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MEMORANDUM

To: State Trails Committee

From: J.T. Romatzke, Northwest Region Manager

Subject: 2019 Colorado the Beautiful trail grant applications review and comments

Date 10/4/19

District and Area Wildlife Managers and staff have reviewed and provided comments on the Non-Motorized trail grants for applications proposing work in the Northwest Region. Below is a list by application number with a summary of our comments and concerns. Should more information be desired on any of our comments please do not hesitate to contact Randy Engle (randy.engle@state.co.us or 970-260-2379) as he has all the source data from the Area Managers. We hope that the reviewers and staff find the enclosed information useful in evaluating and scoring the grant applications.

#5 Frisco Nordic Center

The Northwest Region supports this application. The Frisco Peninsula is a highly recreated area, and keeping new trails within this footprint will minimize impacts to wildlife in the surrounding area. Moose and coyotes use the peninsula frequently, and there is concern that more trails and higher use may lead to an increase in human-wildlife conflicts. CPW recommends that the Town of Frisco incorporate public education into the project (post signage) to inform trail users of moose and coyotes in the area and how to reduce conflicts.

#12 West Steamboat Trail Connection Plan

The Northwest Region strongly supports this application. The Northwest Region commends the applicant on working closely with Area staff to minimize the effects of the trail on wildlife habitat and encourages the applicant to continue consultations with local CPW staff through all stages of the planning process. CPW hopes the applicant will consider utilizing the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Endowment Fund to offset any new disturbance with habitat improvement work in areas where wildlife is most constrained during critical periods of the year and in areas where improving habitat can help increase the probability of over winter survival.

