

Project Name	Applicant Name	Amount Requested	Matching Funds	Total Project Cost	Project Location (Zone)
5-Ephraim Aspen Enhancement (USFS)	US Forest Service	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$60,000	2

Executive Summary

The project would focus on regenerating / maintaining aspen and mountain brush communities by changing species composition, age diversity and stand structure. The presence of remnant aspen in conifer stands suggests aspen historically occupied a greater portion of the area. Specifically, the treatment would shift species composition from conifer to aspen where aspen is present and would reduce conifer densities where aspen is absent. The improvement of the Aspen stands (along with the improvements in the understory grass/shrub component) would benefit a wide variety of species including mule deer, elk, moose, and several migratory bird species. Specific IDF&G Species of Greatest Conservation need that are benefitted by healthy aspen stands in this area, and which would likely benefit from this project include sharp-tailed grouse(Tier 2), silver haired bat(Tier 2) , hoary bat(Tier 2), Kriemhild Fritillary(moth species, Tier 3), and the potentially the Monarch(Tier 3).