



*Town of Rangely Conference Room
*** February 13th, 2025 ****

***Agenda
FOLLOWING RDA MEETING***

Keely Ellis, Chairman

**Ron Granger, Vice Chairman
Karen Reed
Ryan Huitt**

**Jeannie Caldwell
Candra Robie
Emma Baker**

- 1) **Call to Order**
- 2) **Roll Call**
- 3) **Minutes of Meeting**
 - a) *Discussion and Action to approve the December 12th, 2024, minutes.*
- 4) **Changes to the Agenda**
- 5) **Old Business**
- 6) **New Business**
 - a) *Discussion and action to accept the resignation of Candra Robie*
 - b) *Discussion and action to appoint Derek Nielson to the RDC Board*
 - c) *Discussion and action to approve the Nov/Dec 2024 Financials*
 - d) *Discussion and action to approve the check register Nov/Dec 2024*
 - e) *Update Certified Local Government Rangely Historical Preservation*
 - f) *Update River Project Just Transition*
- 7) **Information**
- 8) **Adjourn**



Town of Rangely Conference Room
**** October 10, 2024 ****

Minutes
FOLLOWING RDA MEETING

Keely Ellis, Chairman

Ron Granger, Vice Chairman
Karen Reed
Ryan Huitt

Jeannie Caldwell
Candra Robie
Emma Baker

- 1) **Call to Order** – 8:30am
- 2) **Roll Call** – Keely Ellis, Ron Granger, Jeannie Caldwell and Ryan Huitt present. Karen Reed, Candra Robie and Emma Baker absent.
- 3) **Minutes of Meeting**
 - a) *Discussion and Action to approve the October 10th, 2024, minutes.* – **Motion made by Ron Granger to approve the October 10th, 2024, minutes, second by Ryan Huitt. Motion passed**
- 4) **Changes to the Agenda** - None
- 5) **Old Business**
- 6) **New Business**
 - a) *Discussion and action to approve the Sept/Oct 2024 Financials* – **Motion made by Ron Granger to approve the Sept/Oct 2024 Financials, second by Ryan Huitt. Motion passed.**
 - b) *Discussion and action to approve the check register Sept/Oct 2024* – **Motion made by Jeannie Caldwell to approve the check register Sept/Oct 2024, second by Ron Granger. Motion passed.**
 - c) *Update Certified Local Government Rangely Historical Preservation* – They wanted more specific details of how we will do the evaluations on the property.
 - d) *Update River Project Just Transition* – Nothing to report
- 7) **Information** – Dark Skies update, received a second grant for technical assistance. The new owner of Buck n Bull wants to buy clear tents for glamping.
- 8) **Adjourn** – 8:37am

Lisa Piering

From: Candra Robie <candra.robie17@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 7, 2025 8:27 AM
To: Lisa Piering
Subject: Resignation

Hi Lisa,

I would like to put in my resignation from the RDA and the RDC Board's. I appreciated being a part of these boards and learning more about my community. I wish everyone the best, thank you for letting me be a part of the team.

Kind regards,

Candra Robie

Derek Nielsen

Director of Marketing & Executive Assistant to the CEO

Rangely District Hospital

210 Ridge Rd

Rangely, CO 81648

01/09/2024

**To the Rangely Development Agency (RDA) and Rangely Development Corporation (RDC)
Board**

I am writing to express my interest in joining the RDA/RDC Board as a representative of Rangely District Hospital (RDH). Currently, I serve as the Director of Marketing and Executive Assistant to the CEO at RDH, where I have the privilege of collaborating closely with the hospital's leadership to advance its mission of providing exceptional care to our community.

Born and raised in rural western Colorado, I bring a deep understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities facing Rangely and its surrounding areas. My professional experiences have equipped me with a strong background in administration, marketing, and strategic communications skills I believe align well with the goals of the RDA/RDC in fostering economic development and community growth.

Through my role at RDH, I have gained firsthand experience working with stakeholders across diverse sectors to promote initiatives that enhance Rangely's vitality. Whether it's organizing community outreach programs, coordinating events, or crafting marketing strategies, I have consistently sought to highlight and build upon the strengths of our town. As a board member, I would strive to bring innovative ideas and a collaborative spirit to advance Rangely's development while honoring its rich heritage.

In addition to my role at RDH, I currently serve as a Board Member of the Rio Blanco County Farm Bureau and the Rangely Area Chamber of Commerce. These positions have provided valuable insights into the economic and social fabric of our region, as well as opportunities to contribute to initiatives that promote local businesses and agriculture. These experiences further

reflect my commitment to supporting rural communities like ours and advocating for their sustained growth.

