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Dear Mr. Cox:

We were recently contacted by your offices to provide a letter of support for the Rivers, Roads and Recovery project's application for the TIGER grant. We understand that the unique partnerships formed between the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment, the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Colorado Department of Wildlife, and numerous local agencies in the planning of this project truly meet the spirit of the special criteria of the TIGER grant.

Colorado Whitewater supports the application for this grant for the following reasons:

- This project presents an exceptional opportunity to clean up the superfund sites along Clear Creek and North Clear Creek.
- Construction of a much needed treatment plant for mitigation of the acids produced from the mine tailings similar to a plant in Idaho Springs.
- Work to cap and relocate piles of mine tailings that currently impact nearby streams.
- Improved water quality in North Clear Creek to the extent that aquatic life might return. This is also a direct benefit to the water quality down river in Clear Creek. As whitewater enthusiasts, we certainly like this benefit.
- Construction of a safer roadway to Blackhawk that will support new jobs that will add to the employment base already present in the area.
- The addition of new technology to monitor potential traffic congestion and continued mitigation of rock fall dangers will help to make travel in the canyon safer.

We feel that the relationships between the stakeholders in this project will be an asset to this project. Grant contributions from TIGER to the Rivers, Roads and Recovery project will allow this work to be accomplished as efficiently as possible. We strongly support this endeavor and would be very pleased to see monies awarded for this cause.

Very truly yours,
Colorado Whitewater

Leslie A. Tyson, P.E.
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