AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Correspondence; US Forest Service Supervisor Scott

Action Requested: Motion

Parties to the Agreement:

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

Summary:

Discuss meeting with Forest Service representatives. Two letters are presented for approval and staff/or BOCC signature

Fiscal Impact:

Submitted by: Marlene D. Crosby **Submitter's Email Address:** mcrosby@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: ○ Required ◉ Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date:

County Attorney Review: ◉ Required ○ Not Required

Comments:
ok - gs, first letter has a minor typo which will be fixed prior to approval

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\gstuhr Discharge Date: 1/15/2016 Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes ○ No ◉

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\khaase Discharge Date: 1/15/2016

○ Consent Agenda ◉ Regular Agenda ○ Worksession Time Allotted: 10 minutes

Agenda Date: 1/19/2016

Revised April 2015

January 12, 2016

Scott Armentrout, Forest Supervisor
GMUG National Forest
2250 Highway 50
Delta, CO 81416

Dear Mr. Armentrout:

Thank you for meeting with representatives of Gunnison County on January 9, 2016 in Montrose. We were able to clarify a number of issues that need to be resolved between our agencies. Enclosed with this letter you will find four packets of information and easements that date back to 1997. The first easement for CR #771, the Gold Creek Road was signed by both the Forest Service and Gunnison County was signed, but never recorded. The recordation is now complete and a copy of the recorded document is attached.

Three of the easements were approved by the United States Forest Service and issued an Authorization ID number, but for whatever reason were never signed and recorded. They include:

> Carbon Creek - This easement would grant a right-of-way across National Forest Land between two parcels of private land that the County had an easement for per a court ruling prior to November of 1997.
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> Slate River Road – This easement granted a right-of-way across National Forest land below the Townsite of Pittsburg. This easement acknowledges the Gunnison County jurisdiction per the Board of County Commissioners assertions on November 18, 1881. No portion of the road has since been vacated.
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> Pristine Point/Meridian Lake Road – This easement granted a right-of-way across National Forest Land between the private land portions that Gunnison County accepted an easement over on September 16, 1997. This easement will complete the jurisdiction of the full length of the road from the Washington Gulch County Road (#811) to National Forest lands at Meridian Lake.

Copies of the easement documents and any pertinent information from our files is attached for your review. We would request approval by the Forest Service for approval of agency signatures on these documents and then they will be recorded by Gunnison County.

If you have any questions, or need further clarification, please call Marlene at 970-641-0044. If she cannot answer the question she will refer it to the appropriate party. Thank you again for the opportunity to meet with you.

Sincerely,

Cc: Curtis Cross, Engineering
John Murphy, District Ranger
Enc: Recorded Easement CR #771
Three Easements and Supporting Documentation

January 12, 2015

Scott Armentrout, Forest Supervisor
GMUG National Forest
2250 Highway 50
Delta, CO 81416

Dear Mr. Armentrout:

This letter is in reference to discussions with you and your staff regarding the jurisdiction of roads that are generally perceived as Gunnison County roads, but that cross National Forest land. It is our understanding that even though Gunnison County has maintained those roads for many years it is necessary to have formal documentation in place.

Gunnison County is willing to request a FRTA easement on a number of roads. We understand that they will be covered under a Schedule A Agreement while the environmental work and scoping is done for the easement. We are requesting a FRTA easement on the following roads:

Quartz Creek Road (CR#76) – from the Forest boundary at Roosevelt Campground to the private property below Pitkin.

Gothic Road (CR#317) – from the Forest boundary just past Mt. Crested Butte to the Townsite of Gothic.

Whitepine Road (CR#888) – specific boundaries to be developed.

Both the Schedule A and the FRTA easement will need to clearly state that the approval of either document in no way diminishes Gunnison County's right to assert RS2477 status at a later date.

The development of the FRTA easement is in the best interest of the Forest Service and Gunnison County and we are happy to work with you to expedite the process in any way possible.

If you have any questions, please contact our Public Works Director Marlene Crosby at 970-641-0044. If she cannot answer your questions, she will refer them to the appropriate party.

Sincerely,

Cc: Curtis Cross, Engineering
John Murphy, District Ranger