



May 23, 2014

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Re: North Star Preserve

Dear Connor:

This letter responds to your letter of May 20, 2014 which we received today. I also appreciate the discussion we had yesterday. As I mentioned, we are committed to updating the North Star Management Plan this year and the following is the timeline:

- June-August Vegetation, wildlife, river geomorphological, wetland, and recreation study.
- July-Meet with North Star user group.
- July-Meet with neighbors and partners.
- September-Receive ecological report.
- September-October-Update management plan.
- October-Release plan for public input.
- December-Adopt plan.
- 2015-Begin implementation of action items.

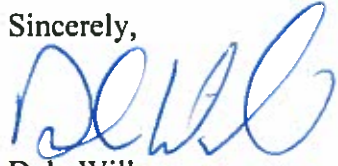
Among the things we discussed yesterday is the fact the most of the public use you reference involves people *floating* through the preserve. Our ownership of North Star does not create control of the river due to the overlapping public right to float navigable waterways, the USFS ownership of the boater's put in at Wildwood, and CDOT's ownership of roadside parking along this reach of the river. As we discussed, the management of the upper Roaring Fork boating will likely involve more than the North Star Management Plan itself. In an ongoing effort to address this larger context, OST has already taken the initiative to implement other action items:

- OST has created an interpretive sign to be installed at the put-in at Wildwood put in.
- Working with the sheriff's office and CDOT to better manage parking.
- Increased Ranger presence at North Star during the summer season.
- Rangers have boats to float and educate users.
- OST is sponsoring guided trips with the Roaring Fork Conservancy to better educate the public about natural resources at North Star.
- OST had a summer docent at the North Star beach during weekends last summer and we are working with ACES or the Roaring Fork Conservancy to do a similar program.

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I believe these pro-active efforts on our part show substantive compliance with the purpose of Section 8 of the North Star conservation easement. We look forward to working with AVLТ as we undertake a long range overhaul of the management plan this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dale Will', is written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Dale Will
Director