community.

For years, our community has faced uncertainty surrounding the proposed expansion of the quarry. While the scope has changed, our concerns remain. Increased mining activity so close to Glenwood Springs raises questions about impacts to our caves and karst landscape, underground water resources that we are known for and the overall character of our community. The quarry's proximity to the heart of Glenwood Springs and Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park makes these concerns especially consequential.

Glenwood Springs' natural resources are not easily replaceable. Our caves, hot springs, mountain landscape and water resources have shaped this community for generations and are foundational to the businesses and attractions that support our local tourism economy. Once resources of this kind are damaged or fundamentally altered, the impact is permanent.

We recognize the importance of responsible resource development in Colorado, but there are places where the potential long-term consequences of expanded industrial activity outweigh the benefits. The mountainside immediately above Glenwood Springs is one of those places.

We appreciate your bipartisan leadership in supporting the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act and respectfully encourage and ask that you work toward its passage. Protecting this area will help safeguard Glenwood Springs' natural resources, local economy and quality of life while ensuring that future generations can continue to experience what makes Glenwood Springs extraordinary.

Thank you for listening to and acting on the concerns of local residents and businesses in Glenwood Springs as you approach this decision.

Sincerely,

 9/14/2024
Nancy Heard

General Manager, Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park

The Honorable Mike Lee, Chair
The Honorable Martin Heinrich, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

September 23, 2026

Re: Support for the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act, S. 5101 and H.R. 9826

Greetings Chairman Lee and Ranking Member Heinrich,

We, the undersigned businesses in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, express our absolute support for the bi-partisan and bi-cameral Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act, S. 5101 and H.R. 9826.

The community's three hot springs resorts are the economic foundation of the tourist economy in Glenwood Springs. Our businesses are successful thanks to the 1.3 million visitors who come to our community each year. The hot springs are the primary draw, but visitors also patronize our hotels, restaurants, retail shops, and the outfitters and guides who help people enjoy other healthy outdoor activities. In turn, these local businesses look to other retailers and service professionals for supplies, installation and repair of equipment and buildings, as well as insurance and financial services.

We represent the wide network of businesses that would be negatively impacted if the limestone mine expansion were to go forward. Risking the integrity of the geothermal hot springs, in addition to the dust, noise and truck traffic of a multi-year mining operation, is unacceptable. The Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act presents the best solution we have seen to this longstanding threat to our community. We respectfully request your support for this legislation.

Justin Bishop, owner
Bluebird Café

Kristen Haga, Area Director of Sales
Courtyard by Marriott & Residence Inn

Carol Pucak, owner
Carol Pucak Real Estate

Debra Wilde, Principal
Debra L. Wilde Consulting

Charles Willman, owner
Charlie Willman Law LLC

Marissa Tempe, owner
Design Aurelia

Jon Harman, broker associate
Coldwell Banker Mason Morse

Emilee Phelan, owner
ECP Yoga & Champagne Cowgirls

Kevin Brady, owner
Cooper Wine & Spirits

Roan Marshall, owner
EMRM LLC

Agnieszka Stanford, owner
Euro Italian Underground

Patricia and Steve Pittman, owners
Fine Things Jewelry and Collectables

Jim Hawkins, owner
Four Mile Creek Guest Cabins

Duane and Jackie Neuman, owners
Garfield Properties LLC

Mike Schneiter, owner
Glenwood Climbing Guides

Gregg P. Rippy, President
Grand River Construction

Steven Novy, Principal, co-Owner
Green Line Architects

Matthew Roeser, owner
Greenwalls Painting

Annette Franta, owner
HealthCare Financial Consulting

Heather Douglas, owner
Infinite Wellness Acupuncture

Jeff Peterson, owner
Iron Mountain Engineering

Rachel Fulfer, owner
Inkswell Screen Printers, LLC

John Taufer, president
John L. Taufer & Associates, Inc.

