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Subject: Gilpin County Support for Back Country Broadband, LLC Project at Ralston, Aspen
Lakes, and Dory Springs

To Whom It May Concern:

The Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) is providing this, non-exclusive letter for Back Country Broadband, LLC. as part of the Advance Colorado Capital Project Fund grant application.

Backcountry Broadband is bringing their service provider experience to bring robust, modern Internet services to residents, businesses, and governments in unserved and underserved communities of the mountains just West of Denver. Future-proof services that are resilient are well-needed in the community as folks work and learn from home or are looking for more opportunity. Gigabit symmetrical fiber-optic Internet will greatly progress some of Gilpin County's goals of economic and housing development, and business diversification.

We believe this is a needed project to help bridge the digital divide in Gilpin and neighboring counties and aligns with the State of Colorado's Broadband objectives, including enhancing educational, economic, health care access and support digital inclusion.


This letter was approved by the Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners at a duly noticed public meeting on November 14, 2023.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and ongoing commitment to empowering communities through access to broadband.

Sincerely,


Marie Mornis


Susan Berumen


Sandy Hollingsworth