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July 17, 2013

Allen Owen  
CSFS – Boulder District  
5625 Ute Hwy  
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RE: 2013 SFA Applications – SAHFA Defensible Spaces and Fuel Reduction Project  
2012- 2013, Heil Valley Ranch 2013 Fuels Reduction Project, and Boulder Mountain  
Fire Mitigation Project

Dear Allen:

Please see the enclosed letters addressed to applicants regarding the 2013 SFA grant. I am employing this technique to ensure that you are informed about the information that is being distributed to your cooperators.

Let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

Regards,

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Interim Forest Management Division Supervisor  
Colorado State Forest Service  
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Chad Julian  
Boulder County Parks & Open Space (BCPOS)  
5201 St. Vrain Road  
Longmont, CO 80503

Dear Chad Julian,

In August of 2012 you applied for a Colorado State Fire Assistance (SFA) Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Competitive Grant to mitigate wildfire risk through assessment, planning, education, fuel hazard reduction, and/or monitoring. I thank you for your patience in waiting for the results of the grant process.

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I encourage you to continue to pursue mitigating wildfire risks in your community. Future applications may have a better chance for the limited grant funds if they clearly express the following:

- how the project will reduce wildfire risk;
- how the project will mitigate risk to communities in addition to individual homes (landscape scale);
- documentation that the project is part of a County Wildfire Plan and/or a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP);
- project narrative defines a clear plan of work with measurable points of accomplishment;
- project narrative defines a clear plan for maintenance and
- project is a cooperative, community based effort.

Many projects were not funded this year simply because there was not enough grant funding available and those applying are becoming more competitive.

Thank you for your interest in mitigating wildfire hazards in your community.

Sincerely,

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Steve Lynn  
Boulder Mountain Fire Protection District  
1905 Linden Drive  
Boulder, CO 80304

Dear Steve Lynn,

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2013

# State Fire Assistance Grant Application

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State Submitting Project:	80
State Priority Number:	2
Dollar Amount Requested:	\$10,000.00
Matching Share:	\$14,489.00

\*For guidance on filling in each box in this application, refer to the *Criteria and Instructions*

Applicant Information	
Applicant:	St. Anton Highlands First Addition HOA
Contact Person:	Marc McClish
Address:	3714 Ridge Rd - Box 554
City/Zip Code:	Nederland, CO 80466
Phone (Work/Cell):	303-834-7411
Email:	sahfahoa@gmail.com
Fax:	n/a
Federal Tax ID\DUNS #:	84-0926955

Community At Risk Information	
Name of Project:	SAHFA Defensible Spaces and Fuel Reduction Project 2012-2013
Community Name:	Nederland - St. Anton Highlands First Addition Subdivision
County(ies):	Boulder County
Congressional District:	Colorado's 2nd Congressional District
Latitude:	39°59'09"N
Longitude:	105°26'55"W

Grant Contributors (Matching Share)							
(Applications will be disqualified if insufficient match is identified; federal dollars DO NOT qualify- see criteria & instructions for exception)							
Specify each match contributor and the dollar amount of each contribution.							
DO NOT show grant requested funds in this table. This is for matching share only.							
Contributors Name:	SAHFA HOA Members	High Timber Logging					<b>TOTAL</b>
Dollars (Hard Match):	\$5,000.00						\$5,000.00
In-Kind (Soft Match):	\$9,189.00	\$300.00					\$9,489.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$14,189.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,489.00

Total Project Expense (break down matching share totals from block #3)				
Budget Detail (Provide additional information in Block 7)	Grant Share (\$ Amount Requested)	Match (from block #3)		TOTAL
		Dollars	In-Kind	
Personnel / Labor:			\$7,424.00	\$7,424.00
Fringe Benefits:				\$0.00
Travel:				\$0.00
Equipment:			\$1,765.00	\$1,765.00
Supplies:				\$0.00
Contractual:	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$300.00	\$15,300.00
Construction:				\$0.00
Other:				\$0.00
Indirect Costs:				\$0.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$9,489.00	\$24,489.00

<b>Budget Narrative</b>	
5	<p>The requested \$10,000 in matching grant funds will be spent in total on curbside slash chipping and hauling. Our HOA ran a trial curbside slash chipping program with great success on 6/28/2012. Hiring a local logging company (High Timber Logging) to chip and remove the slash collected at each lot in our subdivision proved to be a very time and cost effective means of reducing our forest fuels. In the test program, our HOA removed 750+ cubic yards of slash from the participating 42 lots at a total cost of \$3850 or \$5.13 a cubic yard. We found that landowners were very willing and motivated to mitigate on their property when the slash was removed by the HOA. The trial program has concluded and been paid for in full. To really address the defensible space recommendations and the reduction of fuels on evacuation routes outlined in Nederland FPD CWPP 2011 (pgs 59-62) on a community wide level, our homeowners need significantly more help offsetting the cost of the removal of slash after mitigating.</p>

