AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Ratification of Correspondence; Colorado Departmen

Action Requested: Motion

Parties to the Agreement:

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

Summary:

The attached letter was signed and submitted to DOLA on 1/31/17.

Fiscal Impact:

Submitted by: Katherine Haase **Submitter's Email Address:** khaase@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: (●) Required ( ) Not Required

Comments:
No concerns. ln

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\lNienhueser Discharge Date: 2/1/2017

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: 2/1/2017

(●) Consent Agenda ( ) Regular Agenda ( ) Worksession Time Allotted: 0

Agenda Date: 2/7/2017

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January 30, 2017

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RE: EIAF #9016 – Federal Land Management Planning Grant; Gunnison Sage Grouse

Dear Leslie,

Due to extenuating circumstances beyond Gunnison County's control, we would appreciate DOLA's consideration of an extension to 12/31/2017 for the above referenced grant.

The Gunnison Sage Grouse EIS/RMPA public review draft comment period deadline was extended 60 days by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), to January 9, 2017. Though Gunnison County was ready to submit comments by the original deadline, our obligation to coordinate our comments with our partners, including the State of Colorado, necessarily delayed our comment submittal. The BLM has also stated their intent to reconvene the Cooperating Agencies, which includes Gunnison County, after they have assessed comments received on the public review draft of the Gunnison Sage Grouse EIS/RMPA, to help them develop a final alternative and then incorporate that alternative into their final decision. Lastly, the BLM did not include a mitigation strategy/plan or an adaptive management strategy/plan into the public review draft, and the County has been asked to participate on teams to assist the BLM in developing both.

In light of these circumstances and the fact that we are at the mercy of the BLM regarding the process timeline, Gunnison County will be unable to complete the grant's scope of work by the current February 28, 2017 deadline. We will continue to be in regular contact with Elyse Ackerman-Casselberry, and we will alert her to any additional unforeseen developments.

Sincerely,

Phil Chamberland
Chairperson

cc: Elyse Ackerman-Casselberry, DOLA