Attachment A

Colorado Trout Unlimited & "Protect Our Rivers"

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- Working with South Suburban Parks and Recreation, the Greenway Foundation, and other partners to restore fish habitat and create urban fishing opportunities along the South Platte River through the Denver metropolitan area. Our vision is to enhance the river that is "home waters" for Colorado's largest urban area, making fishing opportunities available to families who may not have the chance to visit more famed trout waters found in Colorado's high country.

- Partnering with Delta County irrigators and residents to complete improvements on the Relief Ditch, a "win-win" project to improve diversion efficiency and benefit farmers, boaters, and habitat in the Gunnison River.

- Teaming with northern Colorado irrigators and the City of Greeley to develop a collaborative program for native trout restoration in the Poudre headwaters as a cooperative approach to mitigation for reservoir permits; through this effort CTU will help raise matching funds and contribute volunteer "sweat equity" to help restore trout.

Construction on the new Relief Ditch diversion structure.

- Offering a range of youth education programs including hands-on watershed science with "Stream Explorers", raising fish in-school with "Trout in the Classroom", and connecting kids with the outdoors through "Outdoor Mentors". Programs have been initiated in classrooms from Boulder to Manitou Springs, Thornton to Bayfield – as well as in partnership with Denver-area Big Brothers Big Sisters.

A happy camper at CTU's Youth Camp!

- Hosting an annual youth conservation camp outside of Grand Junction, at which high school students drawn from communities statewide engage in a full week of hands-on learning about aquatic biology and related sciences along with fly-fishing instruction.

- Assisting Jefferson County schools with their "Outdoor Lab" programs by providing volunteers to help area youth learn basic fly tying and enhancing ponds at the Windy Peak school facility to create fishable waters for students to enjoy.

- Conducting habitat enhancements to improve holding water and riparian habitat in Middle Boulder Creek at Rogers Park.

- Partnering with oil and gas development companies and state agencies to enhance native trout populations in western Colorado – offering examples of collaborative conservation through habitat improvement and native fish restoration work on the Roan Plateau and on Battlement Mesa.

- Helping soldiers and veterans – including with Ft Carson and the VA hospital in Grand Junction – through the Project Healing Waters program. Through this program, volunteers help teach returning soldiers fly tying and fishing and create a positive and supportive environment to connect with our wounded warriors.

A new fish barrier for native trout restoration installed on East Fork Parachute Creek through a partnership among agencies, the energy industry, and Colorado Trout Unlimited and its chapters.

Volunteers collecting trash from along the Arkansas River as part of Colorado TU's Great Colorado Rivers Cleanup.

- Assisting in volunteer efforts to stabilize watersheds and address the after-effects of the catastrophic High Park fire in the Cache la Poudre watershed.

- Organizing community river cleanups across the state each year, for rivers including the Arkansas, Roaring Fork, South Platte, Colorado, Eagle, and Animas Rivers and Boulder, Bear, and Clear Creeks.

- Partnering with off-road motorbike users to do trail repairs and restoration along a popular trail that was impacting a unique population of native greenback cutthroat trout near Colorado Springs.

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