Kevin Winchester, owner
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Kate Dehm, President
Keylink Vacation Rentals

Jeff Peterson, general manager
Mountain Living LLC

Jake Hanks, owner
Next Breath Psychology

Edward B. Olszewski, President
Olszewski & Massih, P.C.

Sharon Young, Board President
Overlin Park Townhome Association

Pam Szédelyi, owner
PERKS

William Hollomon, owner
Pika Coffee Co.

Rachel Rusnak, owner
Realitas Group LLC

Kent Allen, manager
REI Co-op

Emily Marshall, owner
Roaring Fork Homeopathy
Roaring Fork Psychotherapy

Alana Hanks, owner
Skin to Soul Holistic Massage and Wellness

Joe O'Malley, PE, owner
Sound Structural, LLC

Dr. Corey I. Johnson DDS, owner
Sunlight Dentistry

Sarah J. Niebler, owner
Sunshine & Moons Bakery

Laurie Chase, owner
The Red Chair

Nelson Waneka, owner, principal attorney
Western Slope Law



09.07.2026

The Honorable Mike Lee, Chair
The Honorable Martin Heinrich, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate - Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Support for the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act (H.R. 9826 / S. 5101)

On behalf of Glenwood Hot Springs Resort, I write to express our formal and unqualified support for the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act. Our resort has welcomed the world to the largest hot springs pool on earth since 1888. Few American businesses are so completely defined by a single natural resource — and few natural resources are so irreplaceable.

The mineral waters that fill our pool rise through a delicate underground aquifer beneath the mountain immediately north of Glenwood Springs. That same mountainside is the site of a proposed limestone quarry expansion now before the Bureau of Land Management — one that would more than triple the quarry's footprint, pushing blasting and excavation hundreds of feet upslope into terrain that suffered a 300-foot slope collapse in 2023. The company's original proposal for a 447-acre permit area, nearly thirty times the current quarry, has never been withdrawn. Damage to the groundwater network that feeds these springs could never be repaired, at any price.

The stakes extend well beyond our gates. Travelers drawn to these springs sustain a tourism economy measured in the hundreds of millions of dollars — the hotels, restaurants, shops, outfitters, and families of an entire community. An expanded operation would also mean blasting noise, dust, hundreds of daily truck trips, and added train traffic through the heart of a town built on hospitality. The springs are also a sacred place of healing for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, whose support for this legislation we are honored to stand beside, together with the City of Glenwood Springs, the Glenwood Springs Chamber Resort Association, and businesses across our valley.

We do not write in opposition to industry or mining. We write because not every location is the right place for every project, and the mountain above these springs is the wrong place for an expanded industrial mine. The Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act resolves this question permanently and even-handedly, and its bipartisan sponsorship — Representative Jeff Hurd, Senator Michael Bennet, and Senator John Hickenlooper — reflects how broadly Coloradans agree.

We respectfully urge you to support and help pass H.R. 9826 and S. 5101 — and we extend a standing invitation to visit Glenwood Springs and see for yourself what this legislation protects.

Respectfully,

Douglas Hayes
CEO Glenwood Hot Springs Resort



September 9, 2026

The Honorable Mike Lee, Chair
The Honorable Martin Heinrich, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Support for Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act, HR. 9826 and S. 5101

Dear Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Members:

On behalf of the Glenwood Springs Chamber, we thank Congressman Jeff Hurd and Senators Michael Bennet and John Hickenlooper for introducing the bipartisan Hot Springs Protection Act, HR. 9826 and S. 5101. We appreciate our federal delegation's leadership and ask you to join in support of this important legislation. Safeguarding our hot springs and the natural systems that sustain them means protecting our local businesses, jobs, economy and quality of life for generations to come.

Glenwood Springs' hot springs are at the heart of what defines our community and are a foundational part of our local economy. For more than 140 years, Glenwood Springs has built its identity and economy around our hot springs, outdoor recreation and hospitality. Our natural resources attract visitors, support businesses and jobs, and contribute to the quality of life that makes Glenwood Springs such a special place.

