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U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration

Dear Sirs:

The Routt County Board of County Commissioners would like to express its support for the Town of Yampa's Colorado Federal Lands Access Program Grant Request. This grant would fund reconstruction of Main Street in Yampa. These badly needed improvements will serve to ensure the continuity of pavement between Colorado Highway 131 to Routt County Road #7 to the beginning of Forest Service Road #900 and access to USFS lands. We believe that it is vitally important to support the Town in its efforts to create and maintain a sustainable economy, and we understand that access to public lands for our visitors is crucial to Yampa's long-term economic viability.

While there are abundant opportunities for recreation on federal public lands in Routt County, there is overcrowding at popular trailheads and campgrounds especially around the City of Steamboat Springs. We believe dispersing some of these activities to outlying areas will improve all of our visitors' experiences. FSR #900 already has a number of popular lakes, trailheads and campgrounds, including the busy Devil's Causeway trail.

Routt County cooperates with our federal land partners by providing emergency services, search and rescue, law enforcement and road maintenance. Through our Schedule A Joint Road Maintenance Plan, Routt County provides surface blading of FSR #900 for 3.8 miles from the forest boundary to the Garfield County line.

We believe this project fulfills the emphasis on high use recreation sites and economic generators and urge you to approve this worthy request.

Sincerely,
ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'B. Melton'.

M. Elizabeth Melton, Chair