



WESTMINSTER

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of Colorado Wilderness Rides and Guides' (CWRAG) application to become a permitted rafting and multi-sport service on the Upper Colorado. The City of Westminster has a very strong working relationship with CWRAG. We closely partner throughout the year to produce a major family-friendly event each spring and CWRAG has been a positive and welcome resource for our community.

The City of Westminster offers a number of programs to Westminster's low-income and underserved youth. However, we have had few opportunities to provide these youth with an exploration of wilderness areas or the type of adventure activities their more privileged peers enjoy. The possibility of giving our youth the opportunity to raft on the Upper Colorado or bike and hike in this area is very exciting. We appreciate that CWRAG is willing to provide this service at a steeply discounted rate, as it would not be possible otherwise. That CWRAG is also permitted to provide transportation service and could make the experience seamless from pick up to drop off is also hugely beneficial, as logistical transitions with youth can be difficult and establishing a rapport from the beginning of an experience is important. Further, as a trusted partner, we know CWRAG would conduct the program with the utmost attention to safety and would provide our youth with a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

On behalf of Westminster's underserved youth, I urge you to grant CWRAG this permit. It will have a great impact on a number of youth who otherwise may never experience this type of adventure or the great outdoors in which it takes place.

Sincerely,

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