



May 5, 2025

Adam Bianchi
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Sent via email to: adam.bianchi@usda.gov

RE: Comments on Frisco Backyard Project

Dear Mr. Bianchi,

The Town of Breckenridge (Town) would like to provide the following comments on the draft Environmental Assessment for the Town of Frisco Backyard Fuels and Recreation Project, which have been reviewed by the Breckenridge Open Space Advisory Commission. While the proposed project is located outside of the Upper Blue Watershed, the Town appreciates the opportunity to comment:

- The Town supports the proposed fuels treatments on 1,576 acres of the Project area to reduce wildfire risk, encourage the growth of more diverse forests, and manage for recreation.
- The Town supports the treatment of invasive and noxious weeds within the Project area.
- The Town supports consideration of seasonal closures for elk calving from May 15 to June 20, in conjunction with the USFS Wildlife Guideline from the 2002 Forest Plan for designated Elk Habitat within the Project area.
- The Town supports the proposal to construct, reroute, stabilize and decommission trails in the Project area to sustainably manage for the year-round, high-use visitation of multiple user groups.
- The Town supports improvements to the recreation facilities, specifically the Upper and Lower Miner's Creek, and Zach's Stop trailhead amenities.
- The Town requests that the USFS offer additional communication and outreach as the project implementation nears.

Sincerely,

Shannon B. Haynes

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Town Manager
Town of Breckenridge