

February 18, 2013

Great Outdoors Colorado  
Attn: Local Government Program  
303 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Street Suite 1060  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Grant Review Committee Members:

The Archuleta County Board of Commissioners fully supports the Town of Pagosa Springs GOCO grant application for funds to construct the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Bridge as a part of the San Juan River Walk Trail System.

The Regional Parks, Recreation, Open Space and Trails Master Plan adopted by the County in 2008 identify the San Juan River Corridor as one of our community's, most valuable resources. The new 6<sup>th</sup> Street pedestrian bridge will provide a full 1.5 miles of connected riverwalk trail for locals and visitors alike, adding to health, beauty and viability to the Town of Pagosa Springs and the surrounding community. Local residents, employees and visitors will be able to utilize the trail system for their commute, daily exercise and river recreational activities such as kayaking, inner-tubing and angling.

Tourism in the Pagosa Springs area is primarily centered on natural attractions, such as the San Juan National Forest, the San Juan River corridor and built attractions such as the spa facilities surrounding the hot springs. Improved access, park development, trails, fish habitat and all associated recreational amenities would help to strengthen tourism in the area and in turn strengthen the economy for all of Archuleta County.

The Board of County Commissioners regards this grant as extremely important and recognizes that this is a great opportunity for the Great Outdoors Colorado Local Government Program to fund the 6<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Bridge for the Town of Pagosa Springs. To this end, we have instructed our County Administrator to make available up to \$15,000.00 of in-kind value which we anticipate taking the form of The Town of Pagosa Springs borrowing county equipment or as appropriate, using road and bridge employees.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Clifford Lucero, Chair  
Archuleta County Board of Commissioners