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On Sep 13, 2022, at 11:02 AM, Gary Tennenbaum <gary.tennenbaum@pitkincounty.com> wrote:

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Hi Jim,

The Hunter Creek burns have been very successful. The aspens that were burned have sprouted a ton of new sprouts that will set the stage for the next generation of aspen in Hunter Creek since most were over 75 years old and declining. Aspen trees are not a long lived species and are adapted to disturbance and without any fires or other forms of disturbance like avalanches they do not sprout heavy enough to ward off elk browsing, but after the burn so much new growth happened that even with elk browsing many are maturing. There have been no negative effects as the burn is done in the spring and by summer the grasses and shrubs are all coming back and they were able to control it. Attached is the monitoring report done after the 2016 burn.

On Sat, Sep 10, 2022 at 4:43 PM Dale Will <dale.will@pitkincounty.com> wrote:

Gary- Can you offer Jim any insight as to the efficacy of the Hunter Ck burn?