



COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 5, 2025

ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER: Consideration and Approval of Comment Letter on USFS Monticello City Culinary Water Improvement Project, Nick Sandberg, Public Lands Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION: Ratify letter

SUMMARY

The Forest Service is preparing an environmental assessment for Monticello City's proposal to develop their water right in Spring Creek, pipe this water to their treatment plant and modify 16 diversion structures on other parts of the City's water collection system on the east face of the Abajo Mountains. A comment period for this action is currently open through July 25, 2025. The attached County letter supports the proposed action and notes consistency with the County Resource Management Plan and the easement for County Road 101 (North Creek) along which the new pipeline would be laid. Since the commission meeting schedule in July didn't allow for consideration by the Commission before the comment deadline, the letter was submitted earlier with verbal Commission approval. The letter now needs to be ratified by the Commission.

HISTORY/PAST ACTION

Noted above.

FISCAL IMPACT

Not applicable.