

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 4/13/2021 4:19:03 PM

First name: Robert

Last name: McFarland

Organization:

Title:

Comments: There are several environmental concerns that have not been addressed in this draft.

The White River Aspen Management Project #59419 ignores the environmental impact to caves and karst features in the areas. Many of which have been identified as significant and are protected by the Federal Cave Resources Protection Act (FCRPA).

The plan fails to consider the effect on bat habitat such as trees and adjacent rock outcroppings, caves, mines, and other features. This is a particular concern at this time, as the *Pseudogymnoascus destructans* fungus (aka WNS) is spreading into USFS RE2 and affecting hibernating bats.

This plan also ignores the effects on both surface and subterranean ground water supply throughout the region and will certainly degrade and permanently alter the quality and flow of the areas precious water sources.