AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Correspondence; Funding Request; Public Lands Part

Action Requested: Discussion

Parties to the Agreement:

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

Summary:

Please see the attached correspondence from the Public Lands Partnership.

Fiscal Impact: $2,000

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

Finance Review: (●) Required ( ) Not Required

Comments:
$3,000 currently available in Discretionary Spending line item in Commissioner activity budget.

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\lNienhueser Discharge Date: 9/11/2015

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: 9/11/2015

( ) Consent Agenda (●) Regular Agenda ( ) Worksession Time Allotted: 5

Agenda Date: 9/15/2015

Revised April 2015

Public Lands Partnership

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Received
County Adminstrat...
8/31/2015
cc: BOCC
M. Birnie
M. Crosby
L. Nienhueser
R. Forrest

August 27, 2015

Gunnison County Commissioners
200 E Virginia Ave
Gunnison, Co 81230

Dear Board of County Commissioners,

The Public Lands Partnership is seeking the support from the Gunnison County Commissioners. PLP was established over 21 years ago and is one of the longest operating Natural Resource Collaborative in the State of Colorado. For more than two decades PLP continues to carefully identify public land projects that would benefit from facilitated community input. In 2014 PLP identified the Spruce Beetle Epidemic and Sudden Aspen Decline Management Response Project (SBEADMR) as a public land project that would benefit from collaborative efforts that enhance and help maintain diverse, healthy communities. This past year we moved forward with an outreach program that included public facilitated meetings to address the project regarding the Beetle infestation and Aspen decline that is impacting our local public lands. PLP co-hosted 22 public meetings with over 800 interested and concerned citizen's participation. We anticipate the entire process to be 18-24 month with an additional 8 year of monitoring. There are many community impacts that can occur due to these natural events, including effects on public safety, wildlife, watersheds, capturing the economic value of dead/dying trees, and recreation and tourism.

As the Public Land Agencies continue to be challenged with the impacts of reduced funding and changes in policies, it becomes even more important that the local communities and counties remain engaged with public lands issues through a strong collaboration. The PLP continues to strive to provide a vehicle to address these issues.

As with many organizations, PLP is challenged in being able to meet its annual program objectives because of limited funding. At the present time, PLP receives funding from Delta, Montrose, San Miguel and Ouray Counties as their primary source in supporting our programs. We are reaching out to the Gunnison County Commissioners to encourage your support for the coming year. We believe that having all the local counties and cities involved with the PLP will bring a stronger collective influence on issues of common interest. We are asking for your support and consideration of a Contribution in the amount of $2,000 FY 2016.

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Having a strong interface with the various public lands agencies is critical in promoting a strong and diverse local economy and an informed public. We trust these are consistent with those of the Gunnison County and together we can safeguard the many values that our public lands offer.

PLP would be happy to schedule a presentation to the Board of County Commissioners. For additional information regarding Public Lands Partnership please check us out at www.publiclandspartnership.org

Respectfully,

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Enc: PLP Executive Committee members

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Vacant: Mining and Energy Industry

Mission Statement "To influence the management of public lands thru collaborative efforts in ways that enhance and help maintain diverse, healthy communities in West Central Colorado."

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