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I am writing you in response to the latest Frisco Backyard Fuels proposal. While I appreciate that the USFS has taken public feedback and reduced the amount of forest designated for clearcut, I ask that you reduce that even further before implementing your plan.

We have already seen a large amount of clearcutting along the bike path from the hospital west to Mt Royal, around Rainbow lake, up Miner's Creek road and along the Peaks Trail over the past 15 years. Some of this work was done by USFS staff on the ground with minimal impact while a large amount of it was done with machines resulting in huge disturbance to surrounding vegetation.

I am asking that the clearcutting be further reduced from what is proposed. The clearcutting around Rainbow has left the area devoid of wildlife and birds, not to mention it is hot for both humans and ground cover and just plain ugly. No one wants to recreate there. The lack of tree cover has also affected trails in the winter due to higher wind impact and snow drifting, making it more difficult to navigate, even on skis.

I'd also like to ask that any tree cutting or removal occur after all migratory birds have left the area for the winter. I am told that the USFS only has to worry about raptors, but we want and need and enjoy the migratory birds that come to our forests each summer to mate and nest each summer. Many of these birds nest in dead trees. I am opposed to the blind removal of large swaths of trees, whether live or dead, and I would like to be confident that any work will be scheduled to ensure that NO birds (or other wildlife that use the trees or forests to birth and raise their young) would be affected.

Also, Miner's creek has been increasingly affected by squatters over the years since the tree removal has created easy access to "parking/camping" wherever one wants to along the side of the road. Much of this camping is in the area where it is illegal and is a large concern with unattended campfires as well as general safety (both concern with the squatters themselves as well as litter and human waste). Trees help prevent squatting near road areas.

In addition, I am concerned about proposed parking, which already impacts adjacent neighborhoods like bills ranch and peak one. There needs to be more alternatives to minimize the impact of parking on nearby residents and agree that parking could be expanded at the MOB and would like the other areas on the west side of town to be explored as well.

While I appreciate the idea of Frisco "grooming" trails behind the hospital and else where in the backyard and improving summer trails, I prefer to have the winter trails remain "unmaintained/ungroomed" and that there be some room for keeping "secret" trails so to speak[hellip] by that, I mean trails that are not promoted and marketed by the town, where we locals can go on high volume tourist days and still enjoy some peace and quiet. I appreciate the work Frisco has done on trails in the Peninsula area but ultimately it seems like a tool to further market their town and attract more guests, when we are already struggling to accommodate those we have.

I see that a number of folks are asking that ebikes be considered for the backyard trails and I'd like to oppose

that proposition, even as I approach the age of potentially preferring ebikes to a regular mountain bike. Our recpaths become overwhelmed by inexperienced and uneducated cyclists in the summer and ebikes has only made that problem worse. I know a number of folks who have ended up in the ER as a result of reckless ebikers (there are reckless cyclists too, but the speed of ebikes increases the danger and injury). The Frisco trails are already overwhelmed with users that do not know trail etiquette without adding ebikes to the mix. Please let's not exacerbate our crowded trail problems further.

Thank you again for truly hearing our public input and making changes in your plan in response to our concerns. I hope you will take the time to make further adjustments to your plan that will minimize the impact of the work [mdash] especially the clearcutting. Those of us who live and build in the mountains did so for the joy of looking at and playing in the forest. There is an assumed risk in living here and we shouldn't cut the forest simply to reduce our risk. We need to learn to live with the risk and perhaps make better choices when developing along the wildland interface.

Thank you