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## Department of Transportation

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Mountain Residency  
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## 22381 ITF #2 ALIVE Minutes

Project Name: EB I-70 Auxiliary Lane Frisco to Silverthorne  
Project No. NHPP 0702-383

ITF Location: Online  
ITF ALIVE Date & Time: Tuesday February 23, 2021 @ 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Google Video Conference: link attached to invitation

1. Introductions
  - CDOT: Scott Harris, Grant Anderson, Cinnamon Levi-Finn
  - CPW: Elissa Slezak, Michelle Cowardin
  - Locals: Tom Daugherty (Silverthorne), Jeff Goble (Frisco), Dan Burroughs (Dillon)
  - USFS: Anna Bengtson, Ashley Nettles
  - USFWS: Kristin Salamack
  - FHWA: Jeff Bellen, Stephanie Gibson
  - Consultant Team: C. Lang, C. Albano, R. Kullas, K. Mintken, C. Meade
2. EB Aux Lane Project Overview
  - a. Review 30% plan
  - b. Budget \$24M program cost SB 267 funds. Construction funds?
    - i. Wildlife Fence funds not included in original budget
  - c. Schedule - Advertise 2021 for construction summer 2022
    - i. **90% FOR submittal in Summer**
3. Project Leadership Team (PLT) Approach
  - a. Follow I-70 Mountain Corridor Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS)
  - b. Four Issue Task Force (ITF) teams
    - a. SWEEP
    - b. ALIVE
    - c. Bridge, Walls, Old Dillon Reservoir
    - d. Scenic Overlook & Chain Station
4. A Valued Landscape - Level Inventory of Ecological Values (ALIVE)
  - a. Review ALIVE MOU
    - a. [https://www.codot.gov/projects/i-70-old-mountaincorridor/final-peis/final-peis-documents/20\\_App\\_E\\_ALIVE\\_MOU\\_Rev50.pdf](https://www.codot.gov/projects/i-70-old-mountaincorridor/final-peis/final-peis-documents/20_App_E_ALIVE_MOU_Rev50.pdf)
    - b. MOU established in April 2008
    - c. Primary Purpose to provide corridor-wide coordinated program of species and habitat conservation and provide the maximum benefit to wildlife.
  - b. Summit County Safe Passage



- a. This location does not have connectivity value for wildlife, but due to accidents wildlife fence is recommended as low cost mitigation.
- c. This project does not fall within a Linkage Interference Zone (LIZ)
  - a. Links habitat was discussed. It was noted links cross I-70 well west of the project and Dillon Reservoir impacts this. The area south of I-70 near Dillon Reservoir is not considered habitat.
- d. Mitigation
  - a. Wildlife Fencing from Exit 203 to Bridge over Blue River
  - b. FIR plans showed possible locations for Game Ramps
    1. Specification: Will require prelim layout and adjustment based on input from Michelle with CPW, Cinnamon - CDOT, Cindy Ebert (USFS), Jordan Mead (Summit County)
  - c. Fence locations adjacent to trails
    1. Mishler Trail
      - a. USFS would have to make a formal decision on 'abandoning' or any realignment
      - b. Section 4(f) if the existing trail is relocated. The design of the Wildlife Fence can and will avoid the trail.
    2. Summit County Salt Lick Trail Extension
      - a. CDOT has coordinated with Summit County. Adjustments of FIR fence alignment and Summit County
    3. Town of Frisco - Access to Water Tank - Would require
      - a. Question about access from I-70. An access from I-70 to the water tank used to exist but has been closed. CDOT and FHWA indicated that the access will not be allowed because of interstate access criteria
    4. Game Ramps
      - a. CPW recommended 5.5' max height for jump down, and 3:1 ramp slope. Further design needed to determine if 3:1 slope will catch. Discussion on the center rail effectiveness, project will keep this.
      - b. Alternative game ramp designs were discussed including:
        - I-25 Gap Project - Korby or Courtney - Received
        - SH 13 - Craig (Jenny) - Received
- e. Additional Site Visit will be held in May/June depending on weather. Invite ITF team and include Cindy Ebert from USFS. Focus of site visit will be on the east side of I-70 between the scenic overlook and the overhead sign.