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Conservation Area:

The area of Lowry Range designated for wise use of resources, where some recreational and resource-based improvements may be appropriate, depending on underlying natural resource values. This Plan recommends the County, SLB, and other partners develop a management plan for the Conservation Area to identify appropriate intensities of activities or use for different areas depending on underlying resources. Significant natural areas may or may not be appropriate for recreation-oriented improvements or other improvements. Some areas may be appropriate for more intensive resource-based improvements, including commercial operations tied to the resource (e.g., mining, camping, parks or recreation, trails, etc.). Managed grazing is an appropriate use within the Conservation Area. Military helicopter training is another use that is defined as being appropriate to continue in the Conservation Area.

Essential Urban Services:

Essential urban services and facilities include but are not limited to: water and wastewater treatment, electricity and gas, stormwater management, emergency, law enforcement and fire services, community services such as parks and libraries, schools, justice center facilities, and general government services.

Lowry Range:

For the purpose of this Plan, the Lowry Range is defined as the 28,000-acre state-owned property shown on the plan maps.

Recreation-Oriented Improvements:

This Plan does not undertake defining all appropriate land uses or activities for the Lowry Range in the conservation area; however, a variety of recreation-oriented improvements may be appropriate in the Conservation Area ranging from passive activities to active recreation. Recreation improvements and activities that may be appropriate include, but are not limited to camping, trails, equestrian uses, nature-observation or hiking, off-road vehicles (in appropriate locations). Management plans should determine where intensive- improvements will be appropriate to avoid damaging sensitive or significant natural resources.

Resource-Based Commercial Activities:

Resource-Based Commercial Activities may be appropriate in parts of the Conservation Area. Significant natural areas may or may not be appropriate for resource-based commercial activities or recreation-oriented improvements, as determined by management plans. Resource-based improvements include commercial operations tied to the resource,

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for example, mining or extraction, camping or lodging, concessions related to recreation, parks or recreation improvements, and small commercial uses that are related to recreation or resources.)

Resource-Sensitive Growth Principles:

Best practices for new urban development and Conservation Area management on Lowry Range that considers and balances social, health, safety, fiscal/economic, and environmental needs. New improvements or development should be designed and constructed to the highest environmental standards, (especially to minimize the use of energy, water and scarce minerals/timber), that are economic to run over their lifetime and are sufficiently flexible to meet the needs of future generations. (Note: Resource-sensitive growth is an alternative term to “Sustainable Development,” which is defined as, “development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”)

Significant Natural Areas:

This is the term used in this Plan to encompass Sites of Local Significance and Potential Conservation Areas, identified by Colorado Natural Heritage Program, that should entail additional management planning before developments or improvements take place.

Stewardship Trust (State Land Board)

In 1996, Colorado voters amended the state constitution requiring the State Land Board to designate between 295,000 and 300,000 acres of land into this special trust to protect the long-term productivity and sound stewardship of lands held in trust. Land placed in the Stewardship Trust will be protected for future use by the Board to support public schools and other trust beneficiaries. Once land is in the Stewardship Trust, it can be removed only by a vote of four out of five of the Land Board Commissioners. About 26,000 acres of the Lowry Range is held in Trust, including two sections North of Quincy Avenue and the land south of Quincy Avenue.

Surface uses of land in the Stewardship Trust, including grazing, will continue. However, appropriate surface uses should also be conducted in ways that protect and enhance the natural values that caused the lands to be designated in the Stewardship Trust in the first place.

Urban Development:

For the purpose of this Plan, urban development is the term used to mean a mix of residential, business, and industrial uses and activities. The Plan Map designates Urban Development for the area north of Quincy Avenue.

Urban Service Area

The County’s Comprehensive Plan defines the Urban Service Area as the area where new urban residential development mixed with accompanying commercial and services will be

directed to areas contiguous to existing development. This new development should be annexed. The Urban Service Area overall is closely aligned with the DRCOG Urban Growth Boundary (the area that defines where urban development and expected growth should occur. The boundary encourages orderly growth and distinguishes between urban and rural lands)

Unexploded Ordnance (UXO):

Military munitions that have been prepared for action, and have been fired, dropped, launched, projected or placed in such a manner as to constitute a hazard to operations, installation, personnel, or materiel and remain unexploded either by malfunction, design, or any other cause.

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