I am eager to contribute my expertise and dedication to the RDA/RDC Board's mission. I firmly believe that a thriving Rangely is built upon partnerships between its institutions, businesses, and residents, and I am committed to being an active participant in this collaborative effort.

Thank you for considering my application. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss how my experiences and vision align with the board's objectives. Please feel free to contact me at [your phone number] or [your email address].

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Derek Nielsen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D" and a long, horizontal flourish extending from the end of the name.

Derek Nielsen

Director of Marketing & Executive Assistant to the CEO

Rangely District Hospital

TOWN OF RANGELY
 REVENUES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET
 FOR THE 11 MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2024

RDC RANGELY DEV CORP FUND

		PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	UNEARNED	PCNT
<u>REVENUES</u>						
76-30-300	INTEREST INCOME	947.14	10,408.05	500	(9,908.05)	2081.61
76-30-400	MISC INCOME	.00	52,406.63	10,200,000	10,147,593.37	.51
	TOTAL REVENUES	947.14	62,814.68	10,200,500	10,137,685.32	.62
	TOTAL FUND REVENUE	947.14	62,814.68	10,200,500	10,137,685.32	.62

TOWN OF RANGELY
 EXPENDITURES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET
 FOR THE 11 MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2024

RDC RANGELY DEV CORP FUND

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	UNEXPENDED	PCNT
76-40-220 PROF/TECH SERVICES	27.67	319.49	500	180.51	63.90
76-40-301 GRANT EXPENSES	.00	.00	67,000	67,000.00	.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	27.67	319.49	67,500	67,180.51	.47
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS					
76-40-800 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	.00	52,846.63	10,196.00	10,143,153.37	.52
TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	.00	52,846.63	10,196.00	10,143,153.37	.52
TOTAL DEPARTMENT 40	27.67	53,166.12	10,263.50	10,210,333.88	.52
TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES	27.67	53,166.12	10,263.50	10,210,333.88	.52
NET REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	919.47	9,648.56	63,000-	(72,648.56)	15.32

TOWN OF RANGELY
 REVENUES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET
 FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

RDC RANGELY DEV CORP FUND

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	UNEARNED	PCNT
<u>REVENUES</u>					
76-30-300 INTEREST INCOME	211.26	10,619.31	500	(10,119.31)	2123.86
76-30-400 MISC INCOME	.00	52,406.63	10,200,000	10,147,593.37	.51
TOTAL REVENUES	211.26	63,025.94	10,200,500	10,137,474.06	.62
TOTAL FUND REVENUE	211.26	63,025.94	10,200,500	10,137,474.06	.62

TOWN OF RANGELY
 EXPENDITURES WITH COMPARISON TO BUDGET
 FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

RDC RANGELY DEV CORP FUND

	PERIOD ACTUAL	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET	UNEXPENDED	PCNT
76-40-220 PROF/TECH SERVICES	32.61	352.10	500	147.90	70.42
76-40-301 GRANT EXPENSES	.00	.00	67,000	67,000.00	.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	32.61	352.10	67,500	67,147.90	.52
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS					
76-40-800 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	.00	52,846.63	10,196.00	10,143,153.37	.52
TOTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	.00	52,846.63	10,196.00	10,143,153.37	.52
TOTAL DEPARTMENT 40	32.61	53,198.73	10,263.50	10,210,301.27	.52
TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES	32.61	53,198.73	10,263.50	10,210,301.27	.52
NET REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	178.65	9,827.21	63,000-	(72,827.21)	15.60

Report Criteria:

Report type: Invoice detail

Invoice Detail.GL account = "7640220","7640301","7640700","7640800"

GL Period	Payee	Invoice GL Account Title	Check Issue Date	Check Number	Invoice Number	Amount
11/24	ALL COPY PRODUCTS INC.	PROF/TECH SERVICES	11/15/2024	86580	37880537	13.42
12/24	ALL COPY PRODUCTS INC.	PROF/TECH SERVICES	12/13/2024	86781	38101895	13.42
Total ALL COPY PRODUCTS INC.:						26.84
Grand Totals:						26.84

Summary by General Ledger Account Number

GL Account	Debit	Credit	Proof
01-11100	.00	.00	.00
76-21500	.00	26.84-	26.84-
76-40-220	26.84	.00	26.84
Grand Totals:	26.84	26.84-	.00

August 10, 2023 ***APPROVED CHECK REGISTER***

RDC BOARD

Report Criteria:

