

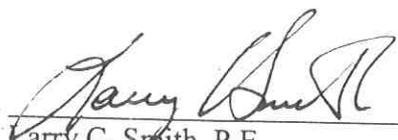
## IX. Record of Decision Approval

All of the build alternatives would fully or partially address each of the project objectives. The alternative that best meets the purpose of and balances the various and sometimes conflicting needs for the proposal, and which is also the environmentally preferred alternative, is Alternative 6. The decision to select Alternative 6 is based on: 1) a review of the transportation needs of the areas of Park and Clear Creek Counties, the Town of Georgetown, and the Pike-San Isabel National Forest and the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest served by Guanella Pass Road; 2) a social, economic, and environmental analysis of six alternatives; and 3) a review of public and agency comments received during the environmental process.

Alternative 6 will most effectively balance the competing concerns expressed in the purpose of and need for the action, information provided in environmental impact studies contained in the FEIS, comments received from the public, and recommendations from the FS, Park County, Clear Creek County, the Town of Georgetown, the USFWS, the USACE, the CDOT, the CDOW, the EPA, the Department of Interior, and participating tribes.

As indicated in **FEIS Section III.C.4: Section 4(f) Resources**, there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the use of land from the following Section 4(f) properties: the GSPNHLD, Mine Tailings Dumps (sites #5CC988-990), and Guanella Pass Campground. Alternative 6 includes all possible planning to minimize harm resulting from such use.

Based on the above information, the FHWA has selected Alternative 6 for implementation.

  
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