AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Letter of Support; Pitkin County, CO Grant Applica

Action Requested: Motion

Parties to the Agreement:

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

Summary:

Please see the attached.

Fiscal Impact:

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Finance Review: ○ Required ◉ Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date:

County Attorney Review: ○ Required ◉ Not Required

Comments:

Reveiwed by: Discharge Date: Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes ○ No ○

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirnie Discharge Date: 9/2/2016

◉ Consent Agenda ○ Regular Agenda ○ Worksession Time Allotted: 0

Agenda Date: 9/6/2016

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September 6, 2016

Dear GOCO Selection Committee,

The Carbondale to Crested Butte Trail has long been an aspiration for members of the bicycling public in Western Colorado and beyond. This connection was first studied in 1994 and has been identified as a significant project by various agencies since that time. This year Governor John Hickenlooper's "Colorado the Beautiful" initiative placed the Carbondale to Crested Butte Trail on its 16 in 16 list of priority trail connections across the state.

Within Pitkin County, Phase I of this trail was completed in 2010 with the construction of the paved Crystal Trail extending south from Carbondale for 5.2 miles. A GOCO Crystal River Legacy Grant included $1 million for this project, with additional funding from the Town of Carbondale, and Pitkin and Garfield counties. On the Gunnison County side, the County has supported local volunteer efforts, in collaboration with the Forest Service, to construct a portion of this trail along with numerous other trails that have been given priority within Gunnison County.

Gunnison County supports Pitkin County's application to GOCO for $200,000 in planning funds to further this trail project, including NEPA review for segments that will cross national forest boundaries. We look forward to the continued partnership with Pitkin County on this and other endeavors in the future.

Sincerely,

Paula Swenson, Chairperson	Phil Chamberland, Commissioner	Jonathan Houck, Commissioner