Actual amounts
 All accounts
 Account.Termination date = IS NULL
 Account.Account number = "7630100"- "7640800"

Journal	Reference Number	Payee or Description	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Balance
76-30-300 INTEREST INCOME					
		10/31/2024 (10/24) Balance	.00 *	.00 *	9,460.91-
JE	101	INT INCOME		730.33-	
JE	102	INT INCOME		216.81-	
		11/30/2024 (11/24) Period Totals and Balance	.00 *	947.14- *	10,408.05-
JE	74	INT INCOME		211.26-	
		12/31/2024 (12/24) Period Totals and Balance	.00 *	211.26- *	10,619.31-
		12/31/2024 (14/24) Period Totals and Balance	.00 *	.00 *	10,619.31-
YTD Encumbrance .00 YTD Actual 10,619.31- Total 10,619.31- YTD Budget 500.00- Unearned 10,119.31-					
76-30-400 MISC INCOME					
		10/31/2024 (10/24) Balance	.00 *	.00 *	52,406.63-
		12/31/2024 (14/24) Period Totals and Balance	.00 *	.00 *	52,406.63-
YTD Encumbrance .00 YTD Actual 52,406.63- Total 52,406.63- YTD Budget 10,200,000.00- Unearned 10,147,593.37					
76-40-220 PROF/TECH SERVICES					
		10/31/2024 (10/24) Balance	.00 *	.00 *	291.82
AP	114	ALL COPY PRODUCTS INC.	13.42		
JE	106	PREPAID WC ACCL	14.25		
		11/30/2024 (11/24) Period Totals and Balance	27.67 *	.00 *	319.49
AP	148	ALL COPY PRODUCTS INC.	13.42		
JE	64	wc adj	19.19		
		12/31/2024 (12/24) Period Totals and Balance	32.61 *	.00 *	352.10
		12/31/2024 (14/24) Period Totals and Balance	.00 *	.00 *	352.10
YTD Encumbrance .00 YTD Actual 352.10 Total 352.10 YTD Budget 500.00 Unexpended 147.90					
76-40-301 GRANT EXPENSES					
		10/31/2024 (10/24) Balance	.00 *	.00 *	.00
		12/31/2024 (14/24) Period Totals and Balance	.00 *	.00 *	.00
YTD Encumbrance .00 YTD Actual .00 Total .00 YTD Budget 67,000.00 Unexpended 67,000.00					
76-40-700 CAPITAL OUTLAY					
		10/31/2024 (10/24) Balance	.00 *	.00 *	.00
		12/31/2024 (14/24) Period Totals and Balance	.00 *	.00 *	.00
YTD Encumbrance .00 YTD Actual .00 Total .00 YTD Budget .00 Unexpended .00					

Journal	Reference Number	Payee or Description	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Balance
76-40-800 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS					
	10/31/2024 (10/24)	Balance	.00 *	.00 *	52,846.63
	12/31/2024 (14/24)	Period Totals and Balance	.00 *	.00 *	52,846.63

YTD Encumbrance	.00	YTD Actual	52,846.63	Total	52,846.63	YTD Budget	10,196,000.00	Unexpended	10,143,153.37
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Number of transactions: 7	Number of accounts: 6		Debit	Credit	Proof
Total :			60.28	1,158.40-	1,098.12-
Number of transactions: 7	Number of accounts: 6		Debit	Credit	Proof
Grand Totals:			60.28	1,158.40-	1,098.12-

Report Criteria:

Actual amounts

All accounts

Account Termination date = IS NULL

Account.Account number = "7630100"- "7640800"



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ALBUQUERQUE DISTRICT REGULATORY DIVISION
NW COLORADO BRANCH, GRAND JUNCTION OFFICE
400 ROOD AVENUE, ROOM 224
GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501-2520

January 10, 2025

Regulatory Division

SUBJECT: Nationwide Permit Verification (SPA-2024-00139)

Town of Rangely
Attn: Lisa Piering
209 E Main St.
Rangely, CO 81648
lpiering@rangelyco.gov

Dear Ms. Piering:

We are responding to your preconstruction notification (PCN) submitted to us on April 3, 2024, for verification of authorization under Nationwide Permit (NWP) for the *Rangely River Access - Boat Ramp* project. The project site is located approximately 8.2 river miles downstream of the Taylor Draw Dam on the south bank (river left) of the White River, in the Town of Rangely, at latitude 40.08994, longitude -108.78665, in Rio Blanco County, Colorado.

