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Lynn Padgett For Ouray County Commissioner, District 1



About Lynn:

- ★ Full-time Ouray County Resident since 1999. Lynn's kids, Anza (Ridgway High School Class of 2020) & Cutler (Class of 2022) are Log Hill Mesa-Ouray County natives.
- ★ Celebrating 20 years living off-grid with solar power on Log Hill Mesa.
- ★ Education: Interdisciplinary, life-long learner. B.A. Geology, Magna Cum Laude (B.S. equivalent), Western Colorado University, Gunnison, Colorado. Executive Certificate in Public Leadership, John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, Executive Education, 2018. Public Leadership Credential with Capstone in progress (2019-2021). Additional coursework in GIS, botany, wetland science, hydrology, negotiation, and behavioral science.
- ★ Active community member and volunteer as an Ouray County Planning Commissioner, youth soccer coach, and numerous boards and committees. Passions include fishing, hiking, paddle-boarding, jeeping, x-country skiing, biking, photography, music festivals, and family adventures.
- ★ Professional highlights: Lynn has 12 years of local government experience between her current position as a County Director of Government Affairs and Natural Resources and as a two-term elected County Commissioner in Ouray County serving from 2009-2016. Lynn has 10 years consulting experience as geologist, hydrologist and GIS specialist. She has 8 years' experience working on natural resources projects as a consulting interdisciplinary geoscientist and GIS analyst and as part of an interdisciplinary science team that helped clients with planning, compliance, and mitigation of development (including mining and utility/ROW) impacts and conservation. She worked 2 years as a groundwater hydrologist for the U.S. Geological Survey at the Rocky Mountain Arsenal and as a geologist studying acid mine drainage and performing abandoned mine land inventory for the Bureau of Land Management in nearby Hinsdale County while based out of Ouray.
- ★ Lynn was recognized by a panel of 7 Republicans and 1 Democrat as Colorado Counties' 2011 Commissioner of the Year. She was voted the People's Choice winner of the Ouray County Plaindealer BEST OF OURAY COUNTY -- Best Politician for 2012, 2013, and 2014.



Proven Qualifications:

- ★ Demonstrated commitment to objective, intelligent, informed and transparent leadership.
- ★ Demonstrated commitment to honor our Master Plan and Land Use Code while protecting lawful private property rights, water rights, and encouraging steady, smart growth and diversified economic opportunities.
- ★ Demonstrated skills to help our County Government DO MORE WITH LESS: maintain fiscal conservatism, maximize financial resources, increase efficiencies and minimize waste.
- ★ Demonstrated skills to help our County Government provide high quality services efficiently. During the Great Recession, Lynn's leadership found ways to Do More With Less by saving the County government and taxpayers over \$116,000/year in utilities, communication and jail costs. Lynn initiated audits and strategic implementation plans for the county's Internet/Technology (IT) Department and Road and Bridge Departments to redesign these departments to better outcomes.
- ★ Demonstrated community leader and effective advocate for small government and public-private partnerships. Facilitator of Ouray County Bottom-Up Economic Development Goals, advocate for RAT Trails, rural broadband, Good Samaritan watershed improvement, Ridgway Creative District, Alpine Ranger program, and more.
- ★ Demonstrated broad and valuable county representative: Chair, National Association of Counties Rural Action Caucus; peer-elected Colorado Counties and National Association of Counties Public Lands Steering Committees member, and Gateway Communities Subcommittee Chair; BLM Resource Advisory Council appointee, Ouray County Public Access Group representative; past Ouray County Planning Commissioner; past Gunnison Basin RoundTable Group representative; past Ouray County Study (growth and fiscal impact) Group member.

My mission as your Elected Official and Public Servant:

- ★ **Live by the Golden Rule;**
- ★ **Be a representative and ambassador for *ALL of Ouray County*;**
- ★ **Account for and spend tax dollars in a responsible and efficient manner;**
- ★ **Continue to find ways for our local government to DO MORE WITH LESS while maintaining or improving quality of essential county services;**
- ★ **Quickly and effectively respond to needs and concerns of the residents of the county;**
- ★ **Conduct business in an open and professional manner without favoritism; and**
- ★ **Make informed, intelligent, fact-based, and transparent decisions; and**
- ★ **Protect historic public access routes to public lands and address recreational resource damage in our alpine areas; and**
- ★ **Honor our Master Plan and Land Use Code while protecting lawful private property rights, water rights, and encouraging steady, smart growth and diversified economic opportunities.**

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