

EXHIBIT 8



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Subject: FY21 LWCF Project Submission – Sweetwater Lake Parcels

To: Jennifer Eberlein - Regional Forester (Acting)

Attached is the White River's FY21 LWCF proposal for funding the acquisition of the Sweetwater Lake parcel on the Eagle-Holy Cross Ranger District of the White River National Forest. The lands proposed for acquisition consist of a 488-acre inholding with numerous conservation and recreation values, including a 77-acre natural lake.

Successful acquisition of this property would expand public recreational opportunities such as access for camping, hiking, fishing and hunting, conserve water resources for listed aquatic species and habitat for sensitive avian species, and protect cultural resources such as a cave containing native pictographs. This proposed acquisition has received significant community support, including from the Congressional delegation for this area [Senator Michael Bennet (D), Senator Cory Gardner (R), and Representative Scott Tipton (R)], who together have signed a bipartisan letter of support for this proposal.

The Conservation Fund has a purchase agreement to acquire the Sweetwater Lake property and is willing to buy and hold the property for eventual conveyance to the USFS, depending on the ultimate outcome of the ranking process.

Project materials can be found on Pinyon drive at

<https://usfs.app.box.com/folder/86835292786>

<https://usfs.app.box.com/folder/92504919664>

If additional information is needed regarding this proposal, please contact Carole Huey, WRNF Lands Program Manager at (970) 945-3219 or carole.l.huey@usda.gov.

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