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Board of Directors
Great Outdoors Colorado
1900 Grant Street, Suite 725
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Re: Eagle River Preserve Historic Eaton Family Cabin

Dear Board of Directors:

We are writing to express our support of the grant application submitted by Wester Eagle County Metropolitan Recreation District ("WECMRD") on behalf of the Eagle Valley Outdoor Movement. The request for a planning grant for the Eagle River Preserve Historic Eaton Family Cabin ("Cabin") will allow our community to take the next step toward developing and implementing meaningful programming and functional improvements for the Cabin. Eagle County owns the Eagle River Preserve property (the "Preserve") and the land is managed by the Eagle County Open Space Department. The Preserve is a special property because it has been conserved by a conservation easement held by the Eagle Valley Land Trust and is a highly visible and frequently visited open space property.

The Cabin presents a unique opportunity to consider not only the County's heritage but also our natural resources and an introduction to the outdoors. Indeed, there is a desire among all Eagle Valley Outdoor Movement participants to collaborate and provide bi-lingual, educational programming. The grant would allow for development of a plan that strikes the right balance for the many stakeholders and potential users of not only the Cabin but the Preserve.

The grant and this planning effort further support several goals identified in Eagle County's Strategic Plan. For example, one goal is that "Eagle County Protects the Natural Environment" and a second goal is "Eagle County is a Great Place to Live for All". The grant directly supports these goals as it will allow for the Cabin to be operated in a way that provides a varied and high quality experience for all.

We urge you to support this grant request. Thank you for your consideration.

Eagle County Board of Commissioners

Sincerely,

Kathy Chandler-Henry

Chair

Jeanne McQueeney

Commissioner

Jill H. Ryan

Commissioner