<b>Project Area Description</b>	
6	<p>St. Anton Highlands First Addition (SAHFA) subdivision encompasses 205 acres and is comprised of 95 lots, each ranging in size from 1 to 3 acres. We have an active HOA Board that maintains the local dirt roads and manages snow removal. Last year the Board and membership voted to address the wildfire dangers in our subdivision as an HOA. Our subdivision's hazard rating in the Nederland FPD CWPP 2011 is "Very High". Our vegetation is primarily stands of less dense ponderosa pine (many with dwarf mistletoe) on south facing slopes and denser stands of lodge pole pine on north facing slopes (many showing signs of mountain pine beetle). We have several small pockets of aspen groves as well. The overall goal of our project is to address concerns and recommendations in defensible space and fuel reductions as outlined in the CWPP. We have a tight-knit community that has shown a willingness to mitigate on their land, help their neighbors with mitigation, and help clear trees along evacuation routes on volunteer days in the past.</p>

<b>Scope of Work</b>	
7	<p>The defensible spaces wildfire mitigation work on individual lots will be completed by property owners working independently and in collaboration with their neighbors. This will be all volunteer labor. We would expect 45 lot owners (50% of the HOA) to participate. It is the recommendation of the CWPP and Rick Dirr, the Nederland FPD Chief, that in addition to defensible spaces, we address the dangerous level of fuels along our HOA dirt roadways and evacuation routes. This fuel reduction project would be performed on 2 separate community workdays by 12+ volunteers. All time and equipment for all fuel reduction efforts will be contributed by the HOA members. The grant money (\$10,000) and the money from our HOA members (\$5,000) will all go for paying a local contractor(s) to collect the slash at the roadway and chip/remove it from the subdivision. Using the realized cost of \$5.13 a cubic yard of slash chipped during our trial program on 6/28/2012, we would expect that the total funds of \$15,000 would allow us to remove roughly 2900 cubic yards of slash/fuels from our subdivision.</p> <p>SAHFA In-Kind Matching Breakdown  Labor: 45 property owners mitigation labor on their land x 8 hrs x \$12 = \$4,320  Labor: 12 volunteers x 2 community work days x 8 hrs x \$12 = \$2,304  Labor: 1 project manager x 40 hrs x \$20 = \$800  Equipment: 5 chain saws x 1 week x \$155 = \$775  Equipment: 2 trucks x 1 week x \$125 = \$250  Equipment: 2 trailers x 1 week x \$190 x \$380  Equipment: 1 4x4 ATV x 2 days x \$180 x \$360</p>

Project Summary (check all that apply and answer related questions)	
8	<b>Project Category 1: Hazard Fuels Reduction / Fire Adapted Ecosystem Restoration</b> Yes
	<b>Number of acres to be treated:</b> 205 <b>Estimated cost per acre:</b> \$73.00
	<b>Number of communities directly affected by this project:</b> 4
	<b>Project Category 2: Information &amp; Education</b> Yes
	<b>Number of citizens to be reached:</b> 145 HOA Members
	<b>Project Category 3: Planning</b> Yes
	<b>Number of residences affected:</b> 95 lots in our subdivision (all 1 - 3 acres in area)

Interagency Collaboration	
9	SAHFA HOA (not for profit): 95 Lots, 145 Members, will contribute labor, equipment, and \$5,000
	Ryan Ludlow, Boulder County Forest Health, Forestry Education and Outreach Coordinator: Mr. Ludlow has committed to give an education workshop to our HOA on defensible spaces (Zones 1,2 &3) and wildfire mitigation. Mr. Ludlow has also expressed a willingness to mark trees for landowners to facilitate effective mitigation efforts. All Mr. Ludlow's time/education/advice is free to the project. (not counted in our soft matching contribution)
	Phil Pitzer, owner of High Timber Logging in Nederland: Mr. Pitzer has committed to giving our HOA a 3 hour workshop on chain saw safety, felling trees, limbing and bucking, and working in teams, to help homeowners mitigate safely on their property.
	Rick Dirr, Nederland FPD Chief and CWPP administrator: Mr. Dirr or another member of Nederland FPD will advise HOA on fuel reductions along roadways and evacuation routes.
	<b>Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)</b>
	<b>Does this community have a wildfire protection plan that follows the Healthy Forest Restoration Act CWPP guidelines?</b> Yes
	<b>Is this project part of the plan?</b> Yes
<b>Where would we obtain a copy of this plan?</b> <a href="http://www.nfpd.org/cwpp.htm">http://www.nfpd.org/cwpp.htm</a>	
<b>Is this project identified in your Statewide Forest Resource Assessment and Strategy?</b> Yes	