Based on the information provided, we have determined that the *Rangely River Access - Boat Ramp* project involves the discharge of fill material into waters of the United States, subject to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The specific activity that requires Corps authorization is the construction of crushed gravel boat ramp and terraced boulder bank. The project will permanently impact approximately of 0.02 acre of the White River and will be conducted as described in the referenced PCN.

We have determined that activities associated with the project are authorized by 2021 NWP 36 - Boat Ramps. A summary of this NWP and the 2021 Colorado Regional Conditions are available on our website at www.spa.usace.army.mil/reg/nwp. Failure to comply with all terms and conditions of this NWP may result in the suspension or revocation of this authorization. As required by General Condition 30, you shall sign the enclosed Compliance Certification (Enclosure 1) and return it to this office within 30 days after completion of the authorized work. In addition, the work must comply with the following special condition:

- 1) To ensure your project complies with the federal Endangered Species Act, you must implement all of the mitigating measures proposed as part of your project description, which are identified in the enclosed U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service letter of concurrence (2024-0092539, dated June 6, 2024). If**

you are unable to implement any of the proposed measures, you must immediately notify this office and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service so we may consult as appropriate, prior to initiating the work, in accordance with federal law.

Our review of this project addressed its effects on threatened and endangered species and historic properties in accordance with General Conditions 18 and 20. Based on available information, the Corps has determined that the action may effect, but is not likely to adversely affect (NLAA) the federally listed bonytail chub (*Gila elegans*), humpback chub (*Gila cypha*) Colorado pikeminnow (*Ptychocheilus lucius*) and the razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*). Further the Corps have determined that the action is NLAA designated critical habitat for the Colorado pikeminnow. The Corps initiated informal consultation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) in a letter dated May 17, 2024, and the Service provided a concurrence letter on June 6, 2024. Additionally, the project will have *no effect (no historic properties affected)* on any historic properties. The Corps initiated consultation with the Colorado State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in a letter dated December 16, 2024, and the SHPO provided a concurrence letter dated January 7, 2025. However, these determinations may be invalidated if the project is not completed as authorized or you did not provide accurate information in your PCN.

This permit verification is valid until March 14, 2026, unless the NWP is modified, suspended, reissued, or revoked prior to that date. Continued confirmation that an activity complies with the terms and conditions, and any changes to the NWP, is the responsibility of the permittee. Activities that have commenced, or are under contract to commence, in reliance on an NWP will remain authorized provided the activity is completed within 12 months of the date of the NWP's expiration, modification, or revocation.

This letter does not constitute approval of the project design features, nor does it imply that the construction is adequate for its intended purpose. This permit does not authorize any injury to property or invasion of rights or any infringement of federal, state, local, or tribal laws or regulations. The permittee and/or any contractors acting on behalf of the permittee must possess the authority and any other approvals required by law, including property rights, to undertake the proposed work.

The landowner must allow Corps representatives to inspect the authorized activity at any time deemed necessary to ensure that it is being, or has been, accomplished in accordance with the terms and conditions of the permit.

We would appreciate your feedback on this permit action including your interaction with our staff or suggestions for improving our program. For more information about our

program or to complete our Regulatory Program national customer service survey, visit our website at <https://www.spa.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory-Program-and-Permits/>.

Please refer to identification number SPA-2024-00139 in any correspondence concerning this project. If you have any questions, please contact me by email at Tyler.R.Adams@usace.army.mil, or telephone at (970) 243-1199 X 1013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tyler Adams", followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Tyler R. Adams
Project Manager
NW Colorado Branch

Enclosures

cc:
Russel Bair, RiverRestoration LLC, russell.bair@riverrestoration.org

COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

Action Number: SPA-2024-00139

Name of Permittee: Town of Rangely, Lisa Piering

Nationwide Permit: 36 - Boat Ramps

Upon completion of the activity authorized by this permit and any mitigation required by the permit, sign this certification and return it to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Albuquerque District
400 Rood Avenue, Room 224
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501

Or to the following email address:
spa-rd-co@usace.army.mil

Please note that your permitted activity is subject to a compliance inspection by a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers representative. If you fail to comply with this permit, you are subject to permit suspension, modification, or revocation.

Please enclose photographs showing the completed project (if available).

I hereby certify that the work authorized by the above-referenced permit has been completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the said permit, and required mitigation was completed in accordance with the permit conditions.

