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***Subject: Scoping Comments on Wolf Creek Pipeline Replacement Project
(Project #68621)***

Dear District Ranger Warner:

On behalf of Garfield County, we appreciate the opportunity to comment during the scoping period for the Wolf Creek Pipeline Replacement Project (Project #68621) in the Aspen-Sopris Ranger District of the White River National Forest.

Garfield County supports the Forest Service's expectation that this project qualifies for a Categorical Exclusion under 7 CFR § 1b.4(d) and 10 CFR 1021 Subpart D, Appendix B, Category B5.4. Based on the project description, all activities will be conducted in Pitkin County within the existing right-of-way and previously disturbed areas. Accordingly, this proposal appears to be a straightforward and necessary replacement and upgrade of aging natural gas infrastructure, with only temporary surface disturbance before full reclamation.

We respectfully request that project managers consult directly with the Garfield County Road and Bridge Department regarding:

- Timing of construction activities and in particular timing of heavy truck traffic on Garfield County roads;

- Potential safety issues and traffic control measures related to heavy truck use of Garfield County roads to access the project area in Pitkin County; and
- County permitting or bonding requirements that may apply.

This coordination will help ensure that road use and construction impacts within our county are managed responsibly and in compliance with local standards.

Garfield County looks forward to continued communication with the Forest Service and the project proponent as this important infrastructure replacement proceeds. Please include the County on all future project notices and updates.

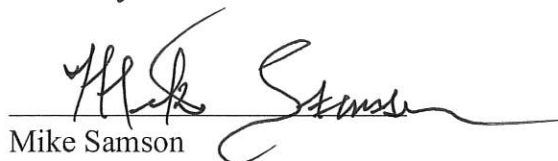
Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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