

Financial Assistance Program

Cooperative Match Project

To be conducted by: Rist Canyon VFD

Project Number: 5366020-013

Estimated Project Cost: \$24,800

Funding provided by CSFS: \$12,000

Minimum Recipient Match: \$12,800

Project to be completed by: September 1, 2013

Based on the strength of the application submitted by CSFS Fort Collins District, the Colorado State Forest Service is providing funding in the amount up to but not exceeding **\$12,000** to accomplish the project described in the attached scope of work.

As the cooperator, Rist Canyon VFD, will be reimbursed for actual (hard dollars spent) costs incurred in implementing the project up to the amount listed above once the following requirements are met:

- A. Complete work as described in "*Exhibit A*" (*scope of work*).
- B. Provide documentation that project funds have been matched at a minimum ratio of 1:1.

Complete and submit through the local CSFS District Office periodic Grant Report(s)/Reimbursement Request(s) using the form provided in "*Exhibit B*", as needed, and a Final Report that provides details on expenditures and accomplishments as a result of this project. Submission to:

Diana Selby
Fort Collins District, Colorado State Forest Service
5060 Campus Delivery
Fort Collins, CO 80523-5060

- C. Certify that neither the cooperator nor any principals represented herein are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, and declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.

This funding will remain available until September 1, 2013. Extension is available for this project if requested prior to August 1, 2012.

As a representative of the cooperator, I have read and understand the conditions of participating in this cooperative match project.

Cooperator Signature:

 Date: 3-6-12

Bob Gann
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EXHIBIT A
Financial Assistance Program
Cooperative Match Project
SCOPE OF WORK

Project Number: 5366020-013

Cooperator: Rist Canyon VFD

Work to be completed: The primary objective is to reduce hazard to the Buckhorn Radio Repeater site by establishing defensible space around the site and a fuel break County Road 41 up to the repeater site. The defensible space and fuel break will be approximately 5 acres. The forest around the Repeater site is primarily lodgepole pine with pockets of >50% mortality from mountain pine beetle (MPB) activity. The MPB activity has increased the dead fuel loading and represents a threat to the Repeater site. The target conditions are 10 foot crown spacing, with as much uneven aged and mixed species possible while favoring ponderosa pine and aspen. The treatment area will have increased openings, decreased horizontal fuel continuity and limited vertical fuel arrangement. RCVFD will prepare and layout the project and contract for establishment of the defensible space. CSFS will advise RCVFD for preparation of the project. CSFS engine crews, District staff and volunteers will perform a portion of the fuel reduction work and assist with slash treatment. Slash will be treated with piling and burning. Limited lop and scatter slash treatment may be used. Limited chipping of slash may also be used. RCVFD will prepare a burn plan, obtain permits, and implement the pile burn. CSFS will assist with pile burning.

RCVFD will also manage ongoing operation of a community slash site. Grant funds will be used to pay the contracted chipper/grinder operator to completely grind the pile at intervals during the summer to prevent large pile build-up and make processing more efficient. Approximately 10 acres of fuels reduction treatment will be completed as a result of the slash site.

Milestone dates: Layout and marking of units will occur within 3 months of award notification.

Chainsaw work and slash piling will be completed within 12 months of award notification.

Pile burning will occur the following winter.

Project will be completed approximately 18 months after award notification. **Standards or Guidelines:** Will meet CSFS guidelines appropriate for document.

Project Period: June 1, 2011 to September 1, 2013

Funded Amount: \$12,000


Minimum cooperator match: \$12,800

Deliverables: 15 acres

Project Types: Hazard Fuels Reduction

All work completed under this project must be certified as meeting minimum Colorado State Forest Service standards prior to any reimbursement being made to the cooperator. "Exhibit B, Grant Report/ Reimbursement Request, Competitive Grants" will be the document used to both request reimbursement and to certify that work has been completed to minimum standards.

Initials:



November 7, 2011

Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department
Bob Gann/Richard Lund
PO Box 2
Bellvue, CO 80512

Special Projects
Front Range Fuels Treatment Partnership
9769 West 119th Drive
Suites 6 & 12
Broomfield, Colorado 80021

RCVFD Chipping Program

Dear Bob/Richard,

Thank you for the grant application you submitted for the HB09-1199 Colorado Fuels Mitigation program. The number and quality of grant applications we received for the first round of funding was impressive. Unfortunately, the 38 applications totaling \$755,000 in funding requests far exceeded the \$336,000 in funds available. As a result, we were unable to fund your proposal.

District Foresters across the state are working hard to continue to assist in the production of competitive applications. The information provided in future applications based on the criteria identified below will be instrumental in the success of projects.

- Specifically describe **how** the project will reduce wildfire risk to the public, firefighters and community infrastructure.
- Describe mitigation of risks to **communities** in addition to individual homes.
- Projects **must** have a County Wildfire Plan (CWP) and/or a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) in place.
- Describe a **definite plan of work** with **measurable points of accomplishment**.
- Projects must demonstrate a **cooperative, community based** effort with multiple sources of support.
- Specifically describe **how project work will be maintained** after the work is completed.

We encourage you to visit <http://csfs.colostate.edu/pages/funding.html> for available funding opportunities.

Thank you for your interest in mitigating wildfire hazards in your community. Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,



Scott M. Woods
Assistant Staff Forester
Forest Management Division

cc: Boyd Lebeda, District Forester