



November 2, 2021

Adam Bianchi, District Ranger
White River National Forest
Dillon Ranger District
PO Box 620
Silverthorne, CO 80498

Dear Adam:

The Town of Breckenridge (Town) supports the USFS Swan Mountain Project. As proposed, the project includes fuels reduction, wildlife habitat improvement, stream improvement, transportation improvement, and trail enhancements in the area of Swan Mountain north of Tiger Road.

The Town owns and manages nearly 5,000 acres of land throughout the Upper Blue River watershed, many parcels of which are jointly owned with Summit County. Our parcels adjoin many National Forest lands and we have always strived to work in tandem with the US Forest Service to address forest health and land management issues throughout the Upper Blue River watershed over the past decade. Additionally, we strive for seamless management of our adjoining trail networks.

Upon close review of the Swan Mountain project with the Breckenridge Open Space Advisory Commission on October 18, 2021, our primary comments include:

1. The Town strongly supports the cleanup of trees along the CDT corridor.
2. The Town supports the 1,700 acres of tree removal.
3. The Town strongly supports the removal of the culvert and reconnection of fish migration routes on Soda Creek.
4. The Town urges the USFS to ensure that the planned trail realignments are for multiple uses, not just bicycles. We encourage comprehensive design input as the trails are realigned.
5. The Town requests clear communication, including potentially placing long-term informational signs at the Tiger Dredge trailhead so that the public is aware of the project.
6. The Town requests that the USFS offer additional communication and outreach as the project implementation nears.

Please let us know if you have questions regarding our above comments.

Sincerely,

Rick Holman
Town Manager

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