

Date Received	Preferred Option	Specify Other	Why	Additional
14-Mar	A		Massing along a single access with least amount of visual disturbance from 82. Should/must satisfy the grower/farmers programmatic needs and maximize the growing season.	Critical for a successful farm to have permanent structures. A hoop house is fine, but in order to provide food year round as well as protect the health and safety of the produce (and people) a permanent structure or ag. barn should be on the farm. Further a permanent greenhouse (where you have a greater control over the soil and temperature/condition would be great for plant starts and extending the growing season) over a hoop house would best serve the farmers and the community, but a hoop house and ag barn may equally serve the health and safety needs of a working farm/garden.
14-Mar	B		Seems to be a little more out of sight	
14-Mar	Other	SE corner of the area, near the existing tree.	Farther from RG Trail and Hwy 82 so much less obtrusive on views. There is already a road, trailers, etc. nearby.	
15-Mar	A		The farmer has to have the ability to wash and store vegetables. For safety reasons, that is best done on site where the harvesting takes place. Either option A or B works for that.	I commend Pitkin County for its smart mission to encourage a healthy, local food shed.
15-Mar	A		Front and Center would be neat for the farmers and community.	
15-Mar	C		It is OPEN SPACE	
15-Mar	C		Don't want to encourage scaling up of what is supposed to be a lease for a small local operation.	
16-Mar	A		because that's the one Harper and Christian would like	
16-Mar	A		I support local agriculture	
16-Mar	A		I believe this option to pose no issues while allowing the lessees the ability to grow and manage their crops in the way they feel will be most effective. They have gone through proper channels to accomplish their goals and should be recognized as such. Unless there is logical reasoning for why such a structure should not be placed in accordance with Option A I see no reason for it to be prohibited. Thank you for your time.	
16-Mar	A		Functionality	
16-Mar	A		Option A makes the most sense.	
16-Mar	A		It seems to be the best suited for the farmers.	
16-Mar	A		Option A seems most efficient and sensible for farm use, and is within the bounds of the lease.	
16-Mar	A		It sounds like that location would be most beneficial to Two Roots to do their work.	

16-Mar	A		<p>I want to applaud Pitkin County for leasing open space to qualified ag operators like Two Roots Farm, allowing residents to access healthy, local food and preserving the ag character of our community. Option A is the most reasonable approach. To grow and sell food, Two Roots Farm needs an agricultural structure. This is just common sense. Of course, siting the structure on the land is also the most reasonable approach.</p> <p>I've been a member of Two Roots Farm CSA for two years now and bought their produce for even more. I can attest that they respect and love this Valley and will take care of the land in a responsible manner.</p> <p>Allowing them to operate this land requires Option A. Thank you.</p>	
16-Mar	A		I like the way it looks and it seems most functional for the property.	
16-Mar	A		<p>Allowing Two Roots Farm to build additional infrastructure on the open space will not only allow their business to prosper, but it will also allow them to produce clean, safe food for the community. The farmers have expressed that the most convenient location for these improvements is that outlined in option A.</p> <p>Including an agricultural structure is neither in opposition to the goals of the OST project and will go far to support sustainable agriculture in the valley. Permitting these improvements will make the land more useable for productive agricultural purposes, while maintaining a commitment to open spaces and having a limited impact on the beauty and environmental benefits of open spaces in the Roaring Fork Valley.</p>	
16-Mar	A		After speaking with Harper of Two Roots Farm I learned of their desire for Option A and the reasons behind that. I support their efforts and planning.	
16-Mar	A		A small barn within the leased area and parallel to irrigated field would be logistically advantageous for Two Roots farm to more efficiently manage the production and harvesting of their organic produce. This also supports young resourceful farmers who are raising healthy produce to feed the community in a responsible way.	
16-Mar	A		Best location	
16-Mar	A		It seems closer to the hoop house and in my opinion fits better into the scenery	
16-Mar	A		These are amazing young farmers have a structure they can utilize!	

