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Department of Local Affairs
C/O Greg Winkler – Northern Mtn. Regional Manager
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RE: Extension Request – DOLA Grant EIAF #8617 for Routt County Phippsburg Wastewater Treatment System Liner Replacement

Mr. Winkler,

Grant Agreement EIAF #8617 from the Department of Local Affairs was executed on June 8, 2018 for the Phippsburg Wastewater Treatment System (Routt County) Lagoon Liner Replacement. Routt County received notification of approval on August 22, 2018 for a Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund (WPCRF) Loan to cover remaining construction costs. The date of approval for the loan left insufficient time to complete the project in 2018 so a decision was made to go out for bid in the spring of 2019 with a plan to complete work by the end of the field season.

An advertisement went out in late March 2019 but unfortunately no bids were received. The window for construction in Phippsburg is narrow and there was discussion about moving the project forward to 2020. Instead, it was put out for bid again (June 7th) with expanded advertising in an effort to identify a contractor and complete construction within the timelines laid out in the grant agreement.

Response to the latest bid is pending. As a precaution, Routt County is requesting the contract period for the grant be extended for one year to December 31, 2020. We have contacted WPCRF and the CDPHE Grants and Loans Unit to confirm that since the loan agreement was already executed there are no issues with extending the construction period to 2020.

We appreciate your consideration and apologize for any additional administrative burden as a result of extending the contract period. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. We will keep you informed on our progress for hiring a contractor to perform the liner replacement.

Sincerely,
ROUTT COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

M. Elizabeth Melton, Chair

