



Wyoming Outdoor Recreation Grant

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Re: Spring Creek Project

As the Executive Director of the Platte Valley Community Center, I support the Spring Creek Project grant proposal to improve aesthetics, recreational access and cultural improvement along Spring Creek in Saratoga, Wyoming.

The area includes the public access put-in to the Upper North Platte River at the confluence of Spring Creek and the Platte River. This spot receives a significant amount of river recreation traffic from May through September. The additional parking, surface improvements, expanded boat docking area and public restrooms included in the grant proposal will greatly improve users' experience of the area.

Many of the attendees to the conferences the Platte Valley Community Center hosts during this time period come because of the outdoor amenities that are available. They also come because of the Hobo Pool hot springs, Saratoga's biggest year-round tourist and user attraction. The Hobo Pool has long needed some beautification, some directional signage and some interpretive signage.

There is substantial local public support for this project and as such it will likely become part of the Saratoga Alternative Master Plan.

Thank you for your consideration,

Joe Elder, Executive Director

Platte Valley Community Center