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 for ratification.

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: 11/17/2017

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

Agenda Date: 11/21/2017

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November 17, 2017

Colorado Parks and Wildlife
OHV Committee

Committee member,

It is with enthusiasm that Gunnison County lends its support to the motocross project that the GOAT's are proposing at Hartman's Rocks off of McCabe Lane here in Gunnison County on BLM lands. The area has been used as a primitive motocross area for years and is a priority to develop it into a first class riding area. The proposal would address many deficiencies that currently exist at the site. The expansion and redevelopment of the area will greatly improve the quality of riding for enthusiasts and make it a popular site for recreationalists. Other sorely needed amenities such as restrooms, parking, and camping sites will greatly improve functionality and enjoyment for our visiting and local motocross community.

The improved site will also help to relieve pressure on the expansive riding network of trails in the Gunnison Valley. The environmental benefits to having a formal motocross track will be felt almost immediately. The GOAT's have been advocates of "Stay the Trail" and "Leave no Trace" since their inception in 2010 and have been great partners with Gunnison County, the BLM, and the Forest Service in educating all users in the Valley about proper trail etiquette. They have worked collaboratively with other user groups to help make Gunnison County a truly "Multi Use" recreational area. There efforts in clearing and maintaining trails in the area go a long way in helping the cash strapped federal agencies in meeting their mission for public access to the landscapes that we all love and enjoy.

The economic benefits of this project will be far reaching. A formal motocross riding area of this caliber will be an attraction for enthusiast from across the state and country. With the amenities being proposed and the ongoing maintenance and care of the park by the GOAT's and BLM, we believe that this can be one of the "must go to" places for those seeking enjoyment of the sport. As a tourist economy we are always in search of high quality experiences for our visitors and we believe that this project will deliver just that.

Thank you for your consideration and support for this project.

Sincerely,

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

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