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Comments: Following are comments regarding the USFS Swan Mountain Project

#### Communications

Communications between the Forest Service representatives, the USFS contractors, neighbors and citizens is important. Could a list of contacts be available should the need arise?

#### Boundaries of clear cuts

Sharp straight line edges along clear cuts are not good. Could the edges of any clear cuts be uneven and irregular?

#### Aspens

Summit County Open Space and Trails has worked with the Nature Conservancy in aspen planting experiments that have been successful and would be a good contact to work with in establishing aspen growth in the area.

#### Vegetation

What is technically known as the biotic resistance hypothesis - the notion that systems that have biodiversity tend to have fewer empty ecological niches. Thus biodiversity can provide resistance to invasive organisms finding resources and prospering in a system. Local volunteer groups could be engaged to achieve this.

Thank you for your consideration.

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