16-Mar	A		These people are already working super hard to grow and harvest food for our valley. Putting the barn next to the irrigated field will make it easier for them to do so!	
16-Mar	A		Hoop house and barn would not detract from open space and would help support farm and farmers	
16-Mar	A		Makes more sense and is easier for the lessees	
16-Mar	A		I chose option A because I believe it will be the most beneficial way to support efficient production of organic vegetables, and will allow Two Roots Farm to positively contribute to the community in a lasting and meaningful way.	
16-Mar	A		Two roots should be awarded with option A for all that they do within the local farming community.	
16-Mar	A		Better organization for ag-operations, fewer ditch crossings.	
16-Mar	C		I think that the school house area should be kept as it is. Why would OST pay for a structure for a business to utilize? What do the farmers have to contribute to get their infrastructure built for them? I understand that land is hard to come by in this valley and that local food is important, but should OST funds be used to build infrastructure for a private business?	
16-Mar	Other	Pull out of this lease, unbelievable how lost you are	I don't want to subsidize a commercial operation through open space, complete departure from you mission, Financially unsound, aesthetically ridiculous, and the precedent will haunt us forever.	
16-Mar	Other	Just throwing this out there, but would the old Emma (Historic) Store on the other side of 82 make any sense?	I know access to the historic Emma store would pose challenges but just a thought. Maybe this has already been discussed? Continuing this thought forward, maybe by using the Emma Store it could broaden the buildings use like forming some sort of local agricultural store center. Veggie's, meats, bakery...This option would also limit the traffic onto the Emma Rd with the Two Roots Farm customers. Maybe even Pitkin County, who I believe owns the historic property, would have buy-in. The farm lands on the historic building side may also be interested in participating. A possible win-win? Agricultural land on both sides of 82 participating and the refurbishment and re-birth of the historical Emma Store with a purpose and sustainability.	
16-Mar	Other		I would like to support this project for young farmers to facilitate their production of food for their community. I would approve of the option best suited to the needs of the farmers, environment, and public.	

17-Mar	A		Option A seems to keep structures close together which makes good sense.	I commend Pitkin County for supporting local agriculture and young farmers through the open space program. If the program is to be successful it must allow for the necessary infrastructure so that the farmers can safely and efficiently harvest their crops. Without that infrastructure, farming can not practically take place. In the long run farming can be the best way to care for our open spaces especially when those farmers care for the soil as Two Roots Farms will do. The farms next to the Schoolhouse lease area all have numerous structures including homes such that a few structures on the Schoolhouse lease area would be in keeping with the aesthetics of Christian and Harper are the best!
17-Mar	A		Because I support Two Roots Farm and believe this option would most effectively help them to reach their goals in this location.	
17-Mar	A		The structure is not prohibited within lease area and seems to be most sensible option	
17-Mar	A		Christian and Harper from Two Roots farm are amazing young farmers and wonderful people. I believe it's in all of Pitkin County's best interest to support them and other young farmers in whatever way most benefits their growing operations and businesses. Thanks for giving them this opportunity!	
17-Mar	A		Having the structure near the irrigated field makes the most sense and will not have a damaging impact on the scenic area surrounding it.	
17-Mar	A		It is within the leased land and seems like it would be the simplest and most attractive.	
18-Mar	A		I would go with A or B. I think they should be allowed the structures. Just not certain of access and which would be more practical.	
19-Mar	B		Less visual impact. Better orientation for potential future solar panels (good idea and in keeping with conservation).	
19-Mar	Other	I am okay with both structure orientations	I support both structure options	
20-Mar	A		This infrastructure is imperative to the success and efficiency of the farm. Anything we can do to support farmers and ranchers in the valley benefits the environment, local economy, and community !	
21-Mar	A		Would like to see ore locally grown food options.	
27-Mar	A		It just makes the most logical sense.	
27-Mar	A		I want to see these farmers succeed and I understand this structure to be critical to their work.	
27-Mar	A		Makes the most sense to have the structure located near the field. We want to make Two Roots Farm and other farms successful.	
27-Mar	A		Most beneficial to have the structure located near the field.	
27-Mar	A		Option A makes the most sense.	