Project Timeline	
10	September 2013: Education workshop by Ryan Ludlow (Boulder County Forest Health)
	October 2013: Chain saw/logging safety workshop by Phil Pitzer (High Timber Logging)
	October 2013: 1st Community Workday (fuels reduction along HOA roadways - all volunteer)
	November 2013: Second Community Workday (fuels reductions along HOA roadways - all volunteer)
	October 2013 - June 2014: Homeowner's work on defensible spaces (volunteer labor & equipment)
	November 2013: 1st Curbside Slash Chipping/Hauling day (Paid Contractor)
	June 2014: 2nd Curbside Slash Chipping/Hauling day (Paid Contractor)

<b>Maintenance / Sustainability</b>	
11	<p>Our subdivision has been singled out in the Nederland FPD CWPP as having a fire danger that is "Very High". It is imperative that we address this hazard level with a community wide effort to reduce the fuels within our subdivision that may contribute to a catastrophic wildfire event. SAHFA HOA Board assumes the primary responsibility for maintaining this project, coordinating the education efforts, liaise with Nederland FPD personal, and consulting outside experts in wildfire mitigation/fuels reduction and Firewise. The Board will also organize and communicate project goals, workshop dates, community volunteer dates, and curbside chipping dates with the HOA membership. The HOA Board, specifically the board president, Marc McClish, has been effective in this management position in the past for the HOA, and has previous experience working with all the key players outlined in the above Box 9. Marc McClish, will be managing the project for the duration. SAHFA HOA members have committed to this plan with a vote to use general HOA funds to facilitate a fuels reduction program. The participation level and member feedback from our test program on 6/28/2012 also demonstrates the willingness and ability of our landowners to mitigate when slash removal is provided and there is a firm deadline to have it completed by.</p>

<b>Landscape Scale</b>	
12	<p>Many of the National Forest lands abutting our subdivision have undergone fuel reduction treatments in the past 2 years that include large fuel breaks. We have a great opportunity to capitalize on the work the Forest Service has already done with fire breaks to the north of our subdivision to implement defensible spaces and fuel reductions on our lands that will have a real chance at lowering our fire danger as a community. The communities abutting to the east and west of SAHFA will also benefit from fuel reduction efforts within our subdivision. Our subdivision and those to the east and west of us share one main road (Ridge Rd) as a means of evacuation. Limiting the fuels in any of these subdivisions will help protect life and property of residents and first responders during a wildfire event.</p> <p>Thank you for considering our grant request!</p> <p>SAHFA HOA</p>

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## HOA initiates mitigation project



Barbara Lawlor

**A job well done**

Marc McClish, president of St. Anton's Home Owner's Association, said the curbside slash program was a great success.

**BARBARA LAWLOR NEDERLAND**

Nederland Elementary School Teacher Sue Hubert single-handedly cleared her property of the fire fuels that have made homes so difficult to defend in recent wildland fires. Hubert is proud of the fact that her pine trees are clean shaven up to at least 10 feet; no low dog hair branch that becomes ladder fuels, enabling a grass fire to become a forest fire.

Hubert cut off the lower, usually dead branches and hauled the branches, the slash, to a neat pile on the side of the road. The work wasn't easy, but it was very doable, and very important to the big picture of neighborhood mitigation.

About a year ago, Marc McClish, president of the St. Anton Highlands First Addition Home Owners' Association at the end of Ridge Road, was presented with a challenge. In June of 2011, members of the HOA discussed obtaining assistance in their efforts with fire and beetle kill mitigation. The property owners were willing to work on their yards, to cut down the standing dead, lop off the dog-hair branches and remove these fuels from their property, but where do they go with the slash?

The Nederland Sort Yard is open in the spring and fall, yet many people have had piles growing in their yards since winter. Some people do not have the means to haul the slash away. McClish discovered that High Timber was the only company who has its

own dump yard and began the process of organizing a curbside slash chipping and hauling program for 91 property owners in the St. Anton's subdivision.

