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Emily Fife, State Conservationist
USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Sources
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Re: Request for Extension of Agreement #NR228D43XXXXC007

Dear Ms. Fife,

In June of 2021, Grand County experienced a major wildfire, commonly known as the Pack Creek Fire that left a major burn scar on the Pack Creek watershed. This fire was followed by two monsoon storm events that brought large amounts of ash, mud and debris. Grand and San Juan Counties, as well as the City of Moab solicited assistance from the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Grand County was approved for work on five street crossings along Pack Creek.

Grand County hired our engineering firm and have 60-90% of the design work done. The County has, however, run into an issue between the FEMA model and the approved FIS; there is an unexplained discrepancy in the velocity in some of the cross-sections. Our engineer has requested clarification from the FEMA Map Center and has not yet received a response. Once the corrected model is received, our engineers can complete the design and permitting.

It is our intention to have all of the permitting and design approved by the first week in August 2022. This puts us into monsoon season and we are not comfortable starting construction in the channel at this time. We will try to complete some of the smaller projects, weather permitting, by the end of October. The Stocks Drive low-water crossing will most likely start in mid-September, after the monsoon season, with all projects projected to be completed by mid-December.

It is for these reasons that Grand County is requesting an 18 month extension until January 28, 2024.

Thank you for considering our request and please notify us of your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jacques Hadler".

Jacques Hadler
Commission Chair

Jul

Aug

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Oct

2201-060 Grand County Pack Creek EWP ● Feb 16 - Oct 28 ● 183 days

FEMA Permitting

Contractor Procurement

Construction

60-90% Design

NRCS Review

Final Design, Ad

Cultural Resources Permitting

Stream Alteration Permit

Current Contract End - July 28

Design Report, O&M Plan, QA