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Aspen-Sopris Ranger District
District Ranger Jennifer Schuller
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RE: 20260128 Twin Peaks Project (68876) Draft Environmental Assessment

Dear Jennifer Schuller:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Twin Peaks Project, located within Pitkin, Garfield, and Mesa Counties, Colorado. The Colorado Water Conservation Board's (CWCB) mission is to conserve, develop, protect, and manage Colorado's water for present and future generations. Governed by a 15-member Board, CWCB's responsibilities include protecting Colorado's streams and lakes, flood mitigation, watershed protection, stream restoration, drought planning, water supply planning, and water project financing. The CWCB also works to protect the state's water apportionments in collaboration with other western states and federal agencies.

CWCB offers the following comment regarding the Twins peak project. This project area is located within CWCB's Wildfire Ready Action Plan (WRAP) areas. Therefore, CWCB recommends coordination with the agency on hydrologic issues. For example, what information is being used in the project regarding culvert design? The WRAP likely has the best H&H modeling for the area where culverts will be installed, and it could be worthwhile to push for culverts that can handle post fire hydrology. Generally speaking, CWCB recommends that the USFS staff coordinate with CWCB as much as they can so that there is more consistency among our work in the same area.



Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this planning process. Please contact Chris Sturm at 720-219-4384 or chris.sturm@state.co.us with any questions or for coordination on this project.

Sincerely,

Colorado Water Conservation Board



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