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Dear Mark:

This letter is to acknowledge the Pike and San Isabel National Forest, Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands (PSICC) is interested in accepting the donation of Jones Park<sup>1</sup>, from the City of Colorado Springs via transfer through the National Forest Foundation.

Many steps need to take place prior to the PSICC being able to accept the donation including:

- Consistency with the PSICC Land and Resource Management Plan;
- Parcel meets minimum criteria established in Forest Service Manual (FSM 5421.34a);
- Establishment of clear title acceptable to the Office of General Counsel (Title Insurance Commitment). Any reservations must be acceptable to the United States and would be subject to the Secretary's rules and regulations;
- If a Standardized ASTM E1527-13 Phase I Environmental Assessment is required, all completed reports must be reviewed and approved by the USFS. See attached forms;
- Process the donation proposal in a manner to meet requirements of National Environmental Policy Act.

It is our understanding that the National Forest Foundation will provide the funding necessary to contract and oversee professional environmental and realty services to complete the above steps. If hazardous materials are discovered on the proposed property, for donation to the Forest Service, we will require the site(s) to be contained and removed from the parcel. If the hazardous substance is not addressed, the Forest Service reserves the right to refuse to accept the property in the donation.



We appreciate your considerations toward facilitating landownership adjustments reflective of ensuring enduring stewardship throughout the greater Bear Creek watershed.

I request that you coordinate this effort with Scott Russell, Physical Resources Staff Officer, at (719) 553-1417 or sprussell@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,



*ERIN CONNELLY*

*Forest and Grassland Supervisor*

cc: Marcus Selig, Oscar Martinez

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<sup>i</sup> Jones Park is a combination of multiple parcels owned by the City of Colorado Springs (managed by Colorado Springs Utilities) comprising approximately 1,172 acres located in portions of Township 14 South, Range 67 and 68 West 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., El Paso and Teller Counties, Colorado.