Glenwood Springs welcomes approximately 2 million visitors annually and plays a significant role in Garfield County's tourism economy, which generates \$316.8 million in direct travel spending and supports approximately 1,900 tourism related jobs countywide. Protecting the hot springs and the limestone groundwater network that feeds this irreplaceable natural resource is essential to our future.

A proposed expansion would increase the limestone quarry from 16 acres to 56.10 acres, just one mile north of downtown Glenwood Springs. We recognize that mining and extraction can provide economic benefits, but those benefits must be weighed against the potential risks to our established tourism and outdoor recreation economy. In addition to the risk to our hot springs, potential adverse effects such as impacts to hillsides, viewsheds, air quality and noise could diminish the visitor experience. They could also threaten businesses and jobs that depend on tourism, both directly and indirectly. These concerns extend beyond tourism, as the character, environment and quality of life of our community are important to businesses, employees and residents across our local economy.

Glenwood Springs Chamber Resort Association

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As the voice for the business community, the Glenwood Springs Chamber supports measured growth that strengthens our existing economy and quality of life. The Chamber has opposed the proposed limestone quarry expansion since 2019, and our Board reaffirmed that position when the latest proposal was announced. This is not about opposing mining or responsible extraction. It is about the unique characteristics of this location and the need to protect an established economic engine, an irreplaceable natural resource and our quality of life.

We respectfully ask you to support the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act and join our federal delegation in safeguarding this resource. The hot springs and the natural systems that sustain them are essential to the continued viability of the businesses, jobs and economy that depend on them.

Sincerely,



Angie Anderson
President & CEO



Breanna McCallum
Board Chair



The Honorable Mike Lee, Chairman
The Honorable Martin Heinrich, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

September 14, 2026

Re: Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act, S. 5101 – Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Lee and Ranking Member Heinrich:

On behalf of the Glenwood Springs Citizens' Alliance, we write to express our strong support for the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act, S. 5101, and respectfully urge the Committee to advance this important bipartisan legislation.

The Glenwood Springs Citizens' Alliance was formed by local residents in 2018 in response to the proposed expansion of the limestone mine immediately north of our community. While there are many concerns associated with dramatically expanding an industrial mining operation directly above Glenwood Springs, none is more consequential than the potential threat to the geothermal aquifer that feeds our world-famous hot springs.

This concern is real and documented. Two professional studies examining the Glenwood Springs geothermal system identified the area surrounding the proposed mine expansion as a likely pathway through which groundwater originating from snowmelt on the Flat Tops contributes to recharge of the deep geothermal system. The precise underground pathways of this complex system cannot be known with certainty. That uncertainty, however, is exactly why exposing the recharge area to substantially expanded mining, blasting, and disturbance presents an unacceptable risk.

The geothermal resource cannot be repaired or replaced if it is damaged. Once an underground flow path is altered, contaminated or lost, there may be no practical means of restoring it. For Glenwood Springs, this is not an abstract concern. The hot springs are inseparable from the history, identity, economy and future of our community. Protecting the geothermal system is essential to the survival and prosperity of Glenwood Springs.

Generations of residents have built their lives around this extraordinary natural resource. Our hot springs support local businesses and jobs, attract visitors from around the world, and distinguish Glenwood Springs. The consequences of jeopardizing that resource would extend far beyond the boundaries of the hot springs properties themselves and would affect residents, employees, businesses and families throughout our community.

That is why opposition to the proposed mine expansion has been so extraordinarily broad. Residents across the political spectrum, the local business community, surrounding municipalities, regional organizations, and visitors who care deeply about Glenwood Springs have repeatedly voiced their opposition.

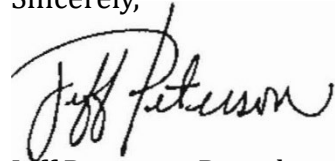
Protecting the hot springs has never been a partisan issue. The strength of the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act is reflected in the bipartisan support it has earned because people with many political perspectives agree on one fundamental point: this irreplaceable resource should not be placed at risk.

