AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

AgendaTitle:
Correspondence; Marble Traffic Issues; Teri Havens

Action Requested: Discussion

Parties to the Agreement:

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

Summary:
Please see the attached email from Teri Havens.

Fiscal Impact:

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

Finance Review: ○ Required ◉ Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date:

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: Correspondence

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

Revised April 2013

Katherine Haase

From: Matthew Birnie
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 4:18 PM
To: Katherine Haase
Subject: FW: Marble & surrounding wilderness areas traffic issues

Will you put this correspondence on the next agenda under correspondence please?

-----Original Message-----
From: Teri Havens [mailto:terihavens@earthlink.net]
Sent: Thursday, April 02, 2015 3:47 PM
To: Matthew Birnie
Subject: Marble & surrounding wilderness areas traffic issues

Dear Mr Birnie:

As a resident of Marble for over twenty years, I have become increasingly concerned about the explosion of traffic that pummels our little mountain village every summer. Marble is, of course, the gateway to a spectacular wilderness area. The Jeep Road to Crystal and Schofield pass has historically been a tremendous asset to the area, however, as the vehicles that have supplanted Jeeps have become faster and more numerous, I believe a new management approach to this area should be considered.

Each summer the onslaught of four-wheelers and "ATVers" that blast though our community grows exponentially, transforming Marble from a quiet residential area to a fume - chocked speedway for thrill seeking recreationalists. The parking for these vehicles, often hauled in on large trailers, is extremely limited. It is not unusual for Beaver Lake, a charming family fishing, canoeing and picnic spot, to be so overrun by these trailers and the loading of ATV's, that the lake is no longer an option for other activities. Also incredibly problematic, to the point of becoming critical, is the lack of bathroom facilities to accommodate this large influx of visitors.

I do realize that Marble is an incredibly scenic place. It is understandable that it would be considered as an addition to the West Elk Look scenic & Historical Byway. However I would strongly encourage Gunnison County to work with Marble toward managing its already overly stressed summer traffic situation before promoting the area to new motorists.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Kind regards,

Teri

Teri Havens
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cc: Lenore Bates / Colorado Scenic Bypass coordinator
Scott Fitzwilliams / Scott Fitzwilliams / White River National Forest Supervisor
Phil Chamberland / Gunnison County commissioner of Disctrict 3