The HOA applied to the Boulder County Forest Health for a 40 percent reimbursement grant and received a commitment for the grant in late May. Three weeks ago, the members voted to support the program from their general funds and to make the participation free for all HOA members. There are no chipping fees.

"The idea is that the association as a whole benefits from the mitigation efforts of its neighbors," McClish said. "The response was larger than we expected, with 45 percent participating. Last Thursday, Jane and Phil Pitzer had two large trucks and a chipper in the area. They moved methodically down the St. Anton's side roads, such as Cougar Run, stopping next to the large, neatly stacked piles of slash along the road.

As fast as the employees could feed the chipper, the logs and branches were chewed up and spit out, removing about 700 cubic yards of slash from the HOA land. At the end of the day, there was a marked difference between before and after the project.

Although people used to chip the slash and spread it throughout the forest, McClish said that process defeats the mitigation goal. Nothing grows under a blanket of pine chips and they become a fire hazard.

Sue Hubert's property looks tidy and clean, with no low branches and the slash removed from the ground. McClish said doing the work oneself empowers a homeowner, gives them a sense of creating a defensible property for themselves and for their neighbors.

"It's another version of a neighborhood coming together to deal with the fire and beetle mitigation that we are all faced with. Our neighborhood program encourages and empowers a large group of homeowners



Barbara Lawlor

**Professional help**

High Timber employees made short work of 700 cubic yards of slash piled in front of homes on Cougar Run.

to mitigate. Maybe it can serve as an example to others?," McClish said.

It took two days to chip and haul the rows of slash along Cougar Run, Shady

Hollow, Ridge Road and Rocky Knob. McClish said the project will stop during July and August while the beetles are flying and resume again in the fall.



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2013

# State Fire Assistance Grant Application

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	
State Submitting Project:	BO
State Priority Number:	Not Submitted
Dollar Amount Requested:	\$32,500.00
Matching Share:	\$32,500.00

\*For guidance on filling in each box in this application, refer to the *Criteria and Instructions*

Applicant Information	
Applicant:	City of Longmont
Contact Person:	Dennis Fisher
Address:	1100 South Sherman Street
City/Zip Code:	Longmont, CO 80501
Phone (Work/Cell):	303-823-6060
Email:	dennis.fisher@ci.longmont.co.us
Fax:	303-651-8812
Federal Tax ID\DUNS #:	84-6000-608

Community At Risk Information	
Name of Project:	South Draw Thinning
Community Name:	Button Rock Preserve
County(ies):	Boulder
Congressional District:	2
Latitude:	40 12 52
Longitude:	105 22 02

Grant Contributors (Matching Share)							
(Applications will be disqualified if insufficient match is identified; federal dollars DO NOT qualify- see criteria & instructions for exception)							
Specify each match contributor and the dollar amount of each contribution.							
DO NOT show grant requested funds in this table. This is for matching share only.							
Contributors Name:	Longmont, CO						<b>TOTAL</b>
Dollars (Hard Match):	\$20,500.00						\$20,500.00
In-Kind (Soft Match):	\$12,000.00						\$12,000.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$32,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$32,500.00

Total Project Expense (break down matching share totals from block #3)				
Budget Detail (Provide additional information in Block 7)	Grant Share (\$ Amount Requested)	Match (from block #3)		TOTAL
		Dollars	In-Kind	
Personnel / Labor:			\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Fringe Benefits:				\$0.00
Travel:				\$0.00
Equipment:			\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00
Supplies:				\$0.00
Contractual:	\$32,500.00	\$20,500.00		\$53,000.00
Construction:				\$0.00
Other:				\$0.00
Indirect Costs:				\$0.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$32,500.00	\$20,500.00	\$12,000.00	\$65,000.00

<b>Budget Narrative</b>	
5	<p>The City of Longmont Water Resources 2014 budget will include \$65,000 funding to support the project goals including contract costs, city labor, equipment, supplies and management.</p> <p>* Personnel/Labor costs of \$5,000 in-kind will consist of project manager wages, and temporary forest technician wages for boundary and timber marking, slash disbursement and small log piling.</p> <p>* Equipment expenses of \$7,000 in-kind will entail use of dump truck, trailer and tracksteer.</p> <p>*Contractual costs of \$53,000 will provide payment to awarded contracted sawyers for timber thinning.</p>

