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Comments: I am writing to support the Shadow Mountain Habitat Enhancement project. As described in the Invitation for Comments, the project's purpose and need are well-defined and necessary. Also, utilizing the Categorical Exclusions is appropriate for this level of project. I am impressed with the proposed landscape-level treatments, and this area needs the work to rejuvenate the decadent aspen stands that are being outcompeted by encroaching conifer species. You have done a thorough job incorporating design features to protect the natural resources that may be affected by project implementation. Nice work collaborating with the resource specialists to craft these in accordance with relevant policies, laws, and regulations.

As you are aware, I represent the Lost Creek HOA in their efforts to become more fire prepared for wildfire events. The HOA and Guest Ranch have done an excellent job implementing home hardening and defensible space actions in the community. This summer, we have contracted Cutting Edge Forestry, based in Oregon, who will arrive after July 15th to complete a hazardous fuels reduction project on 7.2 acres of land along the southern and southwest borders of private lots. This is directly adjacent to the 2001 USFS thinning project area. Working on both sides of the fence is necessary to make our landscapes more fire-resilient and improve wildlife habitat. Seeing your larger project working towards the implementation stage is excellent, and the multiple benefits for the landscape are solid.

Please continue to do great work with your fuels management program across our public lands in Teton County. Thank you for all the work you do.