We recognize the importance of mining and responsible multiple use of our public lands throughout Colorado and the West. This legislation is not an argument against mining. It recognizes that location and consequence matter. When a proposed industrial expansion sits above a community and within an area potentially connected to an irreplaceable geothermal aquifer, prudence demands that we protect what cannot be replaced.

For eight years, the people of Glenwood Springs have lived with uncertainty over the future of the mountain above our community and the potential consequences of the proposed expansion. The Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act offers a thoughtful, site-specific and permanent solution. It would protect an extraordinary natural resource, provide certainty to our residents and businesses, and allow future generations to inherit the same hot springs that have defined Glenwood Springs since the 1880's.

On behalf of the 3,000 citizens and visitors who have supported the Glenwood Springs Citizens' Alliance, and the broader community that stands together on this issue, we respectfully ask you to support the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act and advance it through the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Peterson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "P".

Jeff Peterson, President

Heather McGregor, Vice President; Ellen Dole, Secretary
Michael Gamba, Stephen Bershenyi, Ginny Minch, Board Members

Glenwood Springs Citizens' Alliance
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September 22, 2026

The Honorable Mike Lee, Chair
The Honorable Martin Heinrich, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act — S. 5101

Dear Chairman Lee and Ranking Member Heinrich:

On behalf of the Glenwood Springs Downtown Development Authority (DDA), we are writing to provide local community context regarding the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act, S. 5101.

Glenwood Springs' hot springs are central to the community's identity and to an economy that relies heavily on tourism. The hot springs draw visitors from throughout Colorado, the United States, and internationally, and are an important component of the community's visitor economy.

The possibility of expanded mining activity in the vicinity of Glenwood Springs has been a community concern for years. The potential for changes to the groundwater network that feeds the hot springs, as well as associated heavy truck traffic, has implications beyond the immediate mining site. Increased truck traffic would require haul trucks to cross a major arterial roadway that is one of only two roads that span our valley community - a road that is already operating at a Level of Service F due to existing traffic congestion during peak rush hours.

For the DDA, the long-term certainty of the community's tourism economy and the continued protection of the natural assets that contribute to Glenwood Springs' economic vitality are significant considerations. The uncertainty surrounding potential mine expansion has naturally been a factor in property and business decisions in the community, and a possible deterrent.

We understand that S. 5101 is narrowly focused on the expansion of the Mid-Continent Limestone Quarry and the specifically identified federal lands described in the legislation. The bill does not establish a broader prohibition applicable to other mining projects or proposals.

As such, we appreciate the Committee's consideration of the local context surrounding this legislation. It is so important for our continued vitality as both a downtown and a community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charlie Willman", followed by a horizontal line.

Charlie Willman
Chairman of the Board
Glenwood Springs Downtown Development Authority



September 10, 2025

The Honorable Mike Lee, Chair
The Honorable Martin Heinrich, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senators:

On behalf of Glenwood Springs Historical Society's Board of Directors, I write in support of the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act (S. 5101 and H.R. 9826) and urge the committee to advance this important legislation.

The hot springs and the landscape surrounding them are inseparable from the history of Glenwood Springs. The springs have drawn people to this valley for generations, hold longstanding cultural significance for the Ute people, and played a defining role in the development of Glenwood Springs. They remain one of the community's most important historic, natural, and cultural resources.

The proposed expansion of the Mid-Continent Limestone Quarry raises serious concerns about potential effects on the geothermal resources and the historic landscape that have helped define Glenwood Springs. These resources are irreplaceable. Once damaged or fundamentally altered, an important part of the community's historic setting and heritage cannot simply be recreated.

The Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act reflects the broad, longstanding opposition within our community to expansion of the quarry. Significantly, this legislation has brought together leaders from both parties in recognition that protecting the hot springs and the landscape surrounding Glenwood Springs is not a partisan issue. It is a matter of responsible stewardship of a resource of exceptional historic, cultural, natural, and economic importance.

Glenwood Springs Historical Society believes that preserving significant landscapes is essential to preserving the history of a community and urges the Committee to support S. 5101.

Sincerely,

Mark Jensen
Executive Director

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HOT SPRINGS ASSOCIATION

September 3, 2026

The Honorable Chairman Mike Lee and Ranking Member Martin Heinrich
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

Re: Support for the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act (S. 5101 and H.R. 9826)

Dear Chairman Lee and Ranking Member Heinrich:

On behalf of the Hot Springs Association, I write in strong support of the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act, introduced as S. 5101 in the Senate and H.R. 9826 in the House. We respectfully urge the Committee to advance this legislation prohibiting expansion of the Mid-Continent Limestone Quarry near Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

Glenwood Springs is one of the nation's most recognized hot springs destinations, attracting visitors from across the United States and around the world. Glenwood Hot Springs Resort has welcomed guests since 1888 and is home to the world's largest hot springs pool. Along with Iron Mountain Hot Springs and the Yampah Vapor Caves, these geothermal resources have made the community synonymous with wellness, recreation and hospitality. The caves and springs also hold significant cultural and historical value, particularly for the Ute people, who have regarded the thermal waters as a place of healing, ceremony and renewal for generations.

The national significance of this resource has been formally recognized. In December 2023, the Secretary of the Interior designated Glenwood Caverns and Iron Mountain Hot Springs as a National Natural Landmark. The National Park Service identifies it as the only known cave system in the Southern Rocky Mountains formed through this particular combination of natural processes.

The hot springs are also foundational to Glenwood Springs' economy. According to the city's 2024 Economic Profile, approximately 1.2 million people visit the community annually. Accommodation and food services is its largest employment sector. The hot springs' influence extends throughout the economy, sustaining lodging properties, restaurants, retailers, recreation providers and many other businesses whose employees and families depend upon tourism.

Mining expansion above this delicate system presents an unacceptable and potentially irreversible risk. Glenwood's thermal waters are supplied by a complex hydrothermal aquifer. Water experts have warned that drilling and expanded mining could alter groundwater recharge and disrupt the system's fragile balance of pressure, temperature and chemistry. Damage to this underground network may be impossible to repair.

Changes in the flow, temperature or mineral composition of the water could threaten the hot springs resorts and the community's broader tourism economy.

The bipartisan support for this legislation reflects the unified, nonpartisan opposition to the proposed expansion among residents, elected officials, businesses and community organizations. This is not opposition to mining generally; it is recognition that mining should not expand where it could permanently damage an irreplaceable natural resource and the economy built around it.

The Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act would bring an end to this mining venture and the continuing threats it poses. The Hot Springs Association respectfully urges the Committee to advance S. 5101 and H.R. 9826.

Sincerely,

Jessica Meath
Executive Director
Hot Springs Association



The Honorable Mike Lee, Chair
The Honorable Martin Heinrich, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act – S. 5101

Dear Chairman Lee and Ranking Member Heinrich:

Hotel Colorado has been a vibrant part of Glenwood Springs and its renowned hot springs since the hotel opened in 1893. Our founder, Walter Devereux, was instrumental in the development of both Hotel Colorado and the Glenwood Hot Springs Pool, helping establish Glenwood Springs as a destination that has welcomed generations of visitors, including President Theodore Roosevelt.

Today, the hot springs remain one of Glenwood Springs' defining attractions and an important driver of our tourism economy. Hotel Colorado, along with restaurants, retailers, lodging properties and numerous other local businesses, benefits directly from visitors drawn to our community by this unique natural resource. Protecting the long-term integrity of the hot springs is therefore vitally important not only from a historical and environmental perspective, but also to the continued economic vitality of Glenwood Springs.