27-Mar	A		Two Roots Farm has always had a community-first approach and I fully support them in their efforts to promote local agriculture. I believe what they are doing not only sets a terrific example for other young aspiring farmers, but also promotes sustainable agricultural practices. They are a valuable asset to the community and therefore I think they should be allowed to build a structure on their leased land in order to help them facilitate this better.	
27-Mar	A		It will meet Two Roots needs.	
27-Mar	A		A solid infrastructure is the key do sustainable development.	
27-Mar	A		Option A would allow the structure to be within the leased boundaries, providing a place to clean, pack and store produce while offering protection from the elements, in addition to a multitude of other uses.	
27-Mar	A		seems to be most practical	
27-Mar	A		Within leased area only makes sense.	
27-Mar	Other	Best option for farmers	These structures are essential to the functioning of the farm development and should be placed in the most immediately useful space.	
28-Mar	A		I think it's proximity and scenic value would be best here.	
28-Mar	A		Allows optimal use of the land for growing food (which requires a barn) with minimal impact.	Thanks you for your careful consideration of the options.
28-Mar	A		I am a Chef that visits Aspen a few times a year with my clients who have a home in town. I met the farmers from two roots last summer and think they will be a valuable addition to the organic farming community and I believe we should allow them the resources they need to flourish.	
28-Mar	A		Makes the most sense.	We own Free Range Kitchen in basalt, We have lived in the valley for 27 years and fully support these young farmers and all of their hard work. We hope that everyone helps support their efforts and make it easier for them to thrive.
28-Mar	A		It is the Option the farmers prefer and I trust their assessment of what works best for them and the land!	
28-Mar	A		Harper and Christian have the utmost integrity, intentions and drive, and I want to see them achieve all their seeking to accomplish. The location of Option A would allow them to be the most efficient they can be.	
28-Mar	A		Seems the most efficient use of the land for production.	

28-Mar	A		Having a structure in this location is the most logistical sound for the farm, helping to reduce time/labor, in what is an already extremely labor-intensive operation.	As a Basalt resident, food writer, proponent of sustainable agriculture and as editor of Edible Aspen, I've followed Harper and Christians' careers since they first arrived in the valley. We're very fortunate to have two people so passionate and committed to the future of our foodshed and so active on a national level with regard to lobbying to help young farmers establish farms. As people, they're bright, articulate and genuinely gracious and caring; as farmers, they represent the future. By allowing them to lease land and build necessary structures that will aid them in ecologically sound food production, we're not just helping promote and provide local food security: It's setting a blueprint for how other
28-Mar	A		I want to see agriculture thrive in the Roaring Fork Valley. Option A looks like it places the barn closer to field crop production taking another burden off of the farmer operating the crops. Personally, I would enjoy the views of the barn and they would provide the feeling that the land is being cared for, it is productive, and it is producing valuable food for our community.	My name is Jimmy Dula. I am a resident of Basalt and co-manage the Basalt Sunday Market. Seeing Two Roots Farm grow and succeed on county land in Basalt would be an incredible addition to the community.
28-Mar	A		LET OPERATOR CHOOSE	THIS COMPANY WITH DEDICATED OPERATORS AND FARMERS ARE A HUGE ASSET TO OUR COMMUNITY AND VALLEY , WE AS A VALLEY FAMILY NEED TO SUPPORT SUCH ENTERPRISES TO CONTINUE OUR HERITAGE, INDEPENDENCE AND BEEING A LEADER IN THE FIELD . LET THEM GROW - SUPPORT THEM AND HELP THE NEXT GENERATION UNDERSTAND WHAT FOOD IS MADE OF .
28-Mar	A		I support the farmers that will be leasing land here and hope that POST can continue to empower their efforts to grow food locally for many years to come. THANK YOU FOR THE AMAZING WORK THAT YOU DO!	I am a local Basalt resident and believe the young farmers are truly inspiring in how they are reviving our local food shed. This will have a positive impact for future generations and I applaud their/your efforts in making it happen.
28-Mar	A		Option A makes the most sense for having toured the property with Two Roots last week. Knowing how labor intensive farming is, having your tool cache or a place of refuge close to the lease area is crucial to working efficiently and with the least amount of impact on the land. When it rains and water starts pouring down, having to load everything up and drive a tractor and trailer to another location potentially creates a zone where the soil can get rooted up and cause ruts and speed up erosion patterns. By keeping the barn close to the lease area, erosion can be prevented and the integrity of the surrounding areas can stay better intact.	
28-Mar	A		Because it is the option that best supports local agriculture and a new generation of farmers -- which we need.	
28-Mar	A		It appears this option makes the most sense for farm operation.	Thank you for your continued support of preserving agricultural space and making it available to the community.
28-Mar	A		Would like a friend to be able to put their barn there and to be used for agricultural purposes!	

