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**WESTERN COLORADO COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, MERGES
WITH DENVER AREA COUNCIL**

*Located in Grand Junction, Colorado, the Western Colorado Council will merge with
the Denver Area Council, located in Lakewood, Colorado*

Lakewood, Colo. — Effective May 1, 2019, the Western Colorado Council (WCC) merges with the Denver Area Council (DAC). The Western Colorado Council will become the Western Slope Service Area of the Denver Area Council. This relationship will allow youth on the western slope to continue Scouting with additional programs and financial support.

The Western Slope Service Area is comprised of 14 counties: Delta, Eagle, Garfield, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Mesa, Moffat, Montrose, Ouray, Pitkin, Rio Blanco, Routt, San Miguel, and Summit. While the Denver Area Council is comprised of 10 counties: Adams, Arapahoe, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, Gilpin, Jefferson, and Park. Together, the Denver Area Council will be serving a total of 24 counties.

“This is an exciting opportunity for Scouting on the western slope of our state,” says John G. Cabeza, Scout Executive/CEO of the Denver Area Council. “This merger will strengthen the foundation for Scouting on the western slope and allow the DAC to expand its positive impact on youth.”

The DAC was established in 1913 and serves more than 32,000 youth with the support of 7,000 volunteers. With the addition of the Western Slope Service Area, the Denver Area Council will serve more than 34,000 youth. Joining forces will allow the expanded Council the opportunity to welcome more youth with access to all DAC camps, programs, and staff, with programs and activities to build character and leadership. Operations for both councils will be administered at the Frederic C. Hamilton Scout Headquarters, located at 10455 W. 6th Avenue, in Lakewood.

2019 marks the 109th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Throughout history, the BSA mission has remained the same: to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by teaching them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

For more information about the Denver Area Council, please visit DenverBoyScouts.org.

About Boy Scouts of America

The Boy Scouts of America provides the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training, which helps young people be "Prepared. For Life®. The Scouting organization is comprised more than 2.4 million youth members between the ages of 5 and 21, and nearly one million adult volunteers in local councils throughout the United States and its territories. For more information about the Boy Scouts of America, please visit Scouting.org.

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