

**Summit County Wildfire Council  
Meeting Minutes  
March 16, 2017  
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  
Mount Royal Room  
County Commons  
Frisco, CO**

**Attendees:** Ron Cousineau, Jim Curnutte, Dan Moroz, JoAnne Nadalin, Ryan VasNunes, Ryan McCulley, Jim Cox, Jeff Berino, Christian Nelson, Jim Keating, Shellie Duplan, Bill Jackson, Ross Wilmore, Jon Diurba, Chapin LaChance, Steve Lipsher, Beth Huron, Dan Schroder

- I. Approval of Agenda:** Jim Curnutte acted as chair in Dan Gibbs' absence. Jim opened the meeting at 1:31 p.m. and introductions were made around the room. The agenda was approved without changes.
- II. Approval of January 19, 2017 Minutes:** JoAnne Nadalin moved to approve the January 19, 2017 minutes. Dan Moroz seconded the motion; all were in favor and the minutes were approved.
- III. 2017 Chipping Program:** The 2017 chipping program will run similarly to last year's, with two rounds through the county. The most significant change in 2017 is that the county did not receive a grant from the Department of Natural Resources and the chipping program will be entirely self-funded through county wildfire funds. There is approximately \$270,000 available for the 2017 wildfire grant and chipping programs. To help offset the reduced funding, the county will require the chipping contractor to track piles and chip loads. This requirement will be reflected in the county's Request for Proposals. Marketing outlets will include: Summit Daily News, Summit Stage bus wrap ads, theatre ads, a marketing brochure, a sign at the entrance of the County Commons, social media and any assistance partner agencies can provide. The towns of Dillon, Breckenridge and Silverthorne will all provide chip storage sites again in 2017.

Discussion followed regarding the chip program:

- JoAnne Nadalin suggested that the contractor place neon colored cards on contaminated piles to explain why they were not picked up. The council agreed that this would be helpful to homeowners as well as the contractor, and that rules should be more strictly enforced this year since there will be fewer staff to run the program.
- For the past three years, program guidelines excluded willow, sage and juniper. Willow is too wet and stringy to chip, but sage and juniper pose significant wildfire risks and as such should be removed. Ryan VasNunes (2016 chipping program contractor) stated that last summer his crew transported loads of sage and juniper to the landfill without incurring much additional cost (\$10 dump fee per load – perhaps \$500 over the entire summer). After some discussion, the council agreed to exclude willow and allow sage and juniper for the 2017 program, with the stipulation that the contractor will take sage and juniper to the landfill.

- Climax has contacted staff to express interest in purchasing chips again and has a budget of \$50,000 to purchase chips in 2017.
- Summit Association of Realtors (SAR) will provide volunteer assistance to homeowners to prepare their property for the chipping program. SAR has requested that staff include language on the chipping brochure to inform the public about this volunteer program.
- Dan Schroder will work with the Colorado State Forest Service, fire districts and any interested agencies to develop wildfire mitigation trainings for residents of each river basin, as well as SAR volunteers, prior to the start of the chipping program.

**IV. Report – February “Get it Done” Subcommittee Meeting:** The initial “Get it Done” subcommittee was formed in 2013. A small subcommittee of Wildfire Council staff and members met in February to review and update the list. Dan Schroder reviewed the list with the council (see Attachment A). Many projects have been completed and some were removed altogether if they weren’t truly obtainable (such as burying power lines). Staff will email the revised list to the council, as well as a list of all fuel mitigation projects completed since 2006 (see Attachment B). Discussion followed:

