

Canyon segment studied for years

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caused by highway construction. In August of 1970 the Highway department hired the firm of DeLeuw-Cather to perform such a study on the two major alternatives. For the remainder of 1970, activities included various meetings and tours involving many service organizations, news media, Colorado Open Space Council, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, and other interested parties and individuals. In early 1971 meetings were held in Denver and Glenwood Springs to discuss the draft report from DeLeuw-Cather. This report was accepted in final form in May and made part of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement issued in August of 1971.

Corridor Public Hearings were held in Glenwood Springs on October 11 and 12, and continued in Denver on October 13 and 14, 1971. The combined location Study Report and Final Environmental 4-(f) Statement along with an official request for location approval was submitted to FHWA on March 12, 1972. This Statement was later forwarded to the Department of Transportation (DOT) in Washington D.C. No further action is recorded until April of 1973, when DOT requested the Highway Department to perform further design studies on both routes prior to their approval. Reaction by the State was to resist any further effort on the Cottonwood Pass route. Governor John Vanderhoof appointed a special citizens' committee to review the alternatives as presented and the committee report concluded that sufficient studies had been made to reach a conclusion.

The State then requested and received approval to develop design concepts in Glenwood Canyon only. In January, 1974, the State hired three internationally recognized consulting firms to perform the design concept studies. Consultants'

studies were submitted in July of 1974 and were displayed to the public at meetings held in Denver and Glenwood Springs. A summary of the design concept studies was prepared and submitted to DOT in December of 1974, again requesting location approval. Notification of route location approval was received some two years later on February 20, 1976.

Glenwood Canyon Citizens Advisory Committee to be appointed

Selection of a seven-member citizens' advisory committee to aid in the design of Interstate 70 through Glenwood Canyon is under way.

The State Highway Commission has asked seven organizations to nominate three members each, and the commission will select one of the three from each group.

Meanwhile, the state highway policy body has discharged with thanks the citizens' advisory committee that had served through the location phase of the project.

The two actions follow recent approval by the Federal Highway Administration of Glenwood Canyon as the corridor for Interstate 70 between Glenwood Springs and Gypsum.

The commission has solicited, by letter, membership nominations for the new advisory committee from the following: county commissioners of Eagle, Pitkin, Mesa, and Garfield Counties; Colorado Open Space Council; Club 20; and the American Institute of Architects.

Members of the earlier committee now discharged were: Dr. Robert W. Viehe, Glenwood Springs; George B. Beardsley, Denver; Samuel J. Caudill, Aspen; Chris G. Mortiz, Denver; Don Walter, now of Chula Vista, Calif, formerly of Glenwood Springs; and