AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Ratification of Correspondence; CO State FS

Action Requested: Motion

Parties to the Agreement:

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

Summary:

The attached correspondence was signed and distributed on 10/23/2019.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Submitted by: Katherine Haase for BOCC **Submitter's Email Address:** khaase@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: Discharge Date: 11/1/2019

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

Agenda Date: 11/5/2019

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October 23, 2019

Review Committee
2019-2020 Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Grant Program
Colorado State Forest Service
5060 Campus Delivery
Fort Collins, CO 80523-5060

RE: North Fork Valley Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Project

Dear Review Committee Members:

Gunnison County is pleased to offer this letter of support and commitment to accompany the North Fork Valley Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Project application.

This project proposes to complete fuels-reduction treatments that strategically reduce the potential risk for damage to critical infrastructure and high-valued assets as a result of wildfire within the North Fork Valley. These features include a power line right-of-way for Tri-State Generation and Transmission, a Delta-Montrose Electric Association power line that supplies power to the West Elk Mine, and the Juanita Substation, which supplies power to both of these power lines. These treatments will be accomplished by a combination of mastication in pinyon-juniper and oak habitat and seeding to encourage cover-type ecological restoration, and promote forest health through scientifically based forestry practices that restore ecosystem functions, structures and species composition.

We appreciate the efforts that the partners included in this grant application and are taking to reduce risk to people, property and infrastructure from wildfire in the wildland-urban interface (WUI), and promote forest health and the utilization of woody material including through traditional forest products. We intend to collaborate with the National Wild Turkey Federation, private landowners and the Colorado State Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and United States Forest Service wherever possible. We can provide support through consultation on the project, and we hope to find more ways to collaborate as the project develops into its future phases. We also appreciate the consultation with Colorado Parks and Wildlife to maximize benefits to wildlife in conjunction with these mitigation efforts.

Thank you for your consideration of the North Fork Valley Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Project.

Respectfully,

Jonathan Houck, Chairperson | John Messner, Commissioner | Roland Mason, Commissioner

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