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To Whom It May Concern,

The Colorado State Forest Service has reviewed and supports the preliminary environmental assessment for the St. Vrain Forest Health Project. This project aligns with the goals and strategies of the 2020 Colorado Forest Action plan and the Colorado State Forest Service seeks to continue to be an active partner in the development and implementation of this project and of projects in this landscape. The treatment of the lands identified in the proposed action is critical to protecting our communities, maintaining our watersheds, and ensuring unique habitats and recreational opportunities remain viable on these landscapes.

We feel the assessment has answered the questions and comments we submitted for the purpose and need and proposed action of May 2022.

Cross-boundary planning and implementation are critical for the success of this project and for the landscape. We support and encourage the continued engagement with the Saint Vrain Forest Health Partnership for partner and stakeholder involvement in cross-boundary management efforts. We also support the requisite analysis being done to make this happen, including for the use of the Wyden Authority where site conditions and community needs allow.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the preliminary environmental assessment and the effort that the Arapaho Roosevelt National Forest and the Boulder District have made to include stakeholder input into this process.

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