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Re: Summit CWMA Application for 910 Ranch Weed Management - CWC Short-Term Grants
To the Central Wasatch Commission,

I am writing to express East Canyon State Park management's support for the collaborative noxious and invasive weed management efforts led by the Summit Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA), in partnership with Summit County, Morgan County, and other local partners, as proposed in their 2026 Central Wasatch Commission Short-Term Projects Grant application.

Part of the 910 Ranch is located directly across the road from Mormon Flats Campground, within our jurisdiction, and management actions on adjacent lands have a direct influence on park resources and visitor experience. As stewards of this campground and the downstream East Canyon State Park, our agency has a responsibility to protect their natural resources, maintain safe and enjoyable recreation opportunities, and work collaboratively with neighboring land managers to address shared land management challenges.

We support coordinated, early inventory, monitoring, and treatment efforts as an effective approach to slowing or preventing the spread of noxious and invasive weeds that threaten park ecosystems, working lands, waterways, and recreation infrastructure. Proactive, cross-boundary management reduces long-term ecological degradation, supports healthy watersheds, and helps ensure that increased visitation does not contribute to the spread of invasive species across connected landscapes.

Our support reflects a commitment to continued collaboration with Summit CWMA, Summit County, and Morgan County to improve landscape-scale stewardship and enhance visitor experience across East Canyon State Park and surrounding public lands. We value this cooperative, cross-county approach and appreciate the opportunity to work together to protect shared resources and support sustainable recreation in the Central Wasatch.

Sincerely,