- The list includes items that individual neighborhoods would have to head up, as well as some that county departments (such as Road & Bridge) or other entities would need to complete.
- Several subdivisions stand out as examples of beneficial, ongoing work, including Ruby Ranch, Pebble Creek Ranch, Ptarmigan, The Highlands, Town of Blue River and Summit Estates.
- Ptarmigan will apply for a CWPP grant to work on road signage this year.
- Buffalo Mountain Metro District will continue to enforce removal of dead and falling trees. The district’s ongoing education and enforcement efforts have significantly reduced the wildfire risk to residents.
- The U.S. Forest Service has several projects planned; e.g. West Range is ready to start work again in the Upper Blue.
- For several years, Beetlekill Tree Guys (a tree removal contractor) has sent mailers to homeowners in Blue River encouraging them to create defensible space. Christian Nelson, the new owner of Beetlekill Tree Guys, will continue that work and plans to expand to other neighborhoods in the Upper Blue.
- The CDOT project removing hazard trees along Hwy. 9 was completed in 2016.
- Lewis Ranch (Copper Mountain) is making plans to remove remaining slash piles from a hazardous fuels reduction project that was performed several years ago, but never fully completed.
- Residents of Montezuma have completed some fuels reduction work, particularly on the Dercum property up Montezuma Rd., and have participated in the chipping program.
- Since the taxpayers provide funding for the county’s wildfire mitigation program, it is very important to convey how tax dollars are being spent on wildfire prevention efforts. In order to continue the wildfire mitigation program as well as other beneficial programs, the county is likely to seek continued funding from taxpayers in the next couple of years, and staff will probably come back to the Wildfire Council at

that time to ask how to message the outreach.

- Ten (10) neighborhoods in Summit County have received FireWise designation, which is the type of information that staff should present to the public when asking for continued wildfire program funding.
- Staff will send the council a list of completed fuels reduction projects since 2006, including USFS projects, via email.
- BMMD would like to see fuels reduction treatment occur on the open space between Mesa Cortina and Wildernest.
- Staff will work with county GIS to update the CWPP map book.

**V. Round Table Discussion – Activities of Wildfire Council Members and Partners:**

- Colorado State Forest Service: Ron Cousineau proposed that he and Bill Jackson (U.S. Forest Service) work together to map out areas on which hazardous fuels reduction could be conducted utilizing Good Neighbor agreements.
- Lake Dillon Fire Rescue has obtained a new 3,000 gallon tactical water tender that will help combat wildfire, as well as structure and vehicle fires.
- U.S. Forest Service:
  - The Forest Service will be doing more stewardship logging in Spring Creek, Brush Creek and the Golden Horseshoe; resulting slash will be taken to the biomass plant in Gypsum.
  - The Forest Service has burned about 300 piles in the last few weeks north of Tiger Run and east of Hwy 9. Some piles remain north of Tiger Run, but burning is nearly complete in that area.
  - About 90% of the slash piles near Ophir Mountain will be chipped and taken to Gypsum; the rest will get burned.
  - Some piles near the hospital/Iron Springs will be burned.
  - Most of the piles in Sierra Bosque have been burned (about 180).
  - Even with fewer staff, the Forest Service has burned around 1,200 slash piles so far this winter.
  - West Range (contractor) will start working on the south side of the Ophir Mountain project in late 2017/2018.
  - The Forest Service is still working on the NEPA for the Lower Snake, with a few more units (800 acres) to be completed.
  - The Forest Service has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Denver Water in which the Forest Service will match funds provided by Denver Water. The money will mostly be used for vegetation management, but will also address water treatment and weeds. Some of the funds will be used for reentry into old clearcuts. Denver Water has committed about \$3.5 million to our district, which the Forest Service will match.
  - The Forest Service will have to do some helicopter logging in the Lower Snake and will be asking for help from their partners.
  - The Forest Service has signed an MOU with the Town of Breckenridge for water protection measures up Indiana Gulch.
- The Town of Breckenridge is not hosting a slash drop-off program this year, and welcomes input from the council on how to use funds that would have been used in the program.

- Buffalo Mountain Metro District is moving forward with an upgrade to their water storage system that would include installation of a pressure reducing valve (PRV) to automatically convey water in each pressure zone. The district is currently getting bids for the project.
- Red, White and Blue Fire District just sent a crew to Kansas to combat a wildfire, providing the crew with good experience combating grass fires. The district has purchased two 2,000 gallon water tenders in the last few years. The district is trying to meet International Organization for Standardization (ISO) requirements to help reduce insurance rates, and will work with Lake Dillon Fire Rescue on this.
- The Town of Blue River has successfully completed significant fuels reduction using the grant program over the past several years. Beetlekill Tree Guys plans to use the same model in other areas of the Upper Blue by acting as a liaison between homeowners and the county. Participating homeowners have been very happy with the work and the program.
- Lake Dillon Fire Rescue reminded the council that last March there was a wildfire in Montezuma. In April, all firefighters will be recertified. The district has started holding business meetings with their stakeholders to review the Annual Operating Plan (AOP).
- Colorado Tree Specialists (contractor) is looking forward to submitting an RFP for the 2017 chipping program.
- The Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control has two Single Engine Air Tankers (SEATS) that will be pre-positioned around the state, with one out of Golden and one out of Rifle.
- Summit County Emergency Management: The county's AOP will be approved at an upcoming meeting with the BOCC, at which time it will be 100% complete. Jon Diurba explained that the AOP outlines how the state, county, fire department and other agencies will work together in the event of a wildfire, and is reviewed and signed every year by the county commissioners.
- JoAnne Nadalin stated that some people who have signed up for Code Red aren't getting the notifications. Jon Diurba said that the county will soon be running another marketing campaign to help the public understand the system. Summit County Alert (SCA) is operated by Code Red, but users need to sign up for SCA to choose which alerts they wish to receive. Users then need to install the Code Red app on their phone to be notified of any emergencies in the local area.
- Copper has recently attained a new apparatus. Copper Mountain Resort is putting in a new alpine slide that will have the side benefit of clearing trees near homes.

