



April 11, 2018

Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District  
c/o Mr. David Ludlam, Chairman  
205 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Grand Junction, CO 81501

Dear Sirs:

At the outset, we wish to thank you for the work you have put in to starting the Mesa County Federal Mineral Lease District (MCFMLD) from scratch – and turning it in to something that adds tremendous value to our collective community. In addition to the grant cycles you manage each year, we all support your leadership and foresight in pursuing state legislation to create a permanent fund in an effort to create a lasting source of revenue for community improvement and investment.

While it may seem counterintuitive, each of our organizations – as eligible grant applicants – write today to urge you to invest expected proceeds from the Anvil Points settlement with the Department of Interior in your permanent fund rather than making it available in an upcoming grant cycle. From our vantage point, this is a unique opportunity to take an unexpected community windfall and invest it in perpetuity rather than divvying it up to meet short term needs.

To be sure, each of our organizations have tremendous needs and we will continue working with the MCFMLD to meet them going forward. However, we all share the belief that when rare opportunities present themselves to do the right thing by the next generation, we should all step up and seize them.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment and we look forward to continued work together to improve every corner of Mesa County.

Sincerely,

Greg Caton, City Manger  
City of Grand Junction

Tim Foster, President  
Colorado Mesa University

Mike Bennett, City Manager  
City of Fruita