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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE

PUBLIC ROAD EASEMENT
Act of October 13, 1964, (P.L. 88-657)
36 CFR 251.50, et seq

THIS EASEMENT dated this ___ day of _____, 2016, from the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting by and through the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, hereinafter called Grantor, to the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, hereinafter called Grantee.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Grantee has applied for a grant of an easement under the Act of October 13, 1964 (78 Stat. 1089, 16 U.S.C. 532-538), for a road over certain lands or assignable easements owned by the United States in the County of Gunnison, State of Colorado, and administered by the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

NOW THEREFORE, Grantor does hereby grant to Grantee an easement for a public road and highway along and across a strip of land, hereinafter defined as the right-of-way over and across the following described lands in the County of Gunnison, State of Colorado:

> Any National Forest System lands in a strip of land along the center line of the existing road known as Slate River Road (NFSR 734) in the northeast quarter (NE1/4), the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter (NE1/4NW1/4), and the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter (NE1/4SE1/4) of section 18; and lots 3, 4, and 6 and the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter (SE1/4SW1/4) of section 7, township 13 south, range 86 west, Sixth Principal Meridian, **BEGINNING AT A POINT** on the line between section 17 and section 18, and **ENDING AT A POINT** on the line between lot 6 and M.S. No. 3204.
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> Said easement shall be 30 feet on each side of centerline with such additional width as required for accommodation and protection of cuts and fills.

The word "right-of-way" when used herein means said strip of land whether or not there is an existing road or highway located thereon. Except where it is defined more specifically, the word "highway" shall mean roads or highways now existing or hereafter constructed on the right-of-way or any segment of such roads or highways.

The right-of-way is shown on the map labeled Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

This grant is made subject to the following terms, provisions, and conditions:

1. Outstanding valid claims, if any, existing on the date of this grant.

2. The easement herein granted is limited to use of the described right-of-way for the purpose of construction, operation, and maintenance of a highway and does not include the grant of any rights for non-highway purposes or facilities; Provided, That the Forest Service shall not exercise its right to use or authorize the use of any portion of the right-of-way for non-highway purposes when such use would interfere with the free flow of traffic or impair the full use and safety of the highway; and Provided further, That nothing herein shall preclude the Forest Service from locating National Forest and other Department of Agriculture information signs on the portions of the right-of-way outside of construction limits.

3. Not applicable.

4. Any reconstruction of the highway situated on this right-of-way shall conform with plans, specifications, and written stipulations approved by the Forest Supervisor or authorized representative prior to beginning such reconstruction.

5. Consistent with highway safety standards, the Grantee shall:

> a. Protect and preserve soil and vegetative cover and scenic and aesthetic values on the right-of-way outside of construction limits.
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> b. Provide for the prevention and control of soil erosion within the right-of-way and adjacent lands that might be affected by the construction operation, or maintenance of the highway, and shall vegetate and keep vegetated with suitable species all earth cut or fill slopes feasible for revegetation or other areas on which ground cover is destroyed. The Grantee shall perform these activities where it is deemed necessary during a joint review between the authorized Forest Officer and Grantee prior to completion of the highway. The Grantee also shall maintain all terracing, water bars, leadoff ditches, or other preventive works that may be necessary to accomplish this objective. This provision also shall apply to waste disposal areas and slopes that are reshaped following slides that occur during or after construction.

6. The Grantee shall:

Establish no borrow, sand, or gravel pits; stone quarry; permanent storage areas; sites for highway-operation and maintenance facilities; camps; supply depots; or disposal areas within the right-of-way, unless shown on approved construction plans, without first obtaining approval of the authorized Forest Officer.

7. The Grantee shall maintain the right-of-way clearing by means of chemicals only after the Forest Supervisor has given specific written approval. Application for such approval must be in writing and must specify the time, method, chemicals, and the exact portion of the right-of-way to be chemically

treated.

8. The Grantee does by the acceptance of this document covenant and agree for itself, its assigns, and its successors in interest to the property here granted or any part thereof, that the covenant set forth below shall attach to and run with the land:

> a. That the Grantee shall operate the described property and its appurtenant areas and its buildings and facilities whether or not on the land therein granted as a public road, in full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and all requirements imposed by or pursuant to the regulations issued thereunder by the Department of Agriculture and in effect on the date of this document to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, sex, color, religion, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any programs or activities provided thereon; and
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> b. That the United States shall have the right to judicial enforcement of these covenants not only as to the Grantee, its successors and assigns, but also as to lessees and licensees doing business or extending services under contractual or other arrangements on the land therein conveyed.

9. Gunnison County may adopt such orders, rules or regulations as are reasonably necessary for the operation, protection, maintenance and use of this easement, including but not limited to restriction as to time, manner or place of vehicles, subject to the use of the road within this easement by the Grantor for National Forest purposes.

The Chief, Forest Service, may terminate this easement, or any segment thereof, (1) by consent of the Grantee, (2) by condemnation, or (3) after a five (5) year period of nonuse, by a determination to cancel after notification and opportunity for hearing as prescribed by law.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantor, by its Regional Forester, Forest Service, has executed this easement pursuant to the delegation of authority to the Chief, Forest Service, 7 CFR 2.60, and the delegation of authority by the Chief, Forest Service, dated August 22, 1984 (49 FR 34283), on the day and year first above written.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By:_____
DANIEL J. JIRÓN
Regional Forester
Forest Service
Department of Agriculture

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF _____)
) ss.
COUNTY OF _____)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 2016, by _____.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal.

(Seal) _____
Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

ACCEPTANCE

This easement is accepted subject to all its terms and conditions.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO

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Commissioner Chairperson

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

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