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Christopher Wehrli

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Re: Showalter Range Water Improvement Project

Mr. Wehrli:

We appreciate the opportunity and invitation to comment on the proposed Showalter Range Water Improvement project. We appreciate the time you and your staff have taken to develop this project to improve the resources on our public lands.

Garfield County has spent a lot of time developing goals and policy in regards to public lands and how they should be managed. Our goals regarding grazing are threefold: 1) maintain and enhance land health and productivity, 2) actively manage land to optimize resource use including livestock grazing, and 3) ensure a healthy, stable, and economically viable livestock grazing program to preserve and enhance this important cultural and historic activity.

In reviewing this Environmental Assessment, we have found that, in developing the proposed water resources, you are meeting our goals to improve livestock distribution and grazing efficiency resulting in an overall improvement of the rangeland. We are fully supportive of the project as it has been proposed. Again, we appreciate your willingness to take an active role in the management of our public forests. We encourage you to continue to develop range improvements in order to ensure livestock grazing remains a sustainable use of the landscape. We hope that our comments are helpful and that we can continue to coordinate with each other in the best interest of the public.

Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jerry A. Taylor Leland F. Pollock David B. Tebbs

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