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Eagle River Watershed Council
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Dear Mr. Pleimling,

We're providing this letter to assist with your pursuit of grant funding to construct the River Run stormwater containment and treatment basin adjacent to the Eagle River in Eagle-Vail that will improve water quality by intercepting polluted water emanating from I-70 and US Highway 6 runoff.

As you know, Eagle County is one of several jurisdictions involved in curtailing non-point source pollution impacts to the Eagle River caused by urban runoff. Originally conceived in 2000, the Urban Runoff Group developed a watershed-wide strategy for improving stream health by using a multi-pronged approach resulting in changes to local regulations, coordination of educational outreach materials, identification of bank restoration projects and site-specific locations for the installation of best management practices to intercept polluted runoff. The Eagle-Vail location is one of 28 sites identified and the rain garden project proposed will have a measurable improvement to water quality and aquatic life.

In addition to this letter of support, Eagle County contributed \$10,000 toward this project in partnership with the Colorado River District, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Forrest & Frances Lattner Foundation and CDOT to make this happen. We appreciate the Eagle River Watershed Council for advocating for the health of the Upper Colorado and Eagle Rivers in Eagle County. Protecting our natural environment is one of the goals in our strategic plan and the Eagle River is not only the life-blood of our community but a very important economic driver as well.

If we can be of further assistance, feel free to contact our Environmental Health Director, Ray Merry at (970) 328-8757. Good luck with your grant applications!

Sincerely,

Kathy Chandler-Henry
Chair

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Commissioner

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