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To all interested persons:

Re: Second Phase – Developed Shooting Range Evaluation Results - Revision

After further review and consideration we are removing County Line/State Park, Lake Fork and Columbine sites from our list of possible shooting range sites.

This decision is based on the following factors:

County Line/State Park

This property is located within Golden Gate Canyon State Park and would require an amendment of the park plan. Hunting and shooting is prohibited on the park land in Gilpin County with the exception of a limited hunting program on the Green Ranch parcel. It is also too close to homes on Gap Road.

Lake Fork

This pristine mountain meadow is located on the Green Ranch portion of Golden Gate Canyon State Park acquired in 1995. The only public use allowed on the Green Ranch is hunting from September to November as determined by a lottery. The access road to the meadow was also an impediment.

Columbine Campground

This heavily used campground has an existing illegal shooting problem and we became aware of conflicts and safety issues with a homeowner to the north. Central City expressed concerns about the impacts to their water reservoir.

We are in conversation with a private land owner about developing a site on Hwy 119, south of Black Hawk. Challenges in this location include earth-moving, proximity to North Clear Creek and the expense of a turning lane on the state highway.

As we move forward with evaluation of potential sites I would like to state that I feel the 1/4 mile separation from a home is inadequate. Even using that criteria it has been a challenge to identify potential sites but we will continue working within the partnership to identify an appropriate site.

Regards,

Gail Watson

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