

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 5/15/2023 4:35:55 AM

First name: Andrew

Last name: Held

Organization:

Title:

Comments: 5/15/2023

Attention: US Forest Service

Project: Frisco Backyard Fuels and Rec Project #63395

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to advocate for the use of selective cutting and different hand and machinery mitigation techniques, only if they are implemented with the highest standards of forest stewardship.

Frisco's Backyard project is located in Summit County, CO, and is part of the newly designated National Monument. As a Town Council Member, The Town of Frisco is dedicated to preserving the forest and promoting the growth of more native species diverse in nature beyond the current mono culture of lodgepole pine.

It is important that we prioritize our responsibility as stewards of the forest, particularly in this newly designated National Monument area. We must ensure that any forest management practices used within the project area adhere to the highest standards of environmental stewardship, and are in accordance with the principles of forest conservation and preservation.

Selective cutting, hand and machinery mitigation techniques, and other forest management practices, must be implemented in a way that minimizes impacts on the forest ecosystem, preserves biodiversity, protects wildlife habitats, and maintains the integrity of the forest ecosystem. Clearcutting, which can lead to soil erosion, loss of habitat for wildlife, and a lack of diversity in tree species, should not be utilized.

I support the Frisco's Backyard project, but only if the forest management practices utilized adhere to the highest standards of environmental stewardship.

Thank you for your consideration of these important issues.

Sincerely,

Andy Held

andyh@townoffrisco.com

(970)333-1972