Georgetown Divide Recreation District

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Re: El Dorado County Department of Human Services Grant Application for CDBG funds for Local Economic Development Plan for Georgetown Divide Community.

As General Manager of the Georgetown Divide Recreation District (GDRD), I am writing this letter in support of the project proposal that El Dorado County Department of Housing is submitting for the CDBG grant program. We have been working with the El Dorado County Economic Development Officer and partnering with a number of non-profit, businesses, and community organizations. We, and our partners, are seeking to develop tourist/recreational facilities and services that will aid in employment opportunities, private business opportunities, public services, and to retain and expand local business opportunities.

The GDRD works closely with our partners that include: the Divide Chamber of Commerce, the El Dorado Equestrian Trails Foundation, the Divide Horsemen's Association, the Legacy Ranch Foundation, the Cool Cycling Club, the Black Oak Mine Unified School District, the El Dorado Center of Folsom Lake College, Greenwood Civic Organization, Divide Community Services Network, Divide Recreation Association, the Friends of the Bayley House, KFOK Community Radio, and a number of private businesses supporting recreational/tourist activities. Leadership of several of these groups presented a cooperative project at a recent GDRD Board of Directors meeting. The Board of Directors took unanimous action to support the project.

The development of recreational/tourism facilities will significantly improve the economic climate on the Georgetown Divide. It is important for recreational/tourism facilities be developed to assist the provision of local recreational opportunities, as well as, enhance other opportunities on the Divide.

The CDBG grant funded study will help the GDRD and our partners develop financing strategies to facilitate the development of facilities and insure the successful operation of revenue generating programs and facilities on the Divide.

We look forward to your consideration, and hoped approval, of this grant application. Should we be able to assist in any way please contact us.

Yours in community service,

Georgetown Divide Recreation District

Carl Clark

Carl Clark, General Manager