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Comments: I and my organization strongly support the Basin Creek- Butte Watershed Project. As you are aware, this watershed provides 60% of the water for the Butte community and is not replaceable. The mountainous terrain surrounding this watershed is comprised of beetle killed trees that create significant wildfire risk for the basin. In addition each year, the wildfire season expands driven by the hotter weather and droughts adding to the extensive wildfire risk. The economic impact of a wildfire in this valley would be catastrophic and would also pose a significant health risk for our elderly and those that have respiratory disease.

I cannot state strongly enough that we must have this project approved and implemented as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter of support.