

September 27, 2022

Colorado State Forest Service
2667 Copper Ridge Circle, Unit #1
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487

Colorado State Forest Service Grant Committee,

The Routt County Board of County Commissioners is writing in support of The Sanctuary Home Owner's Association's application for Forest Restoration & Wildfire Risk Mitigation Grant Program funds.

The Sanctuary, a neighborhood comprised of 141 lots covering roughly 150 acres plus 100 acres of common area open space, straddles Fish Creek as it emerges from the Fish Creek watershed just below the Mt. Werner Water treatment plant. Due to its proximity to the plant, recommendations were made by The Fish Creek Critical Community Watershed Protection Plan (CCWPP) to reduce the risk of wildfire in The Sanctuary. These efforts would be part of a broader mitigation plan to protect the watershed and water plant infrastructure.

The Sanctuary HOA Board solicited and received support from homeowners to embark on a multi-year mitigation project of its 100 acres of common areas. Through the end of this summer, the HOA will have spent nearly \$340,000 in significant mitigation work. These grant funds would support both completion of these projects as well as annual ongoing efforts to maintain all of the clearing and mitigation work that has already been done.

The Routt County Board of County Commissioners appreciates The Sanctuary's continued efforts of maintaining an ongoing mitigation plan and recognizes the critical importance of the adjacent watershed and plant infrastructure to the citizens of Steamboat Springs. We hope you consider supporting these endeavors, as a grant from the FRWRM would provide sustainable funding for this neighborhood over the next three years. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Timothy V. Corrigan
District I

Tim Redmond
District II

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District III