<b>Project Area Description</b>	
6	<p>This project will improve forest health and provide pre-wildland fire mitigation by removing selected understory pine, fir and juniper trees within a forested municipal watershed which supplies raw water to the City of Longmont, Town of Lyons, and downstream agricultural users. The project entails fuels reduction efforts along the southeast shoreline of Ralph Price Reservoir as designated within management Unit 6 of the Button Rock Dam Forest Stewardship Plan (CWPP) developed in 2003. This project will add to the landscape wide prior fuels mitigation efforts within this watershed which have been accomplished on approximately 850 forested acres. This project area has been identified within the CSFS Colorado Statewide Forest Resource Assessment with a VERY HIGH ranking on the theme map 'Enhance Public Benefits from Trees and Forests. Referencing the maps for 'Conserve working Forest Landscapes' and "Protect Forests from Harm' the proposed project area is ranked HIGH.</p>

<b>Scope of Work</b>	
7	<p>In this effort to address wildfire fuels along the North Saint Vrain Creek, we will concentrate on reducing fuels on approximately 40 forested acres, adjacent to Button Rock Dam/Ralph Price Reservoir, meeting CSFS standards for defensible forest thinning. The City of Longmont will identify the boundary of the area to be thinned, mark trees to remove achieving a residual target tree canopy average of 35%, assist in project implementation, and manage the fuels reduction project with \$5,000 in-kind city employee labor match and \$5,000 in-kind equipment use match, with \$2,000 for supplies. The City of Longmont will contract with the current city contractor to perform mechanized chainsaw thinning, using \$32,500 grant funding and \$20,500 City cash match. Cut logs will be stacked, and hauled off the project site by the Boulder County Youth Corps approximately one year after thinning. Slash will be lop and scattered.</p>

<b>Project Summary</b> (check all that apply and answer related questions)	
8	<b>Project Category 1: Hazard Fuels Reduction / Fire Adapted Ecosystem Restoration</b> Yes
	<b>Number of acres to be treated:</b> 40 <b>Estimated cost per acre:</b> \$1,625.00
	<b>Number of communities directly affected by this project:</b> 2
	<b>Project Category 2: Information &amp; Education</b> N/A
	<b>Number of citizens to be reached:</b>
	<b>Project Category 3: Planning</b> N/A
	<b>Number of residences affected:</b>

<b>Interagency Collaboration</b>	
9	The City of Longmont is currently working with the County of Boulder in development of a landscape wide forest mitigation program within this area as it adjoins county open space. Additional community participants on this project will include Boulder County Youth Corps and Longmont Youth Programs to assist with small log removal and slash lop and scatter. In addition, the USFS has identified 160 acres adjacent to the Longmont watershed for forest thinning mitigation in 2015-16.
	<b>Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)</b>
	<b>Does this community have a wildfire protection plan that follows the Healthy Forest Restoration Act CWPP guidelines?</b> Yes
	<b>Is this project part of the plan?</b> Yes
	<b>Where would we obtain a copy of this plan?</b> CSFS Boulder District Office
	<b>Is this project identified in your Statewide Forest Resource Assessment and Strategy?</b> Yes

<b>Project Timeline</b>	
10	- December 2013: Identify and mark thinning area boundary.
	- January 2014: Mark trees for removal.
	- February 2014: Prepare contract with timber thinning contractor.
	- March 2014 - November 2014: Complete wildland fuels mitigation efforts on 40 acre unit.

<b>Maintenance / Sustainability</b>	
11	<p>The City of Longmont is committed to the long term care of the Button Rock Dam/Ralph Price Reservoir watershed. A 15-20 year forest stewardship management document (CWPP) was completed in 2003. This plan set standards to achieve wildland fire fuels reduction goals on 1800 forested acres within and adjacent to the proposed project area. The City of Longmont employs a staff forester and Watershed Ranger to inspect and collaborate on forest management resources , then prioritize annual work plans to best meet the continued needs of maintaining forest health. The City of Longmont will continue to budget and maintain the achieved standards insuring wildland fire thinning mitigation with annual maintenance activities which addresses timber management of forest regeneration indefinitely into the future.</p>

<b>Landscape Scale</b>	
12	<p>This project will compliment the proposed USFS St. Vrain Fuels Project on adjacent national forest and coincide with scheduled mitigation on adjacent Boulder County Open Space. Neighboring private landowners close to the project area have begun their own forest mitigation efforts, independently working with CSFS and NRCS to develop and implement forest management plans which have reduced fuels and lessened catastrophic wildland fire threats within this WUI landscape. The proposed project area has been identified as a fuels mitigation high priority location on the Boulder County Community wildfire mapping efforts as this watershed is bordered by three individual Boulder County Open Space mountain properties (Hall Ranch, Billings Ranch and Riverside Ranch) currently implementing mitigation efforts. This project area has also been identified as an area of concern within the Saint Vrain Wildfire/Watershed Assessment due to soils erodibility and proximity to a water supply. Sponsoring agencies of this assessment include USFS, CSFS, Denver Water, and City of Longmont.</p>