28-Mar	A		<p>Any working farm needs the proper infrastructure. A 10 year lease shows that these young farm seas show a committment to the future of the land and soil. They should be able to build the proper infrastruture in a convenient but also low profile location to properly wash and process their produce.</p> <p>As another young farmer in The Valley I can say that having access to proper storage and processing facilities on site makes all the difference for a long-term, committed relationship with the land. Harper ben Christian have proven themselves to be successful, dedicated, community driven individuals and derserve the best infrastructure to go along with their personal and community investment in our local food system.</p>	
28-Mar	B		Keep building to the east and out of view from Sopris Creek Road	
29-Mar	A		<p>Farm work is not possible without tools! Many things are needed to get veggies growing, to maintain them throughout the season, to harvest, wash, prep and then get them to market. Option A would serve best in both function and aesthetics. It is closest to the 1.5-2 acre vegetable garden area -- which means less foot and other traffic to other parts of the land. It is also tucked in close to a natural swale, which would hide part of the structure. That being said, agricultural structures can be beautiful! They are often associated with the romantic notion of farming and if done well, add to the beauty of the landscape.</p> <p>Harper and Christian are deeply invested in the land and future of Emma Open Space and their farm operation will add to and protect the space while allowing the community to connect with where their food comes from.</p> <p>I also live in Glenwood Springs and have been working in Basalt. I would look forward to passing the farm and believe that an agricultural structure would be a welcome and necessary part of the operation.</p>	
29-Mar	A		I think it will work much better to have a structure within the least area to help the farmers with their produce.	
29-Mar	A		As a local chef that works with Two Roots I value their contribution to the valley. Option A seems to be the best placement for their work needs.	
29-Mar	A		Its the best for the farmers - I think the more we can support their work and bring ease to the already intense work farming is, the more successful they will be in the county.	

29-Mar	A		I'd love to see Two Roots get exactly what they need in order to supply the valley with local produce. I have been purchasing their products for two years in Carbondale and it's all fantastic.	
29-Mar	A		I know the farmers through the local group: Roaring Fork Farmers and Ranchers. I know this is the best option when it comes to efficiency and maintenance. I believe it's a logical place to fit a agricultural structure.	
29-Mar	B		I feel this is a need and is best near the farming areas not across the highway.	
29-Mar	C		<p>OST & Pitco comms probably feel great that they're supporting local ag, but agree with many of Cathy Markle's comments.</p> <p>There have been many ag users at Schoolhouse happy to lease that space without a building. Emma has some of the best rural & OS character in the valley. OST should not be supportive of adding buildings, it's open space, right?</p> <p>Was this building proposal in Two Roots' RFP?</p> <p>Unfortunately I will not be able to attend today's tour.</p>	
30-Mar	A		It looks more traditional, possibly more practical.	
31-Mar	A		It is the best location for the structure.	Very exciting to have these ag projects supported by the county!! I am a local food producer.
1-Apr	A		Option A appears ideal for workflow at farm and is preferred by the leasing farmers	I'm a local citizen of Pitkin County and am very excited to see the this land being used as a community resource!

