AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

AgendaTitle:
Correspondence; Bureau of Land Management; Livestock Grazing and Drought; Uncompahgre Field Office Written Request, February 14, 2014

Action Requested: Board of County Commissioners' Signature

Parties to the Agreement:

Term Begins: **Term Ends:** **Grant Contract #:**

Summary:
Written request to BLM to reserve Gunnison County's right to request cooperating agency status regarding Livestock Grazing and Drought effort

Fiscal Impact:

Submitted by: CAO **Submitter's Email Address:** dbaumgarten@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: ○ Required ● Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date:

County Attorney Review: ● Required ○ Not Required

Comments:

ok db 3/27/14 Written in consultation with Jim Cochran, Jon Washbuche (Montrose County) and Robbie LeValley.

Reviewed by: Discharge Date: 3/27/2014 Certificate of Insurance Required Yes ● No ○

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirnie Discharge Date: 3/27/2014

○ Consent Agenda ● Regular Agenda ○ Worksession Time Allotted: 5

Agenda Date: 4/1/2014 Follow Up Agenda Date:

Revised April 2013

April 1, 2014

Bureau of Land Management
Uncompahgre Field Office
2465 South Townsend Avenue
Montrose, CO 81401

Brian St. George
Bureau of Land Management
Gunnison Field Office
650 South 11th Street
Gunnison, CO 81230

Re: Livestock Grazing and Drought; Uncompahgre Field Office Written Request, February 14, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Gunnison, Colorado (the "Board") appreciates that the Bureau of Land Management has extended the time for comments regarding the Livestock Grazing and Drought correspondence dated February 14, 2014 (the "February 14, 2014 Letter").

The Board in its responsive correspondence reserved its right to request "Cooperating Agency" status regarding this effort. Please consider this letter to be a formal request that the Board be granted such "Cooperating Agency" status or an equivalent opportunity to participate in the drafting and review of the data, science, and required documents. You have received such a formal request from the Board of County Commissioners of Delta County, Colorado and may anticipate receiving a similar request from the Board of County Commissioners of Montrose County, Colorado.

May we respectfully suggest that representatives of Gunnison, Delta and Montrose counties meet with you prior to your determination whether to chose "Cooperating Agency" or another "equivalent status."

We also respectfully request that we be informed as expeditiously as reasonable whether our request – and other requests for "Cooperating Agency" or an equivalent status – are granted so that we can coordinate and schedule our activities including participation in drafting and review of drafts.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paula Swenson Chairperson	Phil Chamberland Vice-Chairperson	Jonathan Houck Commissioner

cc: Senator Bennet
Senator Udall
Representative Tipton
Erin Minks
John Whitney
Jon Waschbusch
Robbie LeValley