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November 17, 2023

Ms. Robin Graber
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Denver, CO 80225

**RE: Letter of Support for Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership's
WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I Grant
Application**

Dear Ms. Graber,

The headwaters of Clear Creek begin in Gilpin County. We are aware of the risks in the watershed including water quality degradation from historic mining operations, potential catastrophic wildfires and post-fire impacts, and other water quality and quantity stressors from drought and climate change. The Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership (CCWFHP) is an important partner for Gilpin County, as we work towards collaborative stream restoration and fire mitigation projects with CCWFHP.

Gilpin County therefore supports the CCWFHP proposal to hire a coordinator to help grow the organization. Having dedicated staff will allow the organization to build capacity, develop strategic plans, and become more financially sustainable. The organization can make a bigger impact in the watershed and in Gilpin County, with a committed coordinator.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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1313 Sherman Street
Rm 718
Denver, CO 80203

**RE: Letter of Support for the 2023 Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health
Partnership WSRF Grant Application**

To Whom it May Concern,

The headwaters of Clear Creek begin in Gilpin County. We are aware of the risks in the watershed including water quality degradation from historic mining operations, potential catastrophic wildfires and post-fire impacts, and other water quality and quantity stressors from drought and climate change. The Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership (CCWFHP) is an important partner for Gilpin County, as we work towards collaborative stream restoration and fire mitigation projects with CCWFHP.

Funding this proposal will help CCWFHP move from planning to implementation and prioritize projects and risks by filling data gaps. It is especially critical to integrate into the Clear Creek Pre-Wildfire Planning Study newly acquired alluvial fan and debris flow mapping from the Colorado Geological Survey for Gilpin County and Clear Creek County. Funding this proposal will also assist in outreach and education and allow data sharing via online mapping.

Gilpin County is an active partner in CCWFHP and supports the WSRF proposal. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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