Jefferson County Conservation Greenprint Plan May 11, 2020

To Chris Barker,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Jefferson County Conservation Greenprint. As an organization that promotes the protection of native plants and habitats in Colorado, the Colorado Native Plant Society (CoNPS) supports the focus of the Greenprint to protect and preserve the native ecosystems of Jefferson County while encouraging the appreciation of these natural resources by residents and visitors.

In particular, we support the goals emphasizing the importance of controlling invasive noxious weeds (Goal #5) and habitat restoration (Goal #7).

For the goals of improving the trail systems (Goal #8, #9, and #10), CONPS would like to emphasize that all trails and associated structures should be carefully designed and maintained to protect sensitive plant communities and wildlife habitat.

Thank you again for giving us the opportunity to review the overall goals of the master plan plan. We will be particularly interested in seeing how you plan to implement these goals in each individual park. So, to that end, we would appreciate the opportunity to comment on the action plan for each park as they are developed.

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