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# **Criteria and Instructions to States**

## **2013 Western Wildland Urban Interface (SFA) Grant Program**

### **Colorado State Forest Service**

Congress is providing funding assistance to states through the USDA Forest Service State and Private Forestry programs. The focus of much of this a funding is mitigating risk in Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) areas. In the West, these funds are available and awarded through a competitive process with emphasis on hazard fuel reduction, information and education, and community and homeowner action. This portion of the National Fire Plan was developed to assist interface communities manage the unique hazards they find around them. Long-term solutions to interface challenges require informing and educating people who live in these areas about what they and their local organizations can do to mitigate these hazards.

The 10-Year Comprehensive Strategy focuses on assisting people and communities in the WUI to help mitigate the threat of catastrophic fire through the four National Fire Plan goals of improving prevention and suppression, reducing hazardous fuels, restoring fire-adapted ecosystems, and promoting community assistance.

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### **Grant Criteria:**

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#### **1) Reduce Hazardous Fuels / Restore Fire-adapted Ecosystems:**

Fuel reduction projects and vegetation treatments have been identified as a means of mitigating wildfire hazards. Recipients shall facilitate and implement mitigating fuel treatments in or adjacent to identified fire prone communities to reduce the threat of wildfire to communities. These are projects that remove or modify fuels in and/or adjacent to WUI development. Effective fuels mitigation treatments can be implemented across jurisdictional boundaries, on adjoining private lands, or within the respective communities. Projects of this type include fuel breaks, thinning, pruning, landscape modifications, etc. The overall purpose is to modify or break up the fuels in such a way as to lessen catastrophic fire and its threat to public and firefighter safety and damage to property. Another way to prevent future large, catastrophic wildfires from threatening communities is by carrying out appropriate treatments (such as prescribed burning or thinning) to restore and rehabilitate forest and grassland health in and adjacent to the WUI. Such treatments have reduced the severity of wildfires, and may have additional desirable outcomes, such as providing sustainable environmental, social and economic benefits. Project proposals must consider all elements required to implement treatments on the ground, which includes acquiring the necessary permits and consultations needed to complete plans and assessments.

#### **Examples of projects that qualify (not all inclusive):**

- Defensible space around homes and structures
- Shaded fuel breaks
- Fuels reduction beyond defensible space
- Removal of slash including piling and burning; mulching; grinding; etc.
- Prescribed fire
- Thinning
- Maintenance of **non-federally funded** fuels projects (explain in application narrative)

#### **2) Improve Prevention/Education in the Interface:**

Recipients can provide leadership to coordinate, develop, and distribute wildland urban interface education programs in association with insurance companies, communities, local government agencies, and other partners. Informational and educational projects must target mitigation of

risk and prevention of loss. Projects should lead to the use or establishment of one or more fire program elements such as fire safety codes, implementation of Firewise safety practices, establishing local fire safe councils, and fuels treatments within fire prone communities.

**Examples of projects that qualify (not all inclusive):**

- Firewise or similar programs
- Living with Fire newspaper inserts
- Fire education components to Project Learning Tree
- Pamphlets, brochures, handouts

**3) Planning:**

Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP's) are created by local communities and may address issues such as wildfire response, hazard mitigation, community preparedness, structure protection, or a combination of the above. The process of developing these plans can help a community clarify and refine its priorities for the protection of life, property, and critical infrastructure in the wildland-urban interface. The Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA) minimum requirements for a CWPP are: 1) Collaboration (must be developed with community members, local and state government representatives in collaboration with federal agencies and other interested stakeholders), 2) Prioritized Fuel Reduction (plan must identify and prioritize areas for hazardous fuel reduction treatments and recommend the types and methods of treatment), and 3) Treatment of Structural Ignitability (must recommend measures that homeowners and communities can take to reduce the ignitability of structures throughout the area addressed in the plan). In addition to the HFRA minimum requirements, all Colorado CWPPs must meet the CSFS Minimum Stands for Developing a CWPP. The minimum standards and other resources may be viewed at the following link:

