



GREAT OUTDOORS
COLORADO

***DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 SPENDING PLAN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
AS RECOMMENDED TO THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO BOARD BY ITS
FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR ACTION ON JUNE 18, 2009***

DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: June 16, 2009

**Comments can be
submitted via e-mail to
cleding@goco.org or by
fax at 303.863.7517.
Comments must be
received by 5:00 p.m. on
June 16, 2009.**

Per Rule #2 adopted by the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Board in October 2003, the development of GOCO's annual spending plan includes the opportunity for public comment. The plan outlines amounts allocated to GOCO's Constitutional purposes for the coming fiscal year that commences on July 1, 2009. The draft plan, which the GOCO Finance Committee is recommending that the Board approve at its meeting on June 18, 2009 in Breckenridge, allocates \$34 million for annual grant

programs in addition to providing \$20 million to fund possible other one-time grant programs. Further, additional funds over and above the \$54 million referenced above are available to fund capital grants for either the Colorado Division of Wildlife or Colorado State Parks to augment previous Legacy requests. These two state agencies did not use as much Legacy funding in FY 2008 as the open space and local government purposes, and these additional funds are needed to keep GOCO's spending substantially equal across its four purposes as called for in the Constitution.

GOCO'S ABILITY TO BOND

The GOCO Board wants to remind citizens and stakeholders that it still possesses the ability to bond. If there is a project of such magnitude and urgency that has not yet been brought to GOCO that might warrant consideration of bonding, it can be presented to GOCO at any time. Per the referendum approved by citizens in 2001, GOCO can bond for up to a total debt amount of \$115 million specifically and solely for the purpose of urgent land acquisition. The ballot language described that bonding would be used as follows: *For the purpose of enhancing the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund's ability to address urgent and permanent land acquisition priorities, including the acquisition of perpetual conservation easements, in order to protect the State's wildlife, park, river, trail and open space heritage.* For the criteria established for "Bondable Projects," please contact GOCO at 303.226.4500.

**FY 2010 Proposed Spending Plan –
NEW FUNDING**

**Potential Additions to the FY 2010 New
Funding**

Annual Grant Type	Total Proposed	Additional Legacy or other Grant Funding	Notes
Division of Wildlife	\$8,500,000	\$3,000,000-7,000,000	Potential additional funding available from previous cash flows
Outdoor Recreation (State Parks)	\$8,500,000	\$3,000,000-5,000,000	Potential additional funding available from previous cash flows
Local Government	\$8,500,000	\$3,000,000-7,000,000	
Local Parks, Outdoor Recreation, Environmental Education Mini-Grants	TBD		
Open Space	\$500,000		
Regional Grants	TBD		
Trails	0		Amount will match Parks purpose investment request up to \$500,000
Planning Grants	TBD		Minimum of \$200,000 with purpose allocations being determined at the time of the award
Open Space	\$8,500,000	\$3,000,000-7,000,000	
Open Space	TBD		
Planning Grants	TBD		Minimum of \$200,000 with purpose allocations being determined at the time of the award
Total	\$34,000,000	\$20,000,000	