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Comments: I attended a community conversation about forest health and fire mitigation hosted by the St. Vrain Forest Health Partnership and the Left Hand Watershed Center in Lyons on Tuesday June 7th, 2022. At the start of the meeting I was concerned about the magnitude of the project being proposed, it wasn't apparent to me how the goals were realistic or attainable. However, after listening to their presentation about the extent of their collaboration with nearly 100 other agencies, as well as working together with a small group of neighbors to identify the areas of concern in my own neighborhood during the meeting, I came to understand that their partnership approach to addressing fire mitigation and river restoration is a well designed, dynamic, and efficient response to the issues at hand. While I live in town, I hike regularly all around the foothills surrounding Lyons and am well acquainted with several of the project areas discussed at the meeting. I have seen first hand throughout the St Vrain area the exact problems they discussed regarding forest density, the risky fire conditions that have resulted from years of fire suppression, the areas of compromised ingress/egress, and the impact of previous fires on the river that runs through the town (the water ran black for a few days). I am not just convinced by their partnership approach to addressing these issues, I am also hopeful for success despite the enormity of the challenges that lay ahead. My neighbors and I are doing our part with fire mitigation on our properties. It's a lot of work to harden our homes, and it can be sad to limb up trees, to completely remove highly combustible plants, and to swap the beauty of wood mulch for stones or other non combustible materials. And while I can sympathize with other peoples' concerns about similar types of mitigation and changes taking place in our forests, given the fires we have seen and experienced here in the past decade alone, it is simply reckless to not take such actions. It is my fervent hope you will support them in their efforts.