



April 15, 2015

Scott Fitzwilliams  
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Dear Mr. Fitzwilliams,

We are writing in support of the Camp Hale Restoration and Enhancement Project. As chairmen of the local downstream water and wastewater utilities, and members of the greater community, we see this project as a strong investment in the environment and community for generations to come.

We appreciate the opportunity for Eagle River Water and Sanitation District (District) staff to have taken part in the stakeholder process that lead to the development of the Camp Hale Master Plan and consideration given to the 1998 Eagle River Memorandum of Understanding (ERMOU). The following concerns were also addressed during stakeholder meetings and included in the Master Plan:

- Ensuring the ability to continue water supply development in the Camp Hale area as envisioned in the ERMOU;
- Maintaining appropriate equipment access to the stream channel to ensure unobstructed delivery of upstream augmentation releases through Camp Hale to downstream needs.

We believe the Camp Hale Master Plan effectively framed these issues and balanced them with historical, recreational, wildlife, and environmental goals. Subject to meeting the above concerns, we strongly support the development of a wetlands bank in Camp Hale and believe this will be a valuable financing tool to mitigate wetlands impacts in the Eagle River watershed, including future ERMOU projects.

As you know, adequate and high quality water supply is integral to a healthy watershed and thriving community. We are pleased to support a project that protects and sustains our water resources for the future. We look forward to collaborating as the restoration plans continue to progress.

Sincerely,

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Chairman  
Eagle River Water & Sanitation

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