Hotel Colorado is strongly supportive of the GLENWOOD HOT SPRINGS PROTECTION ACT, S. 5101.

For Hotel Colorado, this issue is especially meaningful. Our history, our business and the identity of the community we call home have been tied to the Glenwood hot springs for generations. We appreciate the Committee's consideration of the legislation and of the importance of this unique resource to Glenwood Springs.

Sincerely,

Norman Bacheldor

Managing Member
Hotel Colorado

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Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act: Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Mike Lee and Ranking Member Martin Heinrich,

On behalf of Iron Mountain Hot Springs, we are writing to extend our support for the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act and its effort to safeguard the natural resources that make Glenwood Springs such a special place to live, work, and visit.

The geothermal waters of Glenwood Springs are an irreplaceable natural resource. For generations, they have supported recreation, wellness, tourism, and the broader local economy, while helping define the identity and character of our community. Iron Mountain Hot Springs has been privileged to serve this area for over 10 years, and we believe Glenwood's Thermal Hot Springs are the jewel of our community, giving our neighbors and tourists from around the world a destination to relax and unwind. We want to help ensure this resource remains healthy and accessible for generations to come.

Our support for this legislation is rooted in the importance of protecting those waters and taking a thoughtful, long-term approach to activities that could affect them. The proposed expansion of the Mid-Continent Limestone Quarry raises important questions about potential impacts to the area's geothermal groundwater system and the natural resources upon which our community depends, as well as concerns over pollution, traffic, and other disruptions from having such an industrial operation nearby.

Glenwood's Thermal Hot Springs support local businesses, jobs, tourism, and the quality of life enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. Protecting them is an investment in the long-term vitality of the community and in preserving one of Colorado's most distinctive natural assets.

We appreciate your leadership in advancing the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act and your attention to the concerns of the Glenwood Springs community. Iron Mountain Hot Springs is proud to support this effort and the shared goal of ensuring these waters remain protected for future generations.

Sincerely,



Aaron McCallister
General Manager
Iron Mountain Hot Springs



Mountain Family
HEALTH CENTERS

Our Family, Caring For Yours

September 23, 2026

The Honorable Mike Lee, Chair
The Honorable Martin Heinrich, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Support for S. 5101, Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act

Dear Chairman Lee and Ranking Member Heinrich:

On behalf of Mountain Family Health Centers, a nonprofit Federally Qualified Health Center serving communities throughout the region, I am writing to express our support for the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act, H.R. 9826, regarding the proposed expansion of the Mid-Continent Limestone Quarry near Glenwood Springs.

Mountain Family's mission is to improve the health of our community by providing equitable and affordable medical, behavioral, and dental healthcare for all. As a community health center, we recognize that community health is influenced not only by access to healthcare, but also by the environmental conditions in which people live, work, attend school, and raise their families.

The proposed quarry expansion raises public-health concerns associated with increased mining activity, including the potential for additional dust and particulate matter. Exposure to particulate pollution can aggravate asthma and other respiratory conditions and contribute to cardiovascular effects. These concerns are particularly important for children, older adults, and individuals with existing heart or lung conditions.

For Mountain Family, these potential impacts are especially relevant because we care for patients across a broad spectrum of ages, incomes, and health conditions, including individuals who may be particularly vulnerable to environmental health impacts. Protecting community health requires considering not only access to healthcare, but also the environmental conditions that affect the health and quality of life of our patients and families.

Mountain Family Health Centers stands with our local community in support of the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act. The hot springs are a vital part of Glenwood Springs—central to the identity, health, economy, and quality of life of our community. We do not believe the interests of a single mining operation should outweigh the health and well-being of the broader community or put at risk a natural resource that has defined Glenwood Springs for generations.



Mountain Family
HEALTH CENTERS

Our Family, Caring For Yours

Thank you for considering the potential public-health implications associated with the proposed quarry expansion as Congress evaluates the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act.

