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To the Editor,

I am the Director of the San Miguel Conservation Foundation, the local land trust in Telluride. We recently closed on the first of two phases of an 800-acre Conservation Easement on Wilson Mesa at the base of Wilson Peak. The Centennial Ranch that has been protected by this easement includes some of the most scenic and historically important land in the State of Colorado.

The complexity of the transaction made it necessary to engage outside legal expertise, and, through a referral by the Boulder office of The Nature Conservancy, I was introduced to Bruce Dierking of Packard Dierking. Over the past eighteen months, Bruce has skillfully guided and assisted us in the successful completion of this important land preservation effort. His professionalism, legal insight and sense of humor made a complicated negotiation much easier to handle, and for that we are truly appreciative.

In addition, his generosity in donating a significant number of his hours to us as a non-profit land trust will allow us to utilize those saved dollars to protect additional land in San Miguel County. Boulder is fortunate to have an attorney of Bruce's stature as a part of the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary Hickcox". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Gary Hickcox
Executive Director