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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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