



**Date:** 12/00/24

**To:** Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee

**Re:** Confirmation of Jay Tutchton to the CPW Commission

Dear Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee:

Over the past 4 years, Jay Tutchton has served admirably as a commissioner representing outdoor recreation. His seat is specifically designated to represent non-consumptive wildlife uses as required under 33-9-101 (III). Furthermore, Mr. Tutchton's work with the Southern Plains Land Trust (SPLT) meets numerous qualities outlined in 33-9-101 (IV)(b)(1) including: wildlife biology, conservation, beneficial uses of water, land conservation, and diversified trails interests and activities. Mr. Tutchton and the SPLT carry out critical conservation work such as habitat protection for endangered black footed ferrets.

In short, Mr. Tutchton is extraordinarily qualified for the seat and deserves to be re-confirmed for another 4 years on the Commission. With only 1 seat on the commission designed to serve the majority of Coloradans who enjoy non-consumptive recreation, it is critical that Mr. Tutchton continue his outstanding work on the commission and represent the constituency as required under the Colorado statute.

Mr. Tutchton has broad support from outdoor recreationalists and members of the hunting and angling community. He is very thoughtful and engaging with his fellow commissioners and he has regularly supported big game quotas and regulations in accordance with the 7 Tenets of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation.

We respectfully request a 'YES' vote and favorable recommendation to the Senate to re-confirm Jay Tutchton and ensure that CPW has a commission that is ready to handle important upcoming work that serves all Coloradans.

*Sincerely yours,*

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Communications Director

**Mark Udall**, Colorado's U.S. Sen. from  
2009 to 2015 and former U.S.  
Representing Colorado's 2nd  
congressional district

**Dana Bove**, President, Front Range Eagle  
Studies

**Gary Skiba**, Wildlife Program Manager,  
San Juan Citizens Alliance

**Brenda Lee**, Executive Director, Colorado  
Bear Coalition

**James Pribyl**, former chair, Colorado  
Parks and Wildlife Commission;  
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Greater Outdoor Colorado Trust Fund

**Wayne Pacelle**, President, Animal Wellness Action and the Center for a Humane Economy

**Delia Malone**, Founder, Colorado Wild; Wildlife Chair and executive committee member, Colorado Sierra Club Conservation Committee; vice chair, Roaring Fork Audubon

**Carol Monaco**, Founder, Wild Once More

**Lisa Morzel**, Boulder City Councilmember 1995 to 2003 and 2007 to 2019

**Pat Craig**, Executive Director, The Wild Animal Sanctuary

**Michelle Lute, Ph.D.**, Executive Director, Wildlife For All

**Deanna Meyer**, Founder, Prairie Protection, owner and operator of Bell Meadow Farm

**Sonya Lewis**, Colorado state senator from the 17th district

**Charles Seymour**, avid outdoor sportsman, longtime Colorado fly fisherman

**Dave Ruane**, lifelong Colorado hunter

**Mary Harris**, Roaring Fork Audubon Society

**Dr. John C. Emerick, Ph.D.**, ColoradoWild

**Aidan Kankyoku**, Mission Leader of Pro-Animal Future