**VI. Education Updates:** Dan Schroder has been in every 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class in the county over the last several weeks, talking about insects, forests, fire and people. He is also working with Friends of the Dillon Ranger District and is leading a snowshoe hike for them tomorrow, similar to the Forestry in the Field hikes. Dan will start developing wildfire mitigation workshops for residents of each river basin and realtor groups prior to the start of the chipping program. Wildfire grants will be advertised in the next several weeks, with pre-applications due on April 28 and applications due on May 26.

**VII. Legislative Updates:** The State Senate recently sent a request to Colorado's congressional

delegation to increase funding for wildfire suppression for federal land management agencies. The issue affects every other program, as funds that could be used for wildfire mitigation are pulled away to use toward active wildfire suppression. Senate Bill 17-050, which concerns the consolidation of grant programs related to forest management, is being signed by the governor today. The bill will consolidate the wildfire risk reduction program (formerly administered by the Department of Natural Resources) and forest health grant program (administered by the Colorado State Forest Service) into one program administered by Colorado State Forest Service (see Attachment C).

- VIII. Next Meeting Date: June 15, 2017, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., Buffalo Mountain Room.** Staff and council members will be invited to participate in a grant application review meeting before bringing the grant requests to the Wildfire Council for approval at the June 15 meeting.
- IX. Adjournment:** JoAnne Nadalin motioned to adjourn; Ryan McCulley seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Beth Huron, Summit County Community Development

