



Gunnison Angling Society

October 28, 2019

Craig Godbout
Colorado Water Conservation Board
1313 Sherman St.
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Final Deliverable WSRF Cottonwood Pass Day Use Vault

Toilet, POGG1,PDAA,202000002123

Dear Mr. Godbout,

In the spring of 2019, the Colorado Water Conservation Board approved funding the Cottonwood Pass Day Use Vault Toilet project in the amount of \$10,000. Cottonwood Pass, also called road 209 connects Taylor Reservoir area to Buena Vista. This road has been closed for 2 years for paving improvements and was re-opened in July of 2019. Based on observations of use, previous to the road improvement, there will be a large number of users traveling over the pass which will result in impacts to the forest and watershed. These anticipated impacts include contamination of water resources from human waste containing E. coli. The recently installed restroom will reduce the risk of human waste and E. coli from contaminating the watershed above Taylor Park Reservoir.

Gunnison Angling Society was the applicant for this grant and has worked with the US Forest Service, the Upper Gunnison Water Conservancy District, and the National Forest Foundation to raise the funds necessary and install the Cottonwood Pass Vault Toilet on October 11, 2018. Please review following report summarizing the completion of Task 1 for this project.

Task 1. Purchase and Install Concrete Vault Toilet

Ashley Home with the US Forest Service ordered the concrete toilet from Boom Concrete in August 2019. This structure was constructed off site and delivered to Cottonwood Pass on October 11th. Project partners hired a contractor from Gunnison, Hearn Excavation, to dig the hole, backfill, and grade around the structure on the same day the toilet delivered. Boom Concrete hauled the structure to the top of Cottonwood Pass with a tractor trailer and accompanied with a separate "boom truck" (or crane). The boom truck hoisted the three-part structure from the trailer and set it into place. Touch up painting was completed, appropriate accessories added, and the toilet is now ready for public use.

The National Forest Foundation contributed \$15,000 to the purchase of the Toilet. Gunnison Angling Society (GAS) is paying the remaining balance of \$12,271.29 due to Boom Concrete. This will be paid in part with the \$10,000 of awarded WSRF funding. The remaining \$2,271.29 and \$3,500 expense for the dirt work necessary to install the toilet will be paid by GAS using matching funds from the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District.



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Task 2: Signage and Picnic Tables

Project partners plan to install signs to direct travelers to the day use area and let them know this is the only toilet on the Cottonwood Pass road and picnic tables at the day use area. This work is scheduled for the spring of 2020 once Cottonwood Pass is re-opened for the 2020 season. There are no WSRF funds budgeted for this task.

I would like to thank the Colorado Water Conservation Board for their support of this project. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like to schedule a site visit.

Sincerely,

Briant Wiles
GAS President