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Comments: I am writing in SUPPORT of the Skyline Health Forest Project located south east of Spring City. Our community has depended on the resources provided by the multi-use of forest resources for nearly 175 years. Spring City was established in the early 1850s as part of the "Mormon" Colonization of Utah. The Settlement would not have survived without the resources provided by the mountain (forest designation came later). Resources provided included: timber for homes and other buildings, milled lumber as the community grew (logging and mills were some of the first activities of the community's residents). Water from the mountain was an essential (culinary water and irrigation water) resource for the community's establishment and survival. The grazing of livestock started almost immediately and has sustained an agricultural base for the community. These resources, especially water and grazing, continue to provide an essential resource for the community and many of our citizens.

In the past fifteen to twenty years, we have become increasingly concerned about the management of the timber resource. The bark beetle infestation has created issues for both our water resources and grazing permits. The city of Spring City is most concerned that our water resources are protected and enhanced. We have a firm belief that the forest restoration project on the mountains east of Spring City will not only improve our water resources but also improve grazing and tourism. It is a terrible waste to see the timber die and fall creating a reduction in both our water shed production and the opportunity for grazing.

We offer our SUPPORT for the Forest Restoration Project. It is long overdue. We look forward to the project as it progresses and anticipate a successful outcome for the beauty and utility of the forest and also the continuation of the vital resources our community depends on.

Thank you.

Note: Michael Scotthorn of the Ephraim Utah Forest Service Office was most helpful in helping us understand the scope and purpose of the project. His information was vital in our effort to respond in an appropriate manner. October 12, 2023RE: Skyline HFRA Project Updated commentI am writing to express support for the Skyline HFRA Project located east and southeast of Spring City. I represent the city of Spring City (Spring City Corporation).Our community has depended upon the resources provided by the multiple use of forest resources for nearly 175 years. Spring City was established in the early 1850s as part of the [ldquo]Mormon[rdquo] colonization of Utah. The settlement would not have survived without the resources provided by the mountain (forest designation came later). Resources provided included: timber for early homes and buildings, milled lumber as the community grew (logging and mills were some of the first activities of the community[rsquo]s residents), water from the mountain was an essential resource (culinary water and irrigation water), the grazing of livestock started almost immediately and has sustained an agricultural base for the community. These resources, especially water and grazing, continue to provide essential resources for the community and many of our citizens.In the past fifteen to twenty years there has been an increasing concern about the management of the timber resource. The bark beetle infestation impacts our watershed. Spring City is deeply concerned that our water resources be protected. We have in operation 5 culinary water springs in the project area and are investigating the possibility of developing additional springs. We also would like the opportunity toimprove the culinary springs now in use. One of the major concerns with our springs is access to the infrastructure related to the springs. Access has become more challenging over the years.In addition, our community is concerned about downed dead fall timber clogging our creeks (both Canal Canyon and Spring City Canyon - or Oak Creek Canyon). We have a firm belief that the forest restoration project on the mountain east of Spring City will not only improve our water resources but also improve grazing and tourism. We believe this project will limit the possibility of flooding that could impact our culinary delivery system and harm the irrigation system.We offer our support for

the HFRA Project. It is long overdue. We look forward to the project as it progresses and anticipate a successful outcome for the beauty and utility of the forest and also the continuation of vital resources our community depends on. We have a wealth of local knowledge and experience that you could call upon for support of the [ldquo]boots on the ground[rdquo] experience.Thank you.Courtney SymeSpring City City CouncilNote: Michael Scotthorn of the Ephraim Utah Forest Service Office was most helpful in explaining the scope and purpose of the project. His professionalism was evident and appreciated. He is to be commended.