APPENDIX J

FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING

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March 16, 2004

Mr. Jon Holst
Colorado Department of Transportation
3803 North Main Street
Durango, Colorado 81301

Dear Mr. Holst:

Form AD-1006, Farmland Conversion Impact Rating, is the form used by Federal agencies that wish to convert farmland to nonagricultural uses. Mr. Dan Lynn of the Natural Resources Conservation Service and I completed this attached form for the proposed US 550 expansion project. This form needs to be forwarded to the appropriate person at FHWA, the Federal agency involved in the proposed project. The FHWA contact will make a determination as to whether the proposed conversion is consistent with the Farmland Protection Policy Act and the agency's internal policies.

Please contact me at 303/740-2729 if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance with this project.

Very truly yours,

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PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Date Of Land Evaluation Request: 1-19-04
Name Of Project: US Hwy 550 Bondad Hill to Farmington Hill	Federal Agency Involved: Federal Hwy Admin
Proposed Land Use: Highway Construction	County And State: La Plata, Colorado

PART II (To be completed by NRCS)	Date Request Received By NRCS: *Verbal 1-22-04			
Does the site contain prime, unique, statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply – do not complete additional parts of this form)	Yes: X	No:	Acres Irrigated: 339,831	Average Farm Size: 100
Major Crop(s): Pasture & Hay	Farmable Land In Govt. Jurisdiction: Acres: 385,581	Total 1,082,340 % 35.6%	Amount Of Farmland As Defined in FPPA: Acres: 40960	% 3.8%
Name Of Land Evaluation System Used: La Plata Co. LESA	Name Of Local Site Assessment System: La Plata Co.		Date Land Evaluation Returned By NRCS: 1-22-04	

PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Alt. 1 Site A	Alt. 2 Site B	Site C Alt. 3	Site D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly				
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly				
C. Total Acres In Site	2054.04	2054.04	2054.04	0.0
PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information				
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland	29.315	29.314	29.437	
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland	68.242	68.413	68.534	
C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted	0.24%	0.24%	0.24%	
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value	99.97%	99.97%	99.97%	
PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Criterion Relative Value Of Farmland To Be Converted (Scale of 0 to 100 Points)	0	0	0	0

PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Site Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(b))	Maximum Points	Alt. 1	Alt. 2	Alt. 3	
1. Area In Nonurban Use	15	14	14	14	
2. Perimeter In Nonurban Use	10	9	9	9	
3. Percent Of Site Being Farmed	20	4	4	4	
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20	0	0	0	
5. Distance From Urban Builtup Area	15	7	7	7	
6. Distance To Urban Support Services	15	10	10	10	
7. Size Of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10	4	4	4	
8. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	10	5	5	5	
9. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	4	4	4	
10. On-Farm Investments	20	10	10	10	
11. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	10	4	4	4	
12. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10	2	2	2	
TOTAL SITE ASSESSMENT POINTS	160	73	73	73	
PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	0	0	0	0
Total Site Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	73	73	73	0
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)	260	73	73	73	0

Site Selected:	Date Of Selection	Was A Local Site Assessment Used? Yes ☐ No ☑

Reason For Selection:

No significant difference in Alternative Acreages as calculated within Prime + Unique Lands.

Dan Lyon
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