## Attachment A - 2017 Summit County Wildfire Prevention Get it Done List

# of Focus Areas	Focus Area	Project Name	Scope	Key Partner	Notes
1	Acorn Creek (County)	Shaded Fuel Break	7 Ac	private	complete
		Roadside thinning	9 Ac	private	complete
		Widen Access Road	300 yds	R & B	
		Emergency Water		private	complete
2	Sierra Bosque (County)	USFS fuels reduction	11 Ac	USFS	complete
		Roadside thinning	2 Ac	private	complete
3	Boulder Creek	Roadside thinning	2Ac	private	
		Cross Boundary	136 Ac	USFS/private	
		Bridge Weight Limit	multiple bridges		
		Street sign improvement		R & B	
		Emergency Water		private	
4	Pebble Creek (County)	Fuel Break	3 Ac	private	complete
		Roadside thinning	2 Ac	USFS	complete
5	Hamilton Creek (Silverthorne)	Fuel Break	10 Ac	Private	complete
		N 40 D-Space	28 Ac	private	complete
		N 40 Road Brush Clearing		private	complete
		emergency egress route through Angler	100 yds	private	complete
6	Eagles Nest (Silverthorne)	Fuel Break	14 Ac	USFS/private	complete
7	Ruby Ranch (County)	Fuel Break	4 Ac	private	
		Emergency Bridge	1 Bridge	private	
		Improve Hydrant Lines		Metro District	
8	Ptarmigan (County)	Thinning	22 Ac	private	complete
		Repair Roads		private	complete
		Improve Street Signs (2020/2021)		R & B	complete
		Emergency Water		private	complete
9	Mesa Cortina (Silverthorne)	ongoing maintainance as things grow			
10	Salt Lick Gulch (County)	ongoing maintainance as things grow			
11	Summit Estates (County)	USFS Treatments	6 Ac	USFS	complete
		Fuel Reduction	22 Ac	private	complete
		Secondary Egress		private	
		Emergency Water		private	complete
12	Golden Horseshoe North	Bearing Tree D-Space	43 Ac	private	complete
13	Golden Horseshoe South (County/ToB)	Dyer Trail D-Space	36 Ac	private	complete
		Highland Dr D-Space	12 Ac	private	complete
		USFS (planned for 2017)	142 Ac	USFS	
		Fairways Fuel Break	6 Ac	private	complete
		Egress signs for Highlands		R & B, RWB, EM	complete
		Emergency Map for GH roads		GIS, RWB, USFS	complete
14	Peak 7 (County)	CR 3 Road Hazard tree removal		R & B	complete
		Protector D-Space	15 Ac	private	complete
		Discovery D-Space	24 Ac	private	complete
		Blue Ridge Fuels	37 Ac	USFS/private	complete
		Winterwood D-Space	25 Ac	private	complete
		Protector Placer Fuels	7 Ac	private	complete
		Slalom D-Space	8 Ac	private	complete
		USFS Fuels	17 Ac	USFS	
15	Peak 8 (Breckenridge)	Ski Hill Road Hazard tree removal	24 Ac	R & B, USFS	complete
		Gondola Station fuel break	6 Ac	private/ToB	complete
		Pence Miller fuel break	10 Ac	private	complete
		Shock Hill fuel break	5 Ac	private	complete
16	French Gulch (Breckenridge)	Moonstone D-Space	135 Ac	private	complete
		503 Fuel Break	31 Ac	ToB	complete
17	Baldy/Boreas Pass (County/ToB)	Linked D-Space	94 Ac	private	
		Roadside thinning	13 Ac	private	complete
18	Warriors Mark (Breckenridge)	USFS treatment	15 Ac	USFS	
		White Cloud roadside fuel treatment	4 Ac	private	
19	The Crown/Bekkedal (County/Blue River)	Roadside thinning	50 Ac	private	complete
		Sunset D-Space	38 Ac	private	complete
		Bekkedal Emergency Water		private	complete
20	Blue River	Linked D-Space	243 Ac	private	

	(ToBR)	Roadside thinning		R & B/ToBR	
		Egress Route	2 different options	private	<b>complete</b>
		Rd Improvements FSR 611	1 Corner	USFS	
		Emergency Water		ToBR	complete
		Roadside thinning	46 Ac	private	complete
21	Quandary (county)	upgrade roads		private	
		improve/relocate street signs		R & B/ToBR	
		highway 9 fuel break	11 Ac	private	<b>complete</b>
		Tordal linked D-Space	398 Ac	private	
22	Lewis Ranch (County)	Fuel Break at end of subdivision	3 Ac	private	need to remove piles
23	Iron Springs/Gold Hill (County)	<b>USFS Ophir Mountain</b>	<b>1461 Ac</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>complete</b>
		<b>USFS Ophir Mountain</b>	<b>1461 Ac</b>	<b>USFS</b>	<b>complete</b>
		<b>Gold Hill Fuel Break</b>	<b>53 Ac</b>	<b>private</b>	<b>complete</b>
24	Iron Springs/Hospital (county/Frisco)	Roadside thinning - Bill's Ranch		private/R & B	<b>complete</b>
		Bill's Ranch bridge load rating	1 bridge	R & B	
		improve road signs - Bill's Ranch		R & B	
25	Summit Cove (County)	ongoing maintainance as things grow			
26	Keystone Ranch (County)	West Ranch D-Space	35 Ac	private	<b>complete</b>
		Yarro D-Space	14 Ac	private	<b>complete</b>
27	Keystone	USFS Roadside Fuels	5 Ac	USFS	<b>complete</b>
		Single Family D-Space	12 Ac	private	<b>complete</b>
		East End Fuel Reduction	14 Ac	private	<b>complete</b>

## Attachment B - Summit County Community Wildfire Prevention Projects Funded 2006 - 2016

### 2006 Projects Funded

10 Projects Funded	Total Project Cost	Grant Award	Acres	Cost Per Acre
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$230,734.50</b>	<b>\$129,782.00</b>	<b>110.30</b>	<b>\$2,091.88</b>

### 2007 Projects Funded

29 Projects Funded	Total Project Cost	Grant Award	Acres	Cost Per Acre
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$958,484.23</b>	<b>\$643,301.00</b>	<b>285.60</b>	<b>\$3,356.04</b>