2-Apr	A		<p>As a resident of Pitkin County, I am thrilled that the County is incentivizing local agricultural operations, especially for young farmers. I also appreciate that the siting of this project is not only in character with, but also adds the vitality of a true working farm to the rural and agricultural character of Emma. It makes sense to me that a barn structure is absolutely necessary in order to run a farming business with a 10-year lease.</p> <p>In my view, Option A is aesthetically pleasing. I appreciate how the height of the hoop house and barn matches with the surrounding vegetation, not obstruction view planes. Functionally, I think it also makes sense to site the building close to the hoop house. It seems important to hear from the farmers themselves as to what the most functional option is for them and why. They are the experts on this.</p> <p>Finally, I think it worth considering for this and future projects that a mission of nurturing sustainable local agriculture in the Roaring Fork Valley should consider housing for farmers onsite or within a very close proximity. Farming is unlike most professions in that proximity to your crops and animals is critical to their successful management. Additionally, I think it would go a long way in creating connections between the farmers and the community/neighborhood in which their plot of land is located.</p>	Thank you for encouraging local ag in Pitkin County! I am thrilled to see what Two Roots will produce and create.
2-Apr	A		It seems to make the most sense for the structure to be near the irrigated field.	
2-Apr	A		I trust the wishes of the applicants. They are the experts on the best scenario to make their project successful and our good health optimal.	
2-Apr	C		Do not want buildings of any kind.	
3-Apr	A		As a RFV local, I want to support sustainable agriculture in our valley in any way possible.	

3-Apr	A		Local farming is an extremely important cause to me. We need food to survive. Our industrial farming systems are breaking--with harmful pesticides and the mistreatment of animals--local food is imperative to our morals, health, and economy. I am a local of the Roaring Fork Valley and Kindergarten teacher at Basalt Elementary School, located near the open space. I have the utmost respect for Harper and Christian not only as farmers but as moral and just human beings who will do the right thing and work hard to make this farm a success. However, that is only possible if they have the proper infrastructure in place. I vehemently support option A, as an integrated, safe, well built structure within the lease area, is integral to their success. Although change can sometimes be hard to embrace, this structure is a change that they need this in order to be successful; and we want and need them to be successful as well. This is the best decision for the future of our valley.	
3-Apr	A		I really support whichever is the BEST location for the farmers. So happy for our valley to have intrepid farmers providing a service for us, food, and using current, sustainable practices.	
3-Apr	A		I am a local in Emma and appreciate the local farmers in the area! I also appreciate that they are saving the property from other building options like rural neighborhoods! I'm so excited to have Two Roots in the neighborhood and am excited to see the production in the years to come.	
3-Apr	A		I want to support local agriculture.	
3-Apr	C		I object to my taxes being used as a subsidy to agriculture that will compete with local growers. I also object to the concept that many workers will add to the congestion at this busy corner in Emma. I do not support any part of the building being used for an office.	What has happened to the concept of creating a bridge over the irrigation ditch to allow recreationists to make a loop from the Emma parking lot to the High School and back. This will become a more important issue if we have to share with e bikes on the Rio Grande Trail!! A concept of agriculture should be below the concept of public usage of this open space.
6-Apr	A		I currently work at RBR and know how important structures like these are for farmers and farming productivity!	I am a local living in Glenwood who knows and fully supports Harper and Christian.
9-Apr	A		To align the buildings together and allow the possible future orchard area to be created.	I live just outside of Basalt, and fully support food being grown locally. It would also be nice to see the farmers be supported with living accommodations next to the farm. A self contained tiny house would allow them to be more connected with the plants, help financially, and on site security. Thank you for your time and

