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MEMORANDUM

To: Fletcher Jacobs
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Subject: 2019 Colorado the Beautiful Grant Application
Southeast Region Review and Comment
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Review of the two 2019 Colorado the Beautiful Grant Application applications affecting the Southeast Region has been completed.

Devil's Playground Trail Improvement Project:

CPW supports this construction application. There are no significant impacts to wildlife since CPW staff have been involved in planning of the project. Applicant should take actions to be "bear aware" in those areas where overnight camping in bear country is required for maintenance or construction activities to avoid creating any human/bear conflicts. Also, do not feed any wildlife. Be sure to leave young wildlife alone, even if they seem to be unattended.

Fountain Creek Corridor Greenway Master Plan Project:

CPW supports this regional trails planning application. Overall, CPW supports the concept of utilizing the Fountain Creek Corridor to connect Colorado Springs and Pueblo along with the effort described within the concept plan to turn Fountain Creek into a recreational amenity.

CPW realizes this is a planning effort and looks forward to working with the project proponents during development of the master plan. It is important the project proponents and CPW work together closely during the planning process to maintain the integrity of the Fountain Creek aquatic and riparian ecosystem while maintaining and hopefully increasing hunting opportunity as a viable recreational activity given the wildlife value of Fountain Creek and the close proximity to both Pueblo and Colorado Springs.

