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PROJECT: Devil’s Backbone Management Plan

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HISTORY/BACKGROUND
Significant changes in visitor use, a proposed new trail and trailhead expansion, among other management issues, have triggered the update of the 2004 Devil’s Backbone Management Plan. The plan update will be completed internally, but consultants are needed to complete various resource, technical and design services to ensure any future trail and trailhead development is safe and does not impact sensitive resources.

SUMMARY OF ANTICIPATED COST TO LARIMER COUNTY (LC)
Costs include a variety of wildlife and endangered species clearances by the Colorado Natural Heritage Program, a geotech study on the proposed trail near an abandoned quarry and a rendered site plan by a design firm for the expanded trailhead. Contingency funds are included to cover any unanticipated costs that would expand the scopes of work.

ESTIMATED COST & BUDGET BREAKDOWN

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PROS
- Updated biological information to avoid endangered species or other permit issues.
- Updated geological information to protect public safety.
- Trailhead design to facilitate discussion with open space neighbors and the public.

CONS
- Cost

LINKS TO PERTINENT DOCUMENTS & WEBSITES
http://larimer.org/openlands/backbone_plan.htm