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Comments: As a former member of the collaborative team that assisted in the formulation of the Camp Hale - Eagle River Headwaters Restoration Project Plan, I am submitting my strong support for the Camp Hale Restoration and Enhancement Project (#46121).

The stream and wetland restoration in particular will restore sinuosity, stream health and wetland functions to a degraded system in the upper Eagle River watershed. This has been a long time goal of many individuals and organization in Eagle County.

Further, the NFF as proposed operator and manager of wetlands mitigation bank being established/restored at Camp Hale will benefit the watershed directly, as unavoidable impacts to wetlands on many development activity sites are required by the USACE to be compensated through a compensatory mitigation bank - which is currently located in Routt County for this mitigation service area.

As many have documented, mitigation banks have several advantages over individual mitigation projects and proposals - namely, a high degree of failure in individual mitigation sites that makes wetland mitigation banks the preferred choice if avoidance of impacts is not possible or practical given an individual development site constraints. This is a win for both the Camp Hale restoration site and the Eagle River watershed environmental and development community.

Further, the proposed improvements to travel management, recreational infrastructure, terrestrial vegetation, historic preservation, fill disposal and long term protection and prominence of this action will have positive effects for years to come and, in my opinion, elevate the importance and continued contributions of the Camp Hale area to the region. Thank you.

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