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Dear Ms. Gibson:

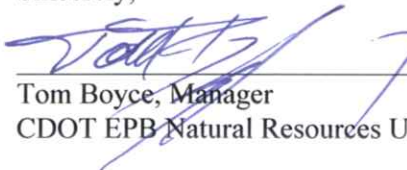
Attached for your review and concurrence is the wetland finding for the proposed City and County of Denver project to construct the Central Park Boulevard interchange on Interstate 70. The project is in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration and the Colorado Department of Transportation and is currently undergoing an Environmental Assessment. The project area extends along I-70 and I-270 from Quebec Street to Havana Street in Denver County.

Pinyon Environmental was contracted to conduct the wetland delineation for the project area and prepare the wetland finding. One palustrine emergent / palustrine scrub shrub wetland was delineated in the southwest quadrant of the proposed interchange. The entire wetland (0.146 acre) may likely be impacted by the project. A jurisdictional determination is currently being sought, although the wetland is assumed to be non-jurisdictional at this time. Should a permit be required, projects activities would be covered under a nationwide permit.

The City and County of Denver will compensate for permanent wetland impacts by purchasing 0.146 acre of credits from the Middle South Platte River Wetlands Mitigation Bank. CDOT will receive a certificate from the Bank confirming the transaction.

If you have any questions concerning this request, please contact Rebecca Pierce, EPB (303-512-4051).

Sincerely,



Tom Boyce, Manager
CDOT EPB Natural Resources Unit

ENDORSEMENT

I Concur in the above Wetland Finding



Stephanie Gibson 5/6/09
FHWA Env Program Manager Date