



**DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2011 SPENDING PLAN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT  
AS RECOMMENDED TO THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO BOARD BY ITS FINANCE  
COMMITTEE FOR  
ACTION ON JUNE 17, 2010**

**DEADLINE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: June 15, 2010**

Text Box: Comments can be submitted via e-mail to [cleding@goco.org](mailto:cleding@goco.org) or by fax at 303-863-7517. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on June 15, 2010.

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 begins on July 1, 2010. The draft plan, which the GOCO Finance Committee recommends the Board approve at its meeting on June 17, 2010 in Gunnison, allocates \$34.4 million for annual grant programs plus up to \$30 million for projects exceeding the caps on GOCO's annual grant programs. These additional dollars will be awarded in much the same way as the April 2010 special opportunity grants. The up to \$30 million amount will supplement the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 Local Parks, Outdoor Recreation & Environmental Education Facilities cycles and Open Space cycles to award grants of greater amounts to larger, more expensive projects. Funding could also be used for the Division of Wildlife's Outdoor Discovery Center in Gunnison and its habitat acquisition projects. The plan also includes up to \$500,000 from the total amount designated for the Youth & Families Initiative identified in GOCO's 2010 Strategic Plan. This amount is a placeholder to accommodate planning grants or small grant awards that promote better coordinated efforts and projects to get children and families outside. GOCO will work with stakeholders over the next 3 to 4 months to better define this opportunity and criteria.

### LEGACY GRANTS

Despite the demand for Legacy grants indicated in responses to GOCO's March 2010 questionnaire sent to land trusts, local governments and other stakeholders, the recommended level of funding and programs does not anticipate funding Legacy Projects in 2011. The GOCO Board is opting to take a conservative approach in light of political uncertainties in the upcoming year and the unknown impact of the introduction of Mega Millions on Lottery proceeds.

### 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 2011 Proposed Spending  
Plan – NEW FUNDING**

<b>Annual Grant Type</b>	<b>Total Proposed</b>
<b>Division of Wildlife</b>	<b>\$8,600,000</b>
<b>Outdoor Recreation (State Parks)</b>	<b>\$8,600,000</b>
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$8,600,000</b>
Local Parks,	TBD
Outdoor Recreation,	
Environmental	
Education	
Mini Grants	\$500,000
Open Space	TBD
Regional Grants	0
Trails	TBD
Planning Grants	TBD
<b>Open Space</b>	<b>\$8,600,000</b>
Open Space	TBD
Planning Grants	TBD
<b>Total Ongoing Awards</b>	<b>\$34,400,000</b>
<b>Additional Projects</b>	<b>\$30,000,000</b>

Larger open space, local government, and capital projects through the Division of Wildlife

Up to \$30 million

Youth in the outdoors

Up to \$500,000

*(The above amounts in total will not exceed \$30 million)*