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Congressman Mark Udall  
8601 Turnpike Drive, Suite 206  
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Congressman Udall:

This letter is in support of the \$4.5 million dollar federal appropriation request from the Federal Lands Program, for the West Vail Pass Vegetated Wildlife Overpass *Pilot Project*, Eagle County, Colorado submitted by the Wilderness Workshop.

The Town of Vail is extremely enthusiastic about this project and the benefit it will have for wildlife and the residents and visitors of Vail. We are also supportive of this high profile pilot project and the momentum it will gain for the construction of other wildlife crossings in the state of Colorado.

The Town of Vail considers West Vail Pass to be an extremely important wildlife linkage for lynx and other wildlife, and is thrilled at the opportunity to reconnect the Forest Service land on either side of I-70 for the benefit wildlife.

Please don't hesitate to contact the Town of Vail with any questions you have or any assistance you might need. We hope that this unique and exciting project is successful.

Sincerely,

Rod Slifer, Mayor  
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