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Protecting Our Local Watersheds

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Maria Camille Calimlim Touton  
Commissioner, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington, DC 20240

**Subject: Support for the Town of Minturn's Water Treatment Modernization Initiative**

Dear Commissioner Calimlim Touton,

On behalf of the Eagle River Coalition, I write to express our strong support for the Town of Minturn's *"Minturn Water Treatment Modernization Initiative,"* which is seeking U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) WaterSMART Drought Resiliency funding. With USBR support, the Town will modernize its 60+ year-old water treatment facility by building a new plant with membrane filtration and associated water utility improvements. This facility is critical to meeting the Town's current and future water needs and increasing the reliability of water supplies for this small, rural community.

Eagle River Coalition advocates for the health of the Upper Colorado and Eagle River watersheds through research, education, and restoration projects. We protect and enhance the natural, scenic, and economic values that our rivers and tributaries provide to the residents, visitors, and wildlife of Eagle County. We support the Water Treatment Plant Modernization project because improvements to the WTP are critical to not only improving water infrastructure and reliability to protect the well-being of Minturn residents, but a new membrane treatment plant will support water resilience and reliability. This goal aligns with the completed Eagle River Community Water Plan objective: Meet projected municipal water demands of expected population growth in Eagle County given the uncertainty of a changing climate.

Thank you for considering the *Minturn Water Treatment Plan Modernization Initiative*. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you wish to discuss this. We also thank you for considering the Town of Minturn's funding request.

Sincerely,

James Dilzell

Executive Director, Eagle River Coalition



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