<http://csfs.colostate.edu/pages/community-wf-protection-planning.html>

**Examples of projects that qualify (not all inclusive):**

- Creation of/or update to CWPP/or equivalent document  
Note: If applying for funds to update an existing CWPP be sure to address the following in your application:
  - Accomplishments: Explain what projects identified in the original CWPP have been completed.
  - Collaboration: Identify new partners and stake holders along with updated contact information.
  - Prioritized Fuel Reduction: Identify and prioritize new hazardous fuels reduction projects, the method of treatments to be employed, and how these projects address any changes to community objectives and values at risk.
  - Treatment of Structural Ignitability: Explain new or additional measures to be implemented to reduce home owner and/or community ignitability of structures.
- Priority projects listed in existing CWPPs covering the above criteria

**4) Examples of Projects that DO NOT Qualify (not all inclusive):**

- **Maintenance on previous federally funded fuels projects**
- Preparedness and suppression capacity building; such as purchase of fire department equipment (try VFA, RFA, DHS and FEMA grant programs)
- Small business start-up funding
- Research and development projects (try Economic Action Program)
- GIS and database systems
- Construction/Infrastructure (building remodel, bridges, road construction, water development)

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## Grant Considerations:

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- Meets the grant criteria above- if it does not the application will be considered ineligible.
- Meets the 50/50 match requirement\*- if not the application will be considered ineligible.
- Each grant request will be limited to a maximum of \$300,000.
- No state will receive more than 15% of the funds available in the west.
- All grants will be scored based on the following (highest possible score is 13):
  - **Is this project achievable? (time, goals, accurate budget, etc.)**  
Yes clearly = 2      Yes but needs more info/inaccurate budget/etc. = 1      No = 0
  - **Is this project measurable? (# of acres treated, # of education/outreach programs, etc.)**  
Clearly defined outputs = 2      Mentioned but not clear #'s/measurable = 1      Not measurable = 0
  - **Is the applicant clearly showing collaborative elements and partners? (confidence level)**  
Collaborators input is clearly defined = 2      Collaborators listed but roles not defined = 1      Not there = 0
  - **Is this a landscape scale project?**  
Yes = 1      No = 0
  - **Is this project implemented from an existing community plan or is the request to develop the plan and begin treatments? (Note: preference is given to those projects that are incorporated in a completed plan)**  
Plan completed/funding will complete plan and implement project = 2      Plan in progress = 1      No plan = 0
  - **Is the applicant clearly demonstrating project longevity? (Note: preference will be given to those projects clearly showing how it will remain effective over time)**  
Clearly defined = 2      Mentioned but not defined = 1      None = 0
  - **Is the applicant clearly showing how the budget line items will be spent and are applicable to the goals and objectives of the project?**  
Clearly defined and applicable = 2      Needs more specific information = 1      None/not applicable to project = 0

\*A 50/50 match. The allocated grant amount **must be matched in full** by the recipient **using a non-federal source**. Exception: Title III funds under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, PL 106-393 are not considered federal dollars and may be used as match. The **matching share can be soft match** (which includes training hours valued at an accepted rate, **donated labor/equipment**, etc) and/or hard match (which is actual dollars spent other than federal grant funds within the specified scope of work.) If the project is part of the consolidated payment grant, matching funds can be combined or met from any one or all program areas.

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## Application Instructions:

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The application is in adobe pdf format. It is fill in enabled in any form of Adobe Reader 5.0 or higher. If you do not have Adobe Reader, go to <http://get.adobe.com/reader/> and download the latest version.

- 1) All blocks are fill-in enabled and character locked. Applicants must fit all information into the allotted box space. Hold your mouse arrow over each block for further instructions. **Applications that have been modified for any reason will be considered ineligible by the review committee. Any attachments or additional documents that are not removed at the state level will not be considered by the review committee.**
- 2) **Applications must be submitted through the appropriate state agency (typically the State Forester). State agencies must fill in the provided summary sheet and submit with the applications for committee review.**

