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Doug Krieger,
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Re. Manitou Springs and Fountain Creek Application for Fishing Is Fun Grant...

Dear Mr. Krieger,

I urge you to support an application submitted by the City of Manitou Springs and Fountain Creek Habitat Committee for funds through the Colorado Division of Wildlife "Fishing is Fun" program. With these funds, the City of Manitou Springs and Fountain Creek Habitat Committee will undertake a pilot stream restoration project to improve the water quality and aesthetic values of this segment of Fountain Creek.

Fountain Creek flows year-round through Manitou Springs and with some improvement could be a popular local fishery. The City of Manitou Springs is working with Trout Unlimited, the Colorado Division of Wildlife and several citizen groups to assemble the technical and financial resources needed to undertake a pilot stream restoration project in Soda Springs Park located in downtown Manitou Springs. The project will improve the water quality and aesthetic values of this segment of Fountain Creek as well as increase opportunities for anglers. Future phases are planned downstream in several other community parks. Private landowners will be involved as well.

As Senator, I have used the Crown Jewel Project to challenge communities to come together to revitalize Fountain Creek as it flows through Colorado. In Manitou Springs, citizens and nonprofits have taken the cause to heart and joined with the local government to restore their segment of Fountain Creek. They are proposing a very feasible project that can be replicated in Manitou Springs and can be shared statewide. I urge you to support their efforts.

Please keep my office informed of any developments with this proposal. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