Sincerely,

Dustin Moyer
Chief Executive Officer
Mountain Family Health Centers

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Appropriations Committee

September 15, 2026

The Honorable Mike Lee, Chair
The Honorable Martin Heinrich, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Support for the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act

Dear Chair Lee and Ranking Member Heinrich:

As the state representative for Colorado House District 57, I write in strong support of the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act, H.R. 9826 and S. 5101. I stood with Glenwood Springs residents in opposing this mine expansion before I was elected, and I continue to stand with them today.

Protecting clean air and clean water for everyone in our district has been central to my work. The consequences of this expansion would be felt by families living below the mine and by children in nearby schools, where most students are children of color. Those children deserve to learn and play without added exposure to mining dust. Increased noise would disrupt nearby neighborhoods, and haul trucks would cross a major road used by school buses. We should not ask families to accept these risks.

The Colorado River runs through our district and supplies water to approximately 40 million people. We have a responsibility to protect it for our neighbors and everyone downstream. Mining also risks irreversible damage to the groundwater network that feeds Glenwood's hot springs. Damage to those springs would threaten the tourism economy and the livelihoods of families who depend on it.

For eight years, the threat of expansion has hung over Glenwood Springs, creating uncertainty about property values and business decisions. Our community should not have to keep fighting this expansion without a lasting resolution.

This legislation would provide that resolution. It is narrowly focused on five sections of federal land associated with this quarry and does not affect mining projects elsewhere. The bipartisan support in Congress reflects the broad agreement here at home that this expansion is not worth the risk.

I thank our congressional delegation for working across party lines on this legislation. I urge you to advance and pass the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act and stand with the community that has worked for years to protect the place we call home. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Representative Elizabeth Velasco
Colorado House of Representatives
House District 57

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September 17, 2026

The Honorable Mike Lee, Chair
The Honorable Martin Heinrich, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Support for the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act

Dear Chair Lee and Ranking Member Heinrich:

As the state senator for portions of Garfield County, I write in strong support of the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act, H.R. 9826 and S. 5101. Garfield County is home to Glenwood Springs, and I stand with the community in protecting the hot springs, our water resources, and the quality of life that makes this region special.

Protecting Colorado's natural resources and supporting the communities that depend on them has been central to my work in the General Assembly. The proposed mine expansion would have consequences for families living near the mine and for children attending nearby schools. Increased mining activity, dust, noise, and truck traffic would create additional burdens for a community that has already spent years working to address these concerns.

The Colorado River runs through Garfield County and is an essential water source for communities across Colorado and the West. We have a responsibility to protect this resource for our communities and for those downstream. The proposed expansion also poses risks to the groundwater system that supports Glenwood's world-renowned hot springs. Those springs are an important part of the local economy and support businesses, workers, and families throughout the region.

The Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act would provide that resolution. The legislation is narrowly focused on five sections of federal land associated with this quarry and would not affect mining projects elsewhere. Its bipartisan support reflects the broad concern in Glenwood Springs and across Colorado about the potential impacts of this expansion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dylan Roberts
Colorado State Senator
Senate District 8



September 14, 2026

The Honorable Mike Lee, Chairman
The Honorable Martin Heinrich, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act, S. 5101 – Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Lee and Ranking Member Heinrich:

On behalf of Sunlight Mountain Resort, we are writing to express our strong support for the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act, S. 5101. This bi-partisan legislation, with a companion bill in the House, H.R. 9826, from U.S. Rep. Jeff Hurd, Colorado CD 3, will safeguard the natural resources that are fundamental to Glenwood Springs, its residents, and its tourism-based economy.

Sunlight Mountain has deep roots in the Glenwood Springs community. For nearly six decades, our mountain has welcomed local families and visitors to experience skiing and outdoor recreation just minutes from downtown Glenwood Springs. While skiing brings our guests to the area during winter, the strength of Glenwood Springs as a destination extends well beyond any single attraction or business. Our community succeeds because visitors can combine outdoor recreation, the hot springs, lodging, dining, shopping, and other experiences into a uniquely Glenwood Springs vacation.

