We at Crested Butte Property Management believe it is important to preserve the beauty and recreational opportunities that brought us all here – be it to live, vacation, or build a new home. To this end we are a participating member in the 1% for Open Space program, a non-profit consortium of approximately 70 local businesses working to permanently preserve open lands in Gunnison County.

There are many reasons for open space. It provides recreational opportunities and access to our wilderness areas. It preserves important habitat for such endangered creatures as the sage grouse or the lynx. It allows us to have a "viewshed" that is unencumbered by an overabundance of buildings. Open space land has helped ranchers preserve their historic and cultural ranching lands and for research laboratories, such as Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory, to continue their important research from marmots to hummingbirds to global warming.

Additionally, however, preserving open space in our community is simply "good business." It is an important investment in our economy's future. We are fortunate to be able to live and visit in this wild place, which attracts thousands each year through the sheer fact of its beauty.

Now is the time to be thinking of open space preservation in order to provide guests with a pristine and inspirational experience, and to maintain residents and part-time residents' quality of life. We want the Gunnison Valley to remain a special place, unique in its sweeping views, conscientious growth, and forward-thinking attitude.

With your reservation we offer you the opportunity to donate to this important community program. If you do not wish to participate, please just let us know, and we will retract this donation from your bill.

We appreciate your business and hope you will join us in this opportunity to preserve this special part of our economy and our lifestyle.

A million thanks for doing your part.

Sincerely,

Crested Butte Property Management