### 2008 Projects Funded

5 Projects Funded	Total Project Cost	Grant Award	Acres	Cost Per Acre
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$143,430.64</b>	<b>\$137,938.00</b>	<b>47.00</b>	<b>\$3,051.72</b>

### 2009 Projects Funded

Project Name	Total Project Cost	Grant Award	Acres	Cost Per Acre
Eagle's Nest Defensible Space	\$36,000.00	\$18,000.00	61.00	\$590.16
Hamilton Creek Water Tank Clearing	\$50,000.00	\$12,000.00	8.00	\$6,250.00
Summit County Open Space/ Town of Silverthor	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	6.50	\$1,538.46
Bills Ranch	\$75,000.00	\$25,000.00	31.00	\$2,419.35
Baldy Mountain Townhomes	\$14,000.00	\$7,000.00	20.00	\$700.00
Bekkedal	\$45,000.00	\$15,000.00	48.50	\$927.84
Town of Breckenridge	\$142,320.00	\$71,160.00	71.00	\$2,004.51
Blue River Corkscrew	\$22,000.00	\$11,000.00	19.00	\$1,157.89
Upper Highlands HOA	\$99,960.00	\$49,980.00	32.00	\$3,123.75
Cucumber Creek Estates Fuels Break	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00	13.00	\$1,538.46
Shock Hill HOA	\$48,886.00	\$24,443.00	19.50	\$2,506.97
Woodwinds Property Management	\$61,374.00	\$30,787.00	21.00	\$2,922.57
Discovery Hill/Red White and Blue Fire District	\$2,850.00	\$1,100.00	7.00	\$407.14
Peak 7 West	\$65,000.00	\$32,500.00	3.00	\$21,666.67
Sunrise Ridge Townhouse Association	\$11,000.00	\$5,500.00	1.00	\$11,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$703,390.00</b>	<b>\$318,470.00</b>	<b>361.50</b>	<b>\$1,945.75</b>

### 2010 Projects Funded

Project Name	Total Project Cost	Grant Award	Acres	Cost Per Acre
Daley Ranch	\$12,000.00	\$6,000.00	4.40	\$2,727.27
Discovery Hill D-Space 1	\$79,982.50	\$39,991.25	26.80	\$2,984.42
FEMA Grant for Keystone	Completed 2011			
Great Divide Condo	\$4,416	\$2,208	1.00	\$4,416.00
Lewis Ranch	\$28,950	\$14,475	7.00	\$4,135.71
Ptarmigan	\$31,632	\$15,000	16.00	\$1,977.00
Riverwood	\$4,030	\$2,015	8.20	\$491.46
Summit Estates	\$107,630	\$53,815	33.40	\$3,222.45
Town of Breckenridge and Summit County Open Space HB1199 Grant - BlueDanube/CountyCommons/BlueRiver Corkscrew/ BarneyFord/HighlandsPark	\$165,000	\$25,000	117.00	\$1,410.26
Warrior's Mark	\$19,090	\$9,545	3.50	\$5,454.29
Warrior's Preserve	\$4,165	\$2,083	2.50	\$1,666.00
Willow Brook Metro District	\$47,891	\$23,945	41.63	\$1,150.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$504,786</b>	<b>\$194,077</b>	<b>261.43</b>	<b>\$1,930.87</b>