No partnership better demonstrates that connection than our Ski, Swim and Stay packages, which combine skiing at Sunlight with the opportunity to enjoy the world-renowned hot springs and stay with local lodging partners. These packages have benefitted generations of visitors and illustrate the community's closely interconnected tourism businesses. Glenwood's hot springs are not simply another attraction—they are the defining natural resource that distinguishes Glenwood Springs from other mountain destinations.

Protecting Glenwood Springs' geothermal resources is vital to Sunlight Mountain Resort and to the long-term health of the regional tourism economy, businesses and workforce. The proposed expansion of the Mid-Continent limestone quarry raises legitimate concerns of irreversible damage to the geothermal system that feeds the hot springs aquifer. The recent application for a new mining plan, with a proposal to triple the size of the mine, raises the need for this legislation. In addition to the serious risk to the hot springs aquifer, the mine would impact our community with dust, noise, heavy truck traffic and rail load-out activity less than a mile from downtown and the hot springs and caverns attractions.

Sunlight Mountain Resort understands the importance of responsible use of public lands and the role that natural-resource industries play throughout Colorado. We also believe that certain places and resources warrant particular care when their value to a community is unique and irreplaceable. The geothermal waters of Glenwood Springs are such a resource. Once compromised, they cannot be recreated or replaced.

The bi-partisan Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act represents a thoughtful, long-term approach to protecting this resource and providing greater certainty for the residents, businesses, employees, and visitors who depend upon it. Protecting the hot springs protects more than the pools themselves—it helps protect the broader tourism ecosystem that has developed around them and that supports the economic vitality and character of Glenwood Springs.

We respectfully ask for your support of the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act and its advancement through the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Sunlight Mountain Resort is proud to stand with our community in supporting the long-term protection of the natural resources that make Glenwood Springs such a special place to live, work, and visit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cindy Dady', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cindy Dady

CEO

Sunlight Mountain Resort



VALLEY VIEW

September 9, 2026

The Honorable Mike Lee, Chair
The Honorable Martin Heinrich, Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Support for S. 5101 Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act

Dear Chairs:

On behalf of Valley View, an independent, nonprofit health system based in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, I am writing to express our strong support for **S.5101 Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act**, which would prohibit the expansion of the Mid-Continent Limestone Quarry near Glenwood Springs.

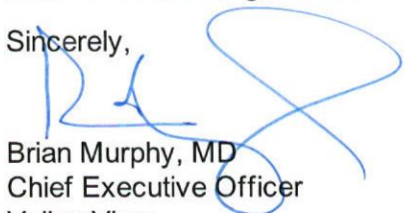
Valley View's mission is *Caring for you and your family, one patient at a time*. As the leading healthcare provider in our region, we recognize that community health is shaped not only by access to medical care, but also by the environment in which people live, work, and raise their families. Our commitment to improving health extends beyond our hospital walls and includes supporting policies that protect the well-being of our patients and communities.

The proposed quarry expansion raises significant concerns about increased dust, particulate matter, and other sources of air pollution that can negatively impact respiratory and cardiovascular health. These impacts are especially important for vulnerable populations, including children, older adults, pregnant women, and individuals living with asthma, chronic lung disease, or heart conditions. As healthcare providers, we see firsthand the importance of reducing environmental factors that contribute to illness and diminished quality of life.

The Glenwood Springs area is also home to natural resources that support outdoor recreation, economic vitality, and overall community well-being. Protecting these assets helps preserve the healthy environment that attracts residents, visitors, and healthcare professionals to our region.

We appreciate the leadership shown in advancing the Glenwood Hot Springs Protection Act and respectfully urge its support. Protecting the health of our communities today will help ensure a healthier future for generations to come.

Sincerely,



Brian Murphy, MD
Chief Executive Officer
Valley View