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Comments: The Colorado State Forest Service Granby Field Office supports the planned Swan Mountain Project. The proposed project provides opportunities to continue to protect vital infrastructure, communities, and watersheds in Summit County. The CSFS supports cross-boundary and landscape scale planning for watershed and community protection.

The forest conditions in the wake of the mountain pine beetle epidemic have created a hazardous fuels buildup and increased risk of catastrophic fire in the community. The Swan Mountain Project would create fuel breaks and decrease fuel loading in high priority areas. This project has the potential to positively impact community Focus Areas identified in the Summit County Community Wildfire Protection Plan including Summit Cove, Keystone Ranch, Iron Springs/Gold Hill, and Summit Estates.

The CSFS Granby Field Office encourages the Forest Service to continue to prioritize projects with forest product utilization opportunities and landscape connectivity. Past collaboration between CSFS and USFS through the Good Neighbor Authority, with Summit County and other partners have laid a foundation for success treating over 10,000 acres in Summit County. The CSFS Granby Field Office supports these landscape scale efforts and looks forward to partnering with the USFS to assist in accomplishing these goals.