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Michael M. Hughes
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Called
8/22/05

Dear Mike,

Thanks for sending me the Forest Land Enhancement Program cost-share application. I have decided to apply for a \$2,100 cost-share reimbursement.

As you know my Forest Stewardship Plan objectives include "...reducing the hazard of wildfire occurrence and potential damage." In 1987 my father, Homer Bollinger, contracted with someone to thin the forest and remove or distribute the slash. The thinning was accomplished, but unfortunately the contractor died, and the logging slash remained. When I took over management of the Tree Farm I began to haul the remaining downed timber into small piles. With the help of friends I managed to burn two of these piles. Realizing this was not very efficient, I hired a contractor to pile the remaining logging slash. Twenty-three piles were created by the contractor. Over the past few years I have not been successful in burning this piles because of weather conditions and or schedule conflicts.

Some of the wood in these piles may be salvageable, yet the wood is quite old and starting to decay, making the wood commercially unattractive. This summer and fall I am planning on implementing several strategies to get rid of the piles. I have contacted a private contractor who may be interested in hauling the wood away for a fee. I hope to meet with this person in the next couple of weeks. I am also interested in investigating the mastication technique. In June or July I will attend a demonstration of this shredding process, and talk with people to determine if this way of disposing of slash is appropriate for my property. In addition I want to reconsider chipping some of the wood. I understand I would have to factor in replacing the chipper blades after the work was done—since the age of the timber would require the chipping blades be replaced. In September someone is coming for two weeks to live at the cabin and assist with pile removal or redistribution. Finally I am getting the word out that free firewood may be available to responsible individuals.

The cost associated with hauling, chipping or masticating piles has prohibited me from implementing these strategies in the past. I have estimated the piles cover approximately 7 acres in two general locations. Some of the piles are accessible to high clearance 4 wheel drive vehicles. Others are more difficult to reach. I anticipate needing to implement more than one strategy to successfully remove, chip or shred all the piles.

Enclosed please find the FLEP application. Please let me know if you need any additional information to process this application.

Thanks for considering my request!


Mary Bollinger



COLORADO'S
FLEP FOREST LAND
ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM
APPLICATION FOR COST-SHARE

PROJECT NUMBER: _____
(For Official Use Only)

NAME: Mary C. Bollinger

MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 270602

City: Ft Collins State: CO

Zipcode: 80527

TELEPHONE NO: 493-3050 (hm)

PROJECT ADDRESS/LEGAL DESCRIPTION: 873 Lakewood Ct
Estes Park, Co.

PRACTICES TO BE COMPLETED BY: Contractor

W 1/2 OF LOT 8 AND N 1/2 OF
NW1/4 OF SW1/4 2-4-73; (LESS
2000062891 W1/2 W1/2 W1/2
OF LOT 8, W1/2 W1/2 N1/2
NW1/4 SW1/4,) ALSO KNOWN
AS; E 3/4 OF W1/2 OF LOT 8
AND E 3/4 OF N1/2 OF NW1/4
OF SW1/4 2-4-73

Practice No. & Component Title	Quantity Requested	Quantity Approved	Maximum C/S Amount	C/S Amount Requested	C/S Amount Approved
3,79 Slash Disposal (23 piles in 7 acres)	7 acres ±			\$ 2100	

Total: _____

Request for cost-share assistance under this program is to meet the objective stated in the management plan. If cost-sharing is approved for the practice requested, I agree to cover expenses at the time of implementation, knowing I will be receiving cost-share funds not exceeding 50% of actual cost. **I understand that I will not be reimbursed for any expenses incurred prior to approval of my application.** Work must be completed according to approved plan and application, and must meet the standard set for each component. Practices must be maintained for a minimum of 10 years. There are no partial payments.

