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I read the proposed action for the Forsythe II project with a great deal of interest (I found it on my monthly SAF newsletter). I grew up on the Front Range and worked for the Arapaho and Roosevelt Forests in Estes Park, Boulder on the Forest Planning team and as a Silviculturist in the 1980s. I have since retired after a 39 year career, the last 24 as a District Ranger on the Bitterroot National Forest in Montana. After reading the proposed action and the goals of reducing crown fire potential and managing for vegetation diversity, I wish to voice my support for the project. I applaud this effort realizing how difficult it is to manage across varied land ownerships. We have seen many examples where a fire becomes manageable when it reaches an area where fuel reduction has taken place or where Aspen stands have been regenerated. While a Silviculturist on the Estes-Poudre Ranger District I prescribed treatments to regenerate Aspen particularly where clones had been suppressed by a conifer over-story in the absence of disturbance. I can attest this treatment works and had positive benefits to wildlife, aesthetics and to reducing crown fire potential.

Good luck on the proposal, I look forward to hearing more.

Sincerely, Dave Campbell

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