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Comments: The current unsustainable elk densities require a combination of: a) reduce elk herd densities and/or b) limit ungulate grazing. On aspen stands (consider aspen stand slope/soil/aspect/elevation, and an equivalent water retention score) give aspen stands a score which would use best science to determine both site potential and expected outcome. Not all aspen stands are created equal. Aspen stands will likely prosper or decline depending on those stand characteristics. The most successful aspen stands, either improved or created from the proposed actions, will also be the most grazed by ungulates.

Consider some type of fencing to protect those aspen stands that coexist/overlap/intersect with T&E plants (source: U.S. Fish & Wildlife, <https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/report/species-listings-by-state?stateAbbrev=CO&stateName=Colorado&statusCategory=Listed>) *Phacelia formosula*, *Astragalus osterhoutii*, *Ipomopsis polyantha*, *Penstemon debillis*, *Eutrema penlandii*, *Spiranthes diluvialis*, *Platanthera praeclara*. The *Penstemons* would be a stunningly beautiful flower under a healthy aspen. A western style split rail fence with a kiosk would be an excellent educational component displaying successful outcomes derived from the proposed actions.