9-Apr	C		<p>This is supposed to be open space for all to enjoy and keep it open? This public land is for a personal profit, and Pitkin County is paying for their water drilling and their buildings? And a huge fence to keep animals and trespassers out? I thought open space is for the wildlife to roam? Can Pitkin County pay for me to put a business at my residence? Agricultural lease is for growing. They are totally running their business out of that space? Will there be traffic when they start to sell out of their greenhouse? Pitkin County would not let the neighbor keep his house. They would not let the Gredigs build homes for their children to stay all together on their huge acreage across the street. They made my neighbors move their house so it didn't block the view of Mt. Sopris from the road. This is all a bunch of **** if you ask me. Who is getting paid off here? And they are getting free use of irrigation water that is soo precious here that only a few get in a dry year?</p>	<p>Is the open space hiking trail still open or is that closed for their personal business.</p>
18-Apr	Other		<p>We purchased that land for open space. Putting buildings on it is not open space. We are subsidizing one commercial grower at the expense of other potential growers that don't operate with a tad subsidy.</p>	
20-Apr	A		<p>Because it's the only viable site</p>	<p>Who is going to build it? Who is going to maintain it? Who will be responsible to remove it if it's ever required? Who is going to pay for it? If it's the county, why can't they find the money to build the bridge to the south acreage, and install the flume to measure irrigation water to both the county and Brook Palides acreage? OST seems to find money to give to Garfield county for their projects but can't improve and take care of properties they control here in Pitkin county. OST needs to reassess their priorities.</p>
23-Apr	A		<p>Option A looks fitting with the surrounding natural features and existing structure. I am a Carbondale resident, and am proud to be living in an area that values the agricultural tradition and production of local, healthy food. I believe that the visibility of these structures is a source of pride and adds to the aesthetic of the landscape.</p> <p>I also believe that option A makes sense in terms of conveniency and efficiency for the production that Two Roots is engaging in.</p> <p>I look forward to having more locally-grown fresh produce available for residents of the Roaring Fork Valley.</p>	

24-Apr	A		This option appears to be the best use of the space without disturbing the natural beauty of the location. I agree that the structure is needed to allow for their farm to flourish. We need more fresh produce in the valley. Let's support those who are willing to do the work by allowing them to invest in what will help them the most.	
25-Apr	A		Option A blends with the existing agriculture look and feel of Emma, and best supports Two Roots Farm's needs. As a resident of Basalt, I will be thrilled to see this agricultural development in Emma when I pass it on the highway, knowing this operation is supporting our Valley's local food security and inspiring future generations of farmers.	
25-Apr	B		A little less seen from the road, but really, it doesn't matter. Let these guys farm and produce food for our valley! Let them have the things they need to do it well so we don't have to rely so much on food from elsewhere. Thank you! Oh, and Hi PAUL!	
25-Apr	A		It seems like the best alignment	
25-Apr	A		Option A seems to be the most efficient for the farm to have the barn and adjacent building in immediate proximity of the crops and cattle. This seems to allow the farmers to save fuel and time. In addition, the view of the barn doesn't distract from the view of the old school house by too much. I always appreciate local produce and am looking forward to seeing how this progresses.	
25-Apr	A		Expanding the capabilities of this local farm is absolutely necessary for maintaining the diverse and sustainable infrastructure of the valley. Keeping the structure parallel to the irrigation area is the most effective way to do so.	
25-Apr	A		Seems to be less impactful on the site where the utilities are located.	
25-Apr	A		Supporting local farming.	
25-Apr	B		The Basalt POST Committee recognized the importance to the agricultural activity. They preferred the buildings being off set.	