



AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Communication to Board of County Commissioners

To: Chair Sandy Hollingsworth, Commissioner Web Sill and Commissioner Linda Isenhart

From: Kerry Major Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership Member, WQ Lab Manager
Name Title

Today's Date: 3/8/2022

BoCC Meeting Date: 3/15/2022

Does this item require a PUBLIC HEARING? No

Item: Clear Creek Watershed and Forest Health Partnership (CCWFHP) would like to present an overview of who we are and what we are doing in Gilpin County. We would also like to request a letter of support from BoCC for an upcoming grant that includes work on Missouri Gulch.

Request or Issue: Letter of Support from BoCC

Recommended Action / Next Step: Letter of Support and info about CCWFHP for BoCC

Financial Impact(s): NA. We are not requesting any financial support at this time.

Finance/HR Staff: Reviewed by Finance? NA

Grant Apps: NA

Associated Agencies: We are working with Gilpin OEM and Gilpin CSU Extension to keep them informed on Gilpin projects.

Background Information: The Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership (CCWFHP) is a stakeholder driven natural resource management coalition with the mission to engage in collaborative, cross-jurisdictional planning and implementation of wildfire risk mitigation and forest health projects within the Clear Creek watershed.

- The genesis of the CCWFHP came out of a wildfire/watershed hazard study for Clear Creek that prioritized risk areas within the Clear Creek drainage and wildfire risk mitigation projects that could be completed pre-fire or post-fire to help make surrounding communities more resilient to catastrophic wildfire.
- The Missouri Creek subbasin in Gilpin County was identified in the study as one of the subbasins most at risk for severe wildfire impacts and has several projects identified within the subbasin including forest management, stream channel preservation, stream channel restoration, and flood risk reduction.

- Currently, two member organizations of the CCWFHP (City of Golden and Trout Unlimited) enlisted the help of the Colorado School of Mines Senior Design students to conduct field investigations and data collection in the Missouri Creek drainage and come up with 30% designs for a stream channel restoration project.
- We are applying for a Healthy Rivers Fund grant as funding to coincide with the completion of the Mines students' project so that the data collection/30% design work from their design package and final report could be translated into on-the-ground action/implementation through securing required permits, agreements, contracts, and funding.
- We would like the Gilpin BoCC to provide a letter of support for our Healthy Rivers Fund application.

Amount of agenda time needed: I expect the presentation to be about 10 minutes.

Is this item time sensitive: Yes, the grant application is due March 30 and we would like to include a BoCC letter of support in our application.

Contact for Follow Up: Kerry Major will continue to be involved with this project moving forward.