



March 4, 2022

Routt County Board of Commissioners  
522 Lincoln Avenue  
P.O. Box 773598  
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477

RE: Lafarge Conservation Easement Annual Report

Dear County Commissioners:

Attached, please find the 2021 annual monitoring report submitted by City of Steamboat Springs Parks and Recreation staff for the City owned Lafarge/Chuck Lewis Wildlife Area parcel. The City has an Agreement with Routt County to monitor and report on the compliance of the Conservation Easement held by Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Additionally, within the Agreement, the City has agreed to monitor and report on the Wetlands Agreement and Reclamation Agreement.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Thank you.

Jenny Carey  
Open Space and Trails Supervisor



**REPORT TO ROUTT COUNTY  
SITE INSPECTION**

**I. Property and Owner Information**

- 1) **Conservation/Access Easement Name:** Chuck Lewis State Wildlife Area - Lafarge Parcel
- 2) **Date of Easement:** November 12, 2004
- 3) **Easement Acreage:** 102.8 acres
- 4) **Inspection Date:** August 10
- 5) **Reception Number:** 611415
- 6) **Property Owner Information:**

City of Steamboat Springs  
PO Box 775088  
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477
- 7) **Property Manager/Easement Holder:**

Colorado Parks and Wildlife  
Area 10 Manager  
PO Box 775777  
Steamboat Springs, CO 80477

**II. Monitoring Information**

**1) Land Use Changes**

- a. *Purpose:* The purpose for which the easement was created appears to be fulfilled. The preservation and protection of the conservation values are occurring on the property and the public has access to the property for enjoyment of the conservation values.
- b. *Activities:* The activities taking place on the property appear to be consistent with and compliant with the terms of the Deed of Conservation Easement.
- c. *Intended Uses:* The property appears to be utilized as intended.

**2) Natural Alterations**

- a. *Alterations/Impacts:* Bank erosion and seasonal flooding occurs along the Yampa River, yet no major problem areas were observed. Yellow Toadflax and Canada Thistle were observed on the property in the past. There were no other problems observed that would negatively affect the property.
- b. *Adjacent Properties:* There were no observed adverse conditions on adjacent properties that would affect the property.

### 3) General Observations

- a. *Observations/Concerns:*
  - 1. There are several informal trails visible that are indicative of use of the area but none appear to negatively impact the conservation values of the property.
  - 2. Minimal trash (empty bottles, shotgun shells, fishing gear, toilet paper, etc) continues to be found along the trails and at the parking area.
- b. *Future Plans:* Colorado Parks and Wildlife has the right to construct future improvements such as formal pedestrian trails and restrooms or other sanitary facilities.
- c. *Future Monitoring:* Continue to monitor bank erosion along the Yampa River and on the larger pond, the presence of noxious weeds, and the impacts of facility users throughout the site.