Date Work Started _____

Date Work Completed _____

Signature of Permittee

Date

Encl 1



United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Colorado Ecological Services Field Office

445 W. Gunnison Ave Suite 240
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501-5711

IN REPLY REFER TO:
FWS/R6

FWS Project code: 2024-0092539

June 6, 2024

Tyler Adams, Project Manager
Department of the Army, U.S. Corps of Engineers
NW Colorado Branch, Grand Junction Office
400 Rood Avenue, Room 224
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501-2620

Project Name: Rangely River Access-Boat Ramp project

Dear Tyler Adams:

This letter is in response to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) request under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 USC 1531 et seq.) for section 7 consultation on the Rangely River Access- Boat Ramp project, Rio Blanco County, Colorado (Project). You have requested the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) concur with your determination that the project **may affect but is not likely to adversely affect (NLAA)** the federally listed bonytail (*Gila elegans*), Colorado pikeminnow (*Ptychocheilus lucius*), and the razorback sucker (*Xyrauchen texanus*), and **NLAA** designated critical habitat for the Colorado pikeminnow. You have also made a **no effect** determination for several other species. Thank you for considering these species and their habitat in USACE's ongoing conservation efforts. The ESA does not require the Service to concur with "no effect" determinations; however, we appreciate receiving the information used to support your conclusions; these species will not be discussed further.

The USACE's action area includes approximately 131 linear feet (0.02 acre) along the west bank of the White River, an upland staging and access area, and 0.06 acre where work will occur below the White River's ordinary high-water mark (OWHM). The Project involves dredged or filled material being discharged into the waters to construct a boat ramp and terraced boulder bank, including earthwork below the OWHM. Fill material will be crushed gravel, native boulder, and slab stone taken from the area. Additionally, staking material, nonwoven filter fabric, and native alluvial cobble will be placed as backfill. Finally, all disturbed areas, including the riparian and upland buffer zones, will be revegetated with native species to prevent erosion. All exposed soils, other fills, and any work below the OWHM will be permanently stabilized and backfilled with alluvial gravel to eliminate interstitial spaces created by boulders. The project will be performed in the low-water window between July 16 and November 30, 2024.

Critical habitat for the Colorado pikeminnow includes three primary constituent elements (PCE):
(1) *Water, a quantity of water of sufficient quality required for the particular life stages;*

(2) Physical Habitat, areas of a river system that are inhabited or potentially habitable by fish for use in spawning, nursery, feeding, and rearing, or corridors between these areas, including bottom lands, side channels, etc. in the 100-year flood plain; and
(3) Biological Environment, food supply, predation, and competition are important elements and considered component of this PCE (54 FR 13378).

The Project, while creating a potential small increase in turbidity and possible temporary displacement during construction activities, will be performed during low flows to avoid using a coffer dam. The four listed fish evolved with high levels of sediment (turbidity), so effects of adding a small amount of additional sediment are insignificant. There is no spawning nearby, so we do not expect larval fish near Rangely. Adult and sub-adult Colorado pikeminnow may occur near the Project; however, these fish are able to move away—if needed—from the small section of river in the Project area (131 linear feet), which is a fraction of the entire river; therefore, the Project will have a negligible (if any) impact on breeding, feeding, and sheltering, which is also insignificant. Also, by eliminating the creation of habitat for non-native fish species, you help remove the risk of predation.

After evaluating the proposed action and its likely effects, **we concur with your determination that the proposed action may affect but is not likely to adversely affect** the Colorado pikeminnow and its critical habitat, the razorback sucker, humpback chub, and bonytail.

Based on your request and our response, our joint responsibilities under section 7 of the ESA have been satisfied. However, section 7 consultation must be reinitiated: 1) If the amount or extent of taking specified in the incidental take statement is exceeded; 2) If new information reveals effects of the action that may affect listed species or critical habitat in a manner or to an extent not previously considered; 3) If the identified action is subsequently modified in a manner that causes an effect to the listed species or critical habitat that was not considered in the biological opinion or written concurrence; or 4) If a new species is listed or critical habitat designated that may be affected by the identified action. (50 CFR 402.16).

We appreciate your efforts to ensure the conservation of threatened and endangered species. If you have questions or comments related to this project, please contact Kathleen Gissing at Kathleen_gissing@fws.gov or 970-628-7188.

Sincerely,

NATHAN
DARNALL

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by NATHAN
DARNALL
Date: 2024.06.06
09:15:45 -06'00'

Nathan Darnall
Western Colorado Supervisor
Colorado ES Field Office

Reference:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (1994, March 21). Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Critical Habitat for the Colorado River Endangered Fishes; Razorback, Sucker, Colorado Squawfish, Humpback chub and Bonytail Chub. Federal Register. 54 FR 13374-13428.