AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Visitor; National Forest Foundation Colorado Progr

Action Requested:

Parties to the Agreement:

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

Summary:

Please see the attached submitted by Emily Olsen from the National Forest Foundation for the Dec. 19 Work Session

Fiscal Impact:

Submitted by: Josh Ost **Submitter's Email Address:** jost@gunnisoncounty.org

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: 12/12/2017

○ Consent Agenda ○ Regular Agenda ○ Worksession Time Allotted: 45

Agenda Date: 12/19/2017

Revised April 2015

The National Forest Foundation (NFF) is the only conservation organization specifically dedicated to our National Forests and Grasslands. These diverse lands log hundreds of millions of visits each year, provide fresh water to 123 million people, habitat for much of the country's native fish and wildlife, timber, grazing, oil, gas and mineral resources and support economic health in hundreds of communities.

Uniting concerned communities, organizations and individuals, the NFF engages Americans in community-based and national programs that promote the health and public enjoyment of our National Forests. The results add up to thousands of acres restored and revitalized National Forest System lands, ensuring clean air and water, vital wildlife habitat, more resilient forests and high quality recreation resources across the country.

With millions of acres in need of restoration and millions of people unaware of how National Forests enrich their lives, the NFF is working to restore our damaged forests and restore Americans' connection to our public lands through programs and initiatives that:

- Raise corporate and other funding to leverage federal funds to produce measureable conservation results across the National Forest System;
- Implement stewardship projects to create more resilient forest ecosystems;
- Restore landscapes damaged by wildfire, insects, disease and natural disasters to provide scenic, watershed, wildlife and ecosystem service benefits;
- Invest in communities to help people convert their passion for forests into meaningful conservation actions; and
- Improve recreational opportunities that connect Americans to their National Forests and inspire a life-long commitment to stewardship of these treasured places.

From tree-planting to granting programs, the NFF leverages federal and private investments to improve the conditions of our National Forests and Grasslands. Our programs strive to:

- Unite the power of diverse interests and communities in collaborative stewardship;
- Restore ecosystems to their natural resiliency and functions through on-the-ground conservation;
- Engage Americans, young and old, in recognizing the gifts of our National Forests and Grasslands and in caring for them;
- Sustain the commitment and ability of communities to serve as stewards by building the capacity of collaborative organizations; and
- Add value where action would not otherwise be taken.

With 28 staff in 11 locations around the country, the NFF has a national impact that provides lasting benefits. Our signature initiatives include:

- ***Treasured Landscapes, Unforgettable Experiences*** – our national, large-scale restoration program at more than a dozen high-priority National Forests and Grasslands;

- **Competitive granting programs** – our granting programs focus on on-the-ground forest restoration, capacity building and improving outdoor experiences across the National Forest System;
- **Trees for US** – our tree-planting program reforests areas damaged by wildfire, insects and other natural causes;
- **Our Forests, Our Water** – our innovative watershed restoration program delivers measureable watershed benefits;
- **Conservation Connect** – our multi-faceted collaborative conservation program helps communities and the Forest Service work together to improve forest and grasslands management;
- **Comprehensive and engaging communications** – through our semi-annual magazine, our large social and digital following and through our corporate partners, we deliver inspiring and educating messages about the National Forest System to millions of Americans every year.

Each of these programs delivers real results that benefit our National Forests, local communities, and the fish, wildlife and plant communities that depend on healthy National Forests. By leveraging funding and empowering community-based groups, we add tremendous value to local efforts and national initiatives.

The NFF is governed by a dedicated and diverse volunteer Board of Directors. The Chief of the Forest Service is an *ex officio* member of the Board. We ensure that our work is closely alligned with Forest Service leadership through our National Forest Leadership Council.

On average, the NFF leverages its $3 million federal appropriation 4:1.

CUMULATIVE CROSS-PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2001-2016	
Through NFF Direct and Partner-Driven Work	*Total*
Projects Completed	2,134
Miles of Trail Work	15,041
Acres of Fuel Reduction Completed or Planned	897,956
Trees and Shrubs Planted	8,339,139
Acres of Noxious Weeds Treated	102,177
Miles of Stream Surveyed or Restored	5,600
Acres of Wildlife Habitat Restored or Maintained	182,001
Youth Employed or Engaged	58,829
Volunteers	161,518
Volunteer Hours	2,026,465
Equivalent of Volunteer Hours in Full Time Jobs	974