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Colorado Parks and Wildlife Division  
Trails Program  
13787 S. Hwy 85  
Littleton, CO

Re: Pagosa Regional Trail Connection

September 20, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

The Archuleta County Board of Commissioners fully supports the application for a Colorado Parks and Wildlife non-motorized trail construction grant for the proposed Pagosa Regional Trail Connection project located in Archuleta County, Colorado.

This trail project is part of a larger picture of planned and existing trails within Archuleta County and will provide a key connection for non-motorized trail users in the community. Importantly, the Pagosa Regional Trail Connection will allow for construction of a footbridge and concrete trail that will allow safe access across the Village Lake dam and spillway and connect to the existing trails on either side of the dam. The trail connection proposed in this application is part of the county adopted Regional Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan developed with much community support and planning efforts in the summer and fall of 2007. The proposed trail connection project application lies within Archuleta County road right-of-way, is approved by the county and will be under county control for the 25 years required by State Trails.

The Board of County Commissioners has committed \$30,000 cash match to this important project. The BoCC has also approved the State Trails application for the Pagosa Regional Trail Connection Project in formal resolution at their September 17th regular meeting of the BOCC (see attached Resolution).

As the applicant for this funding request, Archuleta County along with our funding partner, Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association, are fully committed to this project through to its completion. All matching cash funds for this project are in place based upon our agreements and, if funded by Colorado Parks and Wildlife, trail construction will commence in the summer 2020.

All future maintenance of these trails is fully planned and funded over the next 25 years by our funding partner the Pagosa Lakes Property Owners Association who has set-up a Reserve Fund for annual trails maintenance and upkeep for the required period of time (see PLPOA letter).

The Board of County Commissioners regards this grant request as very important and recognizes that this is a great opportunity for the Colorado Parks and Wildlife trail program to help fund and support our community trail project.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Ronnie Maez  
Chairman, Board of Archuleta County Commissioners