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**comment on trails grant program**

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We represent the Great Old Broads for Wilderness - Northern San Juan Chapter and the Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, organizations in Southwest Colorado. We write to let the Commissioners know how much we appreciate the work of the CPW staff on leading the Task Force and Stakeholders Group to revamp the *Colorado's Guide to Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind*. We are excited about the opportunity for this document to guide trail grant applications and funding of regional cooperatives in the future.

We also commend the dedicated work of the CPW District and Area Wildlife Managers in reviewing all trail grant applications and providing meaningful and constructive comments about the impacts of proposed projects on the state's wildlife and critical habitat. We believe that the four regional Wildlife Impact Summaries for this current round of non-motorized trail grants emphasize the needs and protections of wildlife. We wanted to particularly note the review by the SW region in their statement (with references): "There is a large body of evidence documenting displacement of big game from roads and trails (including non-motorized trails) and a decline in habitat effectiveness from big game as road and trail densities increase."

We appreciate the dedication of the Commissioners to review the trail grants. We look forward to the increased and deliberate use of the *Colorado's Guide to Planning Trails with Wildlife in Mind* as a guiding document for all trails program grantees and regional cooperatives.

Signed,

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