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Ref: Stringtown Gulch property

Mr. and Mrs. Bernhardt,

In an effort to reduce wildfire hazards in the Stringtown Gulch area, the Colorado State Forest Service has begun working with property owners on forest thinning projects. Currently, funding is available to complete thinning activities on several properties. The overall project objective is to improve fire protection by reducing the amount of fuels in the Stringtown Gulch area. This will not, of course, fire proof the area but is intended to create forest conditions that will improve firefighter's ability to suppress fire and, at the same time, minimize the damaging effects of wildfire should one occur.

The expected activities on private land include tree thinning and slash treatment (chipping, piling and burning, and scattering). Several of the property owners in Stringtown Gulch are already involved in planning thinning projects on their property. If you have any interest in thinning projects, or simply have questions, I would be more than happy to visit with you.

As you are aware, the Stringtown Gulch Road Association meeting is schedule for June 12th. I plan to attend to discuss the current project status and answer questions. I can certainly visit with you at the meeting but would, if possible, prefer to talk to you prior to the meeting.

Again, if you have any questions please call me at 491-8445.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave Farmer".

David A. Farmer
Assistant District Forester