AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Ratification of Correspondence; Letter of Support;

Action Requested:

Parties to the Agreement:

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

Summary:

Please see the attached letter

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: 4/20/2018

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

Agenda Date: 5/1/2018

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April 18, 2018

Tom Metza
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13787 South Hwy 85
Littleton, CO 80125

Dear Tom Metza,

Please accept this letter of support for the Gunnison County Sno Trackers capitol grant application. Gunnison County is primarily a tourist and ranching community. As such we depend on providing our visitors with unique and quality experiences that make their visits memorable and enjoyable. Our goal is to have them come back to Gunnison County when they are planning their next vacation. The work that Sno Trackers does providing quality groomed snowmobile trails provides a wonderful experience to our visitors and locals alike. The opportunity to see the unique high mountain vistas and enjoy the experience of snowmobiling is one that is enhanced by the grooming program managed by Sno Trackers.

The economic benefits to Gunnison County of a quality grooming program cannot be understated. On some days we see over 100 visitors who experience the trail system by way of 4 snowmobile rental companies in the area. The jobs created by these companies are integral for locals who are living and working in a recreational economy. In addition to the rental companies' use, we get many snowmobilers from around the State and Country that visit specially to ride our trails. The economic benefit of these visitors helps many local businesses support jobs that are critical to making a living in a small mountain community.

The trails are used by multiple types of winter recreationalists, including cross country skiers, back country skiers, fat bike riders, snowshoers, and even the occasional hiker. The Kebler trail is used by full time residents who live in the town of Irwin. Without the grooming program their daily commute would be much more difficult. These trails are truly "multi-use" and are a prime example of the benefits of collaborative management of our public lands.

We'd like to thank you for your past support of the Sno Trackers grooming program and ask that you give support for the much needed replacement of the current snow cat being used by Sno Trackers.

Sincerely,

Phil Chamberland, Chairperson | Jonathan Houck, Commissioner | John Messner, Commissioner

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