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To: USDA Forest Service
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Re: Locke Park Land Exchange #63709

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the owner and founder of Ewers Architecture in Golden, Colorado. Through my church I have been intimately involved and aware of Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp.

As an architect, land use is very important to me. I fully support the proposed "Lock Parke Land Exchange" because I believe it optimizes land use for both the public and Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp ("RTLCL").

The exchange disposes of Federal property that is under a long-term lease by the camp and therefore not accessible to the general public. In exchange, the public gets a contiguous forest in the Locke Park Wet Mountain Range, returning prime undeveloped forest to the National Forest.

Furthermore, the proposed voluntary conservation easement to Colorado Open Lands on the Federal Parcel would restrict future uses to a non-profit camp and establish no-development buffers along the boundaries. By voluntarily limiting the building envelope, RTLCL is already demonstrating its commitment to protecting the forest.

Again, I fully support the Lock Parke Land Exchange. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this letter and my position.

Sincerely,

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