

September 22, 2026 | Via CARA | Project No. 284162

To: Brian Glaspell, Forest Supervisor, White River National Forest

Supplemental Draft EIS comment: CPW has not answered my August 17 request for its official Sweetwater position

Dear Supervisor Glaspell:

On August 17, 2026, I emailed CPW Resource Stewardship Program Manager Jeff Thompson a letter requesting CPW's official position on Alternative 2. I copied the CPW Director's mailbox, CPW Commission, and DNR leadership. The same letter was filed in CARA as comment **284162-6986-65**. The sent email, original letter, and CARA receipt are attached.

Mr. Thompson replied to my earlier inquiry on July 15, but did not say whether Alternative 2 reflects the facilities, management, and wildlife protections CPW intends to implement. My August 17 letter requested an answer by August 31. **As of September 22, I have received no response to that letter from CPW.**

The unanswered questions matter because Alternative 2 proposes a 20-year special use permit for CPW, while the proposed facilities and restrictions depart from site-specific recommendations made by CPW personnel in 2021 and in CPW's 2024 Resource Stewardship Plan. The August 17 letter identifies the affected north-bench facilities, elk habitat closures, and raptor protections. CPW has not stated whether it endorses Alternative 2 as written or seeks specific changes.

Before completing the Final EIS, please obtain and place in the project record CPW's written answers to the three questions in my August 17 letter: **(1)** Is Alternative 2 CPW's intended plan, and if not, what precise changes will it request? **(2)** Which site-specific wildlife recommendations will CPW implement, and what is the basis for any departures? **(3)** What is CPW's present planning role and the status of the 2021 MOU?

If CPW does not answer, please say so in the Final EIS and explain how the Forest Service evaluated a CPW-managed alternative without CPW's stated position on its facilities and wildlife protections. Do not treat CPW's silence as agreement with Alternative 2 or defer essential siting and closure decisions until after the decision.

Sincerely,

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Authorized Representative, Sweetwater Lake Working Group

Suggested attachments to this submission

Exhibit A - August 17 sent email to Jeff Thompson, including his July 15 reply (3 pages)

Exhibit B - August 17 letter requesting CPW's official position (2 pages)

Exhibit C - August 17 CARA receipt for comment 284162-6986-65 (1 page)