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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Agriculture, Natural Resources and Energy Committee,
House Agriculture, Livestock and Natural Resources Committee

FROM: Rick D. Cables, Director

DATE: February 15, 2012

SUBJECT: Wildlife for Future Generations Trust Fund Report for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

In accordance with Colorado Revised Statutes 33-1-112(7)(a), this report provides actual and planned expenditures from the Wildlife for Future Generations Trust Fund.

BACKGROUND:

In 2000, as a result of Senate Bill 00-230, the Division transferred \$5,000,000 from the Wildlife Cash Fund into the Wildlife for Future Generations Trust Fund (WFGTF). The transfer of funds provided the initial principal funding for the WFGTF. SB 00-230 directs that only interest earned can be expended from the trust fund, and that funding is limited to “such property operation and maintenance and other wildlife projects and programs as may from time to time be deemed appropriate by the [Wildlife] commission.”

Separately, on June 19, 2001 the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Board approved Resolution 2001-14, which transferred an additional \$622,009 to the WFGTF principal account. On September 26, 2006, the GOCO Board approved the transfer of an additional \$394,317.90 in wildlife purpose funds into the WFGTF (Resolution 2006-21). Interest earned from the GOCO contributions is to be used solely for stewardship activities on Colorado Parks and Wildlife properties purchased with GOCO wildlife purpose funds.

FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 ANNUAL REPORT:

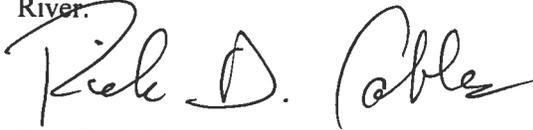
The following summarizes the amount of interest earned on the funds during the 2010-11 fiscal year, the total amount of expenditures, and the year-end balance of the interest account.

Fiscal Year	Interest Earned	Expenditures	Year-end Balance
FY 2010-11	\$ 144,356.96	\$ 15,108.56	\$ 1,421,645.70

Improvements made last year on Division-owned properties include an aerator at Road Canyon Reservoir in Hinsdale County and improved public access to newly acquired properties at Pueblo

Reservoir (Tatsch Parcel/El Estates de dos Hermanas). Expenditures from the WFGTF were leveraged by Colorado Parks and Wildlife with federal funds, resulting in nearly \$23,000 worth of work being performed. Total expenditures out of the fund, since its inception, amount to \$1,276,054.17.

For FY 2011-12 the Division of Wildlife is again leveraging WFGTF funds with Federal Aid funds to finance a major effort to improve habitat conditions, develop public access, and install needed fencing on 20 State Wildlife Areas (SWAs) across the state. The initiative also targets a significant increase in weed control efforts at nearly two dozen SWAs along the South Platte River.

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Rick D. Cables
Director