AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

AgendaTitle:
Replacement of Willow Creek Bridge #1

Action Requested: Motion

Parties to the Agreement: Gunnison County and Gunnison National Forest

Term Begins: Upon signature of Agreemer **Term Ends:** 4/5/2019 **Grant Contract #:**

Summary:
The Forest Service has received funding for the replacement of Willow Creek Bridge #1 and is requesting County participation in the project.

Fiscal Impact: $50,000 - $55,000 part of Road Maint. budget

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

Finance Review: (●) Required ( ) Not Required

Comments:

If approved, will earmark these county funds from road maintenance to this project budget.

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\lNienhueser Discharge Date: 4/2/2015

County Attorney Review: ( ) Required (●) Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date: Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes ( ) No ( )

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirnie Discharge Date: 4/3/2015

( ) Consent Agenda (●) Regular Agenda ( ) Worksession Time Allotted: DCM Report

Agenda Date: 4/7/2015 Follow Up Agenda Date:

Revised April 2013

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TO: **Board of County Commissioners**
Matthew Birnie, County Manager

FROM: **Marlene Crosby** Marlene

DATE: **March 30, 2015**

SUBJECT: **Willow Creek Bridge #1**

Good Morning,

I am putting this request in memo form to attach to my Laserfiche submittal because the form does not allow enough space for adequate detail.

Last year Gunnison County entered into an agreement with the Forest Service to cooperatively replace Willow Creek Bridge #2. It is the structure on the road to Tincup just below the sewer dump station. I came to you in December and indicated that we might need to terminate that agreement if some issues raised by the FS could not be resolved with increasing our costs. We met with Forest Service representatives this morning, and it appears that most of the issues have been resolved and we will be able to move forward as planned.

The Regional Forest Service Office notified the Delta office late last week that the replacement of Willow Creek Bridge #1 was on the list for funding. Willow Creek #1 is the bridge on the road to Tincup that is located between Murdie Flats Subdivision and Holt's Guest Ranch (CR#55). We felt it was the priority for funding the last cycle, but because of the amount of funding available and because there is a detour around CR #55 if there was a catastrophic failure the Forest Service prioritized Willow Creek #2.

The bridge at Willow Creek #1 would be longer than the other structure and would be sized to accommodate ATV/UTV traffic on the bridge. The cost for materials is more, but there is enough in the budget to pay for the concrete, crane, etc. We would also not have to build a detour which is an important consideration with the adjacent wetlands. An agreement would be structured much like the previous agreement with Gunnison County providing labor and equipment.

The Delta office had to notify the Regional Office by noon today if it appeared likely that an agreement could be reached with Gunnison County. If not, the funding would be reallocated to another forest within GMUG. I explained to the local representatives, and the new Forest Engineer in Delta, that I could not get Board approval/denial until your next regular meeting on April 7, 2015.

If this project is approved I am not sure whether we would do both projects at the same time which would save mobilization costs, especially for a crane, or whether we would do one each year. The Project Agreement would be for five years, but I would not want to wait until the last year in case the cost of materials escalated. After looking at all the numbers and discussing possible options to complete the project I did let them know that I would recommend to the Board that Gunnison County enter into an agreement for the replacement of Willow Creek Bridge #1, emphasizing that it would be your decision.

Please give me a call if you have any questions.

Thank you