**2011 Projects Funded**

Project Name	Total Project Cost	Grant Award	Acres	Cost Per Acre
Miners View Fire Fuels Reduction Program	\$40,163.00	\$20,082.00	28.50	1,409.23
Shock Hill Single Family Properties - Phase 3	\$12,050.00	\$6,025.00	13.90	866.91
Town of Blue River Hazardous Fuels Reduction	\$14,985.00	\$7,493.00	3.60	4,162.50
Highlands Park Lots 119, 120, 126, 132	\$12,600.00	\$6,300.00	9.82	1,283.10
Ranch at Breckenridge - Filing 1 & 2, Lots 10 & 19	\$10,500.00	\$4,635.00	6.40	1,640.63
Summit Estates Fire Mitigation	\$81,330.00	\$40,635.00	23.10	3,520.78
Summit Estates Fire Mitigation Ashner/Perez Property	\$16,720.00	\$8,360.00	5.20	3,215.38
Shock Hill Wildfire Mitigation Program - Phase 2	\$16,800.00	\$8,000.00	13.00	1,292.31
Ptarmigan Mountain HOA	\$30,779.00	\$15,000.00	25.80	1,192.98
Discovery Hill Defensible Space Initiative 2	\$19,155.00	\$9,578.00	8.70	2,201.72
Settlement Forest Health	\$5,424.00	\$2,712.00	1.00	5,424.00
Spruce Valley Ranch Fuel Reduction 2011	\$59,343.50	\$26,500.00	39.60	1,498.57
561 GK Healthy Forest and Fuel Reduction	\$4,375.00	\$2,188.00	9.50	460.53
Willowbrook Metro District - Additional 2 acres	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00	2.00	3,000.00
Town of Breck/SC HB1199 Grant (Golden Horseshoe)	\$300,000.00	\$50,000.00	90.30	3,322.26
Match for FEMA Grant - Keystone	\$100,000.00	\$25,000.00	48.30	2,070.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$730,224.50</b>	<b>\$235,508.00</b>	<b>328.72</b>	<b>2,221.42</b>

**2012 Projects Funded**

Project Name	Total Project Cost	Grant Award	Acres	Cost Per Acre
Pebble Creek Ranch Fuels Reduction 2012	\$24,308.00	\$9,968.00	9.00	\$2,700.89
Pebble Creek Ranch - 1800	\$11,823.74	\$2,500.00	5.30	\$2,230.89
Town of Blue River HFR Project	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00	5.50	\$3,636.36
Highlands Golf Course Filing 10, Lot 40	\$11,574.00	\$5,787.00	6.40	\$1,808.44
Summit Estates Fire Mitigation - 2012	\$53,923.00	\$26,550.00	28.90	\$1,865.85
Spruce Valley Ranch Fuels Reduction 2012	\$72,086.25	\$33,375.00	28.00	\$2,574.51
Gold Hill Fuels Reduction	\$28,500.00	\$14,250.00	20.80	\$1,370.19
Adams & American Placer	\$37,258.00	\$18,629.00	7.70	\$4,838.70
Claimjumper Defensible Space	\$1,958.70	\$980.00	1.00	\$1,958.70
Miner's View Lots 6 & 8 Fuels Reduction	\$7,384.00	\$3,692.00	4.50	\$1,640.89
Ranch at Breckenridge - Filing 1, Lots 1,2,4,6,7,11	\$57,195.00	\$28,597.00	37.10	\$1,541.64
Highlands LH 1 Rounds Road	\$48,465.00	\$24,233.00	24.00	\$2,019.38
Ptarmigan - 2012	\$14,534.82	\$6,734.00	11.90	\$1,221.41
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$389,010.51</b>	<b>\$185,295.00</b>	<b>190.10</b>	<b>\$2,046.35</b>

**2012 CWPP Implementation Projects Funded**

Project Name	Total Project Cost	Grant Award	Acres	Cost per Acre
Claimjumper Condos and Pinewood Village D-S	\$26,800.00	\$12,275.00	8.50	\$3,152.94
Summit Guest Ranch	\$6,725.00	\$2,800.00	1.00	\$6,725.00
Summit Estates <i>Cistern</i> Project	\$99,826.00	\$49,913.00	N/A	N/A

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$133,351.00</b>	<b>\$64,988.00</b>	<b>9.50</b>	<b>\$14,036.95</b>
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### 2013 Projects Funded

Project Name	Total Project Cost	Grant Award	Acres	Cost Per Acre
Golden Horseshoe II - (1/2 CODNR:1/6ToB, OS	\$36,793.00	\$30,240.10	74.30	\$495.20
Acorn Creek HFR 2013	\$29,847.28	\$14,923.64	6.00	\$4,974.55
Town of Blue River HFR 2013	\$9,910.00	\$4,955.00	1.70	\$5,829.41
Pebble Creek Ranch HFR 2013	\$26,747.00	\$11,525.00	22.50	\$1,188.76
86 Gold Hill Rd / Shelton Residence HFR 2013	\$16,500.00	\$8,250.00	13.20	\$1,250.00
Ptarmigan HFR 2013	\$10,813.00	\$5,398.00	15.20	\$711.38
Elk Crossing Defensible Space Project	\$5,850.00	\$2,925.00	3.80	\$1,539.47
Blue Ridge Amendment/ Sunchaser Estates Mitig	Forfeited	Forfeited	0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$136,460.28</b>	<b>\$78,216.74</b>	<b>136.70</b>	<b>\$998.25</b>

