



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ARCHULETA COUNTY, COLORADO**

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America the Beautiful Challenge
Colorado Department of Agriculture
Conservation Services Division

RE: Watershed Health Partnership Proposal
Easy Grants Number - 77714

To Whom it May Concern:

This letter is an acknowledgement of our commitment to participate in the project entitled "San Juan Mountains Watershed Health Project".

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners and Weed and Pest Department, are committed to coordinating with the Colorado Department of Agriculture and supporting the full proposal through the following matching contributions, years of experience and implementation of these types of projects:

Type of contribution (in-kind):

In-kind contributions will be made via staff involvement in projects and resource utilization. Staff will assist crews and interns working in the Archuleta County area to manage phreatophytes and map invasive species. Staff will also assist with bootbrush station design.

When the contribution will be made:

In-kind contributions will be made through the duration of the project as determined by the schedule of work.

Integral connection between organization writing letter and the project goals and objectives:

Phreatophyte removal, Pagosa Sky Rocket habitat improvement, and bootbrush installation will be done within Archuleta County's geographic border.

Interest or commitment to implementation on land:

Archuleta County supports the management of noxious weeds on both public and private lands in the San Juan Mountain region.

Additional benefits that the project will provide to organization's mission:

This project will help increase Archuleta County's capacity to manage invasive species.

Commitment to maintenance after project end date if applicable (can be by the landowner):

Archuleta County is committed to manage all noxious weeds within its border.

The Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners strongly support this grant application in cooperation with the Colorado Department of Agriculture to support the locally lead efforts in our community for the conservancy of our watersheds.

Sincerely,



Alvin Schaaf

Chairman of the Board