



MEMORANDUM

Meeting Date: 2/10/2025

To: Town of Grand Lake Board of Trustees
From: Steve Kudron, Town Manager

Re: CDOT Letter of Support

CDOT is once again pursuing federal grants to expand the avalanche mitigation efforts throughout the state and to do additional study on Berthoud Pass. They are again requesting letters of support.

The intent is support for the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)'s State-Wide Avalanche Protocol Project, also known as "SWAP" or "the Project". SWAP takes a two-fold approach to statewide avalanche control with specialized solutions to address the varied avalanche threats the Rocky Mountain transportation system faces. The Project addresses both large and small slope mitigation techniques to provide a comprehensive approach to avalanche mitigation. The Project will include equipment transition from outdated Howitzers to modern Remote Avalanche Controls Systems (RACS), replacing rotary snow blowers that have reached the end of their life, and performing a Small Slope Alternative Avalanche Mitigation Analysis ("the study" or "the analysis").

Staff is asking the Board to Direct the Mayor to sign the Letter of Support for Avalanche Mitigation on Berthoud Pass.