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May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Brian Sugg, Acting District Ranger Canyon Lakes Ranger District Arapaho Roosevelt National Forest 2150 Centre Avenue, Building E Fort Collins, CO 80526 Attn: Salt Cabin Prescribed Burn Project

Dear Brian Sugg,

The Colorado State Forest Service supports this project as identified in the scoping documentation and supports the project's proposed actions to meet the purpose and need. We note that the project area identifies as a high priority area in the Colorado State Forest Service 2020 Forest Action Plan for multiple themes, which provides additional support for large-scale forest management in the area to conserve, protect, and enhance the values our forest provide.

We see value in this project's goals aligning with the National Wildland Fire Cohesive Strategy, specifically improving and maintaining a resilient landscapes and creating fire-adapted communities, which is a major goal of the State of Colorado and the CSFS. Actively managing our diverse forests and using all available tools to reduce fuel loading, minimizing fire intensity, and increase resilience of our communities is critical to steward our forests.

We appreciate the hard work of the Arapaho Roosevelt National Forest and the Canyon Lakes Ranger District in preparing these documents and look forward to continuing management of Colorado's forests in partnership. Thank you for letting the Colorado State Forest Service, Fort Collins Field Office review and provide comment on the proposed action for the Salt Cabin Prescribed Burn Project.

Sincerely,

Max Erickson Supervisory Forester Fort Collins Field Office