LANDOWNER SIGNATURE: Mary C Bollinger DATE: 6/16/05

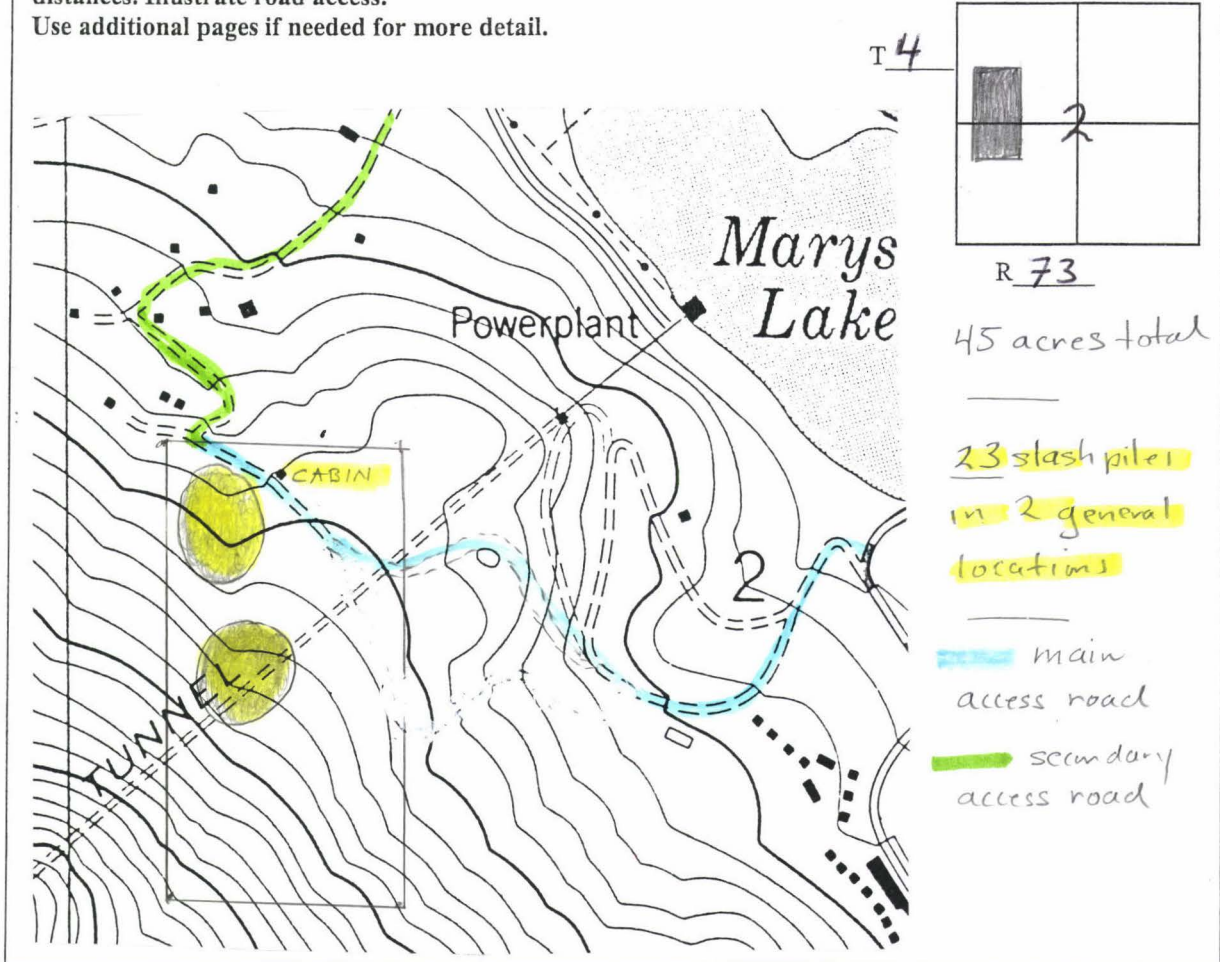
CSFS FIELD REVIEW SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
(Additional USFWS guidelines addressed)

C/S APPROVED: [Signature] AMOUNT: \$ 2100 DATE: 8/22/05

Program eligibility is without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, veteran status or disability. For more information contact your local Colorado State Forest Service District Office.

FOREST LAND ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM PLAN DESIGN

Sketch project area and design. Include numbers, volumes, rows, lengths, species, etc., as appropriate. Include structures and landmarks. Indicate, by location, the practices to be implemented. Show distances. Illustrate road access. Use additional pages if needed for more detail.



LIST PRACTICE AND COMPONENTS WITH IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE:

PRACTICE/COMPONENT/OTHER SPECIFICATIONS	COMPLETION DATE
3,7,9 Slash Disposal — hauling (666-4)	
3,7,9 Slash Disposal — chipping/masticating (666-3)	