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Comments: The project states it's purpose is to "restore woody riparian habitat along parts of Moss Agate Creek."

I would like to see proof that a riparian habitat ever existed. Since the trees that are there are 100 years old, that means that in 100 years, the habitat has not been hospitable to new growth.

I am opposed to the fencing because I believe it will not keep out deer or cattle. Also, when Moss Agate floods, it will most likely rip out the new growth, along with the beaver analogs, scattering wire. The tangled wire will be a nuisance for cattle and will also teach the cattle to disrespect wire, encouraging them to crawl into neighbor's pastures.

If the fences include more gates, I am also opposed to this. During hunting season, it is a constant issue that hunter's leave gates open, allowing cattle to roam into the neighbor's ungrazed allotments. If there are more gates to open and close, there will be more chance that the hunter's will neglect this basic courtesy.

In closing, we are in favor of having trees in Moss Agate. We just don't believe it is realistic. Even if the trees do live and get to be 4 foot tall, they can be destroyed in one flood.

These funds could be put to better use repairing Fiddle Creek Dam, or some other worthy project that has a chance of success. Thank you.