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Wildlife for Future Generations Trust Fund Report for Fiscal Year 2009 and 2010

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In accordance with Colorado Revised Statutes 33-1-112(7)(a), the following memo is intended to provide the Colorado General Assembly with a report on actual and planned expenditures from the Wildlife for Future Generations Trust Fund.

BACKGROUND:

As a result of Senate Bill 00-230, the Division transferred \$5,000,000 from its Wildlife Cash Fund into the wildlife habitat account of the Wildlife for Future Generations Trust Fund. The transfer of funds provided the initial principal funding from which only the interest can be solely used for operation and maintenance of properties, leases, and easements owned by the Division. On June 19, 2001, the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) Board approved Resolution 2001-14, which transferred an additional \$622,009 to the principal account. Further, on September 26, 2006, the GOCO Board approved the transfer of an additional \$394,317.90 in wildlife purpose funds into the WFGTF (Resolution 2006-21). The interest earned from the GOCO contributions is to be used solely for stewardship activities on Division of Wildlife properties purchased with GOCO funds. The remaining interest (earned from the Wildlife Cash portion) is to be used solely for "such property operation and maintenance and other wildlife projects and programs as may from time to time be deemed appropriate by the commission (Wildlife)."

FISCAL YEAR 2009 ANNUAL REPORT:

The following chart summarizes the amount of interest earned on the funds during the 2009 fiscal year, the total amount of expenditures, and the year-end balance of the interest account.

Fiscal Year	Interest Earned	Expenditures	
FY 2008	\$297,850.82	\$8,877.00	
FY 2009	\$214,789.95	\$108,483.00	

Improvements made last year on Division-owned properties include fence repair, removal and replacement, habitat treatment, and weed control. The attached report details the transaction information for FY09. Total expenditures out of the fund, since its inception, amount to \$1,166,101.88. In FY10 the Division plans to continue using the interest from funds for property operations and maintenance.