- 3) Application guidelines by box number: (All boxes must be filled in on the application. If a box does not apply to your project fill in that space with NA.)
- **Box 1 & 2-** Applicant and community at risk information.
  - **Box 3 & 4-** The totals in these boxes will add automatically when all data is entered into the fields. It is recommended you check all numbers add up correctly. If the total didn't add correctly go back and tab through each box and see if that fixes the addition. Soft match includes training hours valued at an accepted rate, donated labor/equipment, etc, and hard match is actual dollars spent other than federal grant funds within the specified scope of work.
  - **Box 5-** The budget narrative must give specific details for each grant expenditure item (not matching funds) in box 4 (i.e. personnel/labor, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contractual, other, and indirect costs). Explain exactly how grant dollars will be spent and how these expenditures tie directly to the project goals and objectives.
  - **Box 6-** The project area description must give an overview of the project to point out the hazards and clearly show the need for work in this area. If applying for a fuels reduction project, describe the vegetation types.
  - **Box 7-** The scope of work must explain exactly how the grant dollars will be spent on this project. Unlike the overview, this will provide the specific details of the project using measurable units where applicable.
  - **Box 8-** Under the three Project Category fields fill in only if they apply to your project. If, for example, Planning is not a part of your project leave the drop box at N/A. If it is, check yes and answer the question below. Make sure if you answer yes to any of the three components and put deliverables into the spaces below that you have explained them thoroughly in your scope of work.
  - **Box 9-** Describe the contributions each partner will make to the project by stating the collaborating partners name and what they will be contributing to the project such as manpower, equipment, matching funds, etc. This should include the partners listed in Box 3 (matching share) but may also include federal and other partners that are contributing but are not eligible to use as match. The questions "does this community have a plan" and "is this part of the plan" are drop down boxes. Click in the field, scroll up and down arrows will appear. Scroll up or down until you find the answer you are looking for.

The [Colorado Statewide Forest Resource Assessment and Strategy](#) (follow link for background of assessment and strategy, **pages 26-31 in the Assessment and pages 13-15 in the Strategy** specifically addresses wildfire protection. The publications and appendices are companion documents required by the 2008 Farm Bill to help guide where we direct resources to best focus management efforts and achieve desired future conditions. All forest management activities planned and implemented shall consider projects in the higher priority areas of Colorado's important forest landscapes and/or where the opportunity exists to affect larger landscapes and leverage other resources. Additionally, projects should address strategies suggested to manage Colorado's important forest landscapes.). Consult your CSFS District for assistance to assess if your project is located with respect to the theme maps.

- **Box 10-** The **Project Timeline** must include such things as: begin/end dates, milestones, quarterly accomplishments, etc.
- **Box 11-** Maintenance/sustainability must clearly describe the who, what, when, where and why of how this project will remain effective and be sustained over time. The four main points to be included for fuels projects are:
  - 1) Environmental Factors: describe the maintenance requirements unique to this project based on site characteristics i.e., present and future vegetation occupying the site, growth rates, natural fire return intervals or any other environmental factor that affects the continued maintenance of this project.
  - 2) Education: describe how key players have been trained and educated to maintain the project and explain their understanding of the needs and expectations of the project's maintenance. If this is an information/education project make sure to explain how it will be delivered, the audience you are targeting, and specific deliverables.
  - 3) Commitment: describe the commitment by the individual/community to maintain this project into the future, i.e. state laws, CWPP terms, signed landowner agreements or other documents or agreements that hold the sub-grantee accountable for project maintenance over time. If this is an information/education project, make sure you explain the commitment to carry this program forward and update as necessary.
  - 4) Monitoring: describe who will be responsible for monitoring the project, what qualifications they have if they are not obvious (i.e. State Forestry personnel, Fire Safe Council member, Fire Department personnel, etc.), and at what intervals they will be checking (i.e. yearly, quarterly, etc); clearly describe timelines, and milestones.
- **Box 12-** Describe the landscape this project influences. Show how the project has or will have impact outside the immediate project area. For example, a project in a community may abut and compliment a Forest Service project on their land where they are creating a fuel break around your community defensible space project. Give specifics on how this project will tie into the larger picture of community protection. For information/education and/or planning projects explain how your project compliments or enhances those by other agencies and/or ties into a greater goal. Explain the who, what, when, where, why, and how of its anticipated impacts.

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## **Application Due Dates:**

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The standard *State Fire Assistance Application* must be used. The application must be submitted electronically to the appropriate District Forester by their posted deadline.

**Due to the compressed due dates from WSFM/WFLC, All applications must be submitted to Scott Woods by the District Forester in priority order no later than Friday, July 27, 2012 AT 5:00 P.M.. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS.**



Date: June 8, 2012

To: CSFS District Foresters, Area Foresters, Outreach Division, Forest Management Division

From: Scott Woods, Assistant Staff Forester & Jane Lopez, Fuels Mitigation & Prescribed Fire Manager

RE: 2013 SFA WUI Grant Application

**Attachments** - please find copies of the 2013 Colorado Wildland Urban Interface Grant Application, Instructions/Criteria, SFA Grant Process diagram and