### 2013 CWPP Implementation Projects Funded

Project Name	Total Project Cost	Grant Award	Acres	Cost per Acre
Town of Blue River Clean Up	\$9,100.00	\$8,190.00	5.00	N/A
Acorn Creek <i>Cistern</i> Project	\$109,619.19	\$97,000.00	N/A	N/A
Ptarmigan <i>Access/Egress</i> Improvement	\$18,000.00	\$10,000.00	N/A	N/A
Upper Blue River Basin <i>Address Project</i> (Red, V	\$6,653.74	\$1,763.08	N/A	N/A
County Roadway Hazard Tree Removal (Road &	\$20,644.00	\$20,644.00	38.60	\$534.82
Straight Creek Road Hazard Tree Removal	\$7,992.50	\$7,193.25	11.50	\$695.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$172,009.43</b>	<b>\$144,790.33</b>	<b>55.10</b>	<b>\$614.91</b>

### 2014 HFR Projects Funded

Project Name	Total Project Cost	Grant Award	Acres	Cost Per Acre
Highlands at Breck Golf Course	\$7,806.00	\$3,903.00	1.60	\$4,878.75
Town of Blue River	\$52,780.75	\$26,390.38	18.56	\$2,843.79
Timber Trail Association	\$43,180.00	\$20,000.00	15.00	\$2,878.67
Pebble Creek Ranch Foundation	\$20,043.75	\$9,250.00	12.00	\$1,670.31
Highlands at Breck Filings 2-5	\$790.00	\$395.00	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$124,600.50</b>	<b>\$59,938.38</b>	<b>47.16</b>	<b>\$2,642.08</b>

### 2014 CWPP Implementation Projects Funded

Project Name	Total Project Cost	Grant Award	Acres	Cost per Acre
Town of Breckenridge - Chipper site	\$36,915.18	\$25,000.00	N/A	N/A
Lake Dillon Fire - Address signs	\$3,725.66	\$1,862.83	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$40,640.84</b>	<b>\$26,862.83</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>N/A</b>

### 2014 CHIPPING Program

	Total Project Cost	Grant Award	# of Homes	Cu Yds Removed
	<b>\$209,781.12</b>	<b>\$62,500.00</b>	<b>1,486</b>	<b>4,400</b>

### 2015 HFR Projects Funded

Project Name	Total Project Cost	Grant Award	Acres	Cost Per Acre
Pebble Creek Ranch Foundation 2015	\$20,483.75	\$10,035.00	14.00	\$1,463.13
Theobald 2015	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	1.60	\$3,125.00
Town of Blue River 2015	\$18,597.00	\$9,112.00	4.93	\$3,772.21
Town of Silverthorne - Smith Ranch	\$14,300.00	\$7,150.00	7.50	\$1,906.67
Warrior's Preserve	\$23,119.50	\$11,559.75	2.50	\$9,247.80
Whispering Pines Ranch	\$12,600.00	\$6,300.00	4.00	\$3,150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$94,100.25</b>	<b>\$46,656.75</b>	<b>34.53</b>	<b>\$2,725.17</b>

**2015 CWPP Implementation Projects Funded**

Project Name	Total Project Cost	Grant Award	Acres	Cost per Acre
Bekkedal Wildfire Mitigation Cisterns	\$34,501.74	\$28,260.00	N/A	N/A
Town of Breckenridge Slash Site	\$38,198.00	\$19,099.00	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$72,699.74</b>	<b>\$47,359.00</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

<b>2015 CHIPPING Program</b>	Total Project Cost	Grant Award	# of Homes	Cu Yds Removed
	<b>\$186,908.58</b>	<b>\$100,000.00</b>	<b>1,973</b>	<b>6,300</b>

**2016 HFR Projects Funded**

Project Name	Total Project Cost	Grant Award	Acres	Cost Per Acre
Highlands - Parcel A	\$12,000.00	\$6,000.00	3	\$3,750.00
Pebble Creek Ranch Foundation - 2016	\$21,082.50	\$10,516.00	12	\$1,756.88
Ruby Ranch 2016	\$41,130.00	\$14,400.00	12	\$3,427.50
Summit Estates 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Theobald 2016	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00	2	\$3,000.00
Town of Blue River 2016	\$46,950.00	\$23,475.00	11	\$4,416.75
Town of Dillon	\$0.00	\$0.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$127,162.50</b>	<b>\$57,391.00</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>\$3,192.63</b>

**2016 CWPP Implementation Projects Funded**

Project Name	Total Project Cost	Grant Award	Acres	Cost Per Acre
Town of Breckenridge 2016	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A	N/A
Ptarmigan Cisterns	\$24,445.26	\$22,000.73	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$24,445.26</b>	<b>\$22,000.73</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

<b>2016 CHIPPING Program</b>	Total Project Cost	Grant Award	# of Homes	Cu Yds Removed
	<b>\$185,820.90</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>1,971</b>	<b>5,480</b>

Total Wildfire Prevention Projects 2006 - 2016	Total Project Costs	Grant Contribution	Acres	Cost Per Acre
<b>145</b>	<b>\$5,168,041.11</b>	<b>\$2,442,574.92</b>	<b>1,907.47</b>	<b>\$2,709.37</b>



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## SB17-050 - Consolidate Forest Risk And Health Grant Programs FACT SHEET

What SB17-050 Does:

- Consolidates two existing forest health and wildfire mitigation grant programs into a single program. CSFS's Forest Restoration Grant Program and DNR's Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant (WRRG) program would be combined into a NEW Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Grant Program. All elements of the existing grant programs would be retained, including: eligibility for local governments and communities, a 1:1 match requirement, funding for capacity building projects, biomass utilization, Youth Corps engagement, and performance monitoring.
- Reauthorizes for seven years the Healthy Forest Vibrant Communities Act (HB09-1199) that provided \$1.3M in annual funding to CSFS for state and local forest management and wildfire mitigation efforts.
- Reauthorizes for seven years \$1M annually for forest restoration grants to landowners and communities and expands the use of the funding to include the newly combined Wildfire Risk and Forest Health Grant Program.

Benefits of SB17-050:

- Consolidation of two grant programs administered by two agencies into one grant program administered by one agency increases government efficiency. This efficiency extends to local governments and communities when they develop grant applications.
- Provides an annual appropriation of funds for six years to a grant program that has proven effective in reducing risk of wildfire to people and property. Currently there is no annual appropriation of funding for DNR's WRRG program.
- Programs will continue to be funded at the same levels from Tier II of the severance tax fund, so there is no change to the severance tax fund. While Tier II severance tax projections are extremely low for FY 17-18, severance tax revenue is expected to increase during the six-year transfer period set in this legislation, therefore a base level of funding will sustain these important forest health and mitigation programs.

Information on CSFS's Healthy Forest and Vibrant Communities Act

- House Bill 09-1199 provides \$1.3 million in annual funding to CSFS to implement forest management/fuels reduction projects; reduce wildfire risk to life, property and watersheds; assist communities and others to develop Community Wildfire Protection Plans; support utilization and marketing of wood products; provide loans to forest products businesses; and offer wildfire risk analysis through the Colorado Wildfire Risk Assessment Portal. The Wildfire Risk Portal is currently being developed into a Forest Atlas that will contain a broad array of GIS information related to forest health, insect and disease information, past wildfires, forest treatment locations, forest industry and volume of forest products that will help inform future actions.

- House Bill 09-1199 also provides \$1M annually in forest restoration grants to enable landowners, communities and others to restore forested areas and protect water supplies.
- Funding and program authorization expires in 2017.

Information on DNR's Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Program:

- Created under Senate Bill 13-269, WRRG funds projects that reduce the risk of damage to property, infrastructure and water supplies, and those that limit the likelihood of wildfires spreading into populated areas. Funds are directed to non-federal lands within Colorado. To date, the program has awarded 132 projects across 35 counties throughout the state.
- Senate Bill 13-269 transferred \$10M in General Fund to the WRRG program. Senate Bill 15-022 authorized a one-time, FY 2015-16 transfer of up to \$1M from Tier II of the severance tax fund, and Senate Bill 16-003 authorized a one-time FY 2016-17 transfer of \$1M General Fund.
- No annual funding has been authorized for this program, yet demand for funds is high. DNR has awarded approximately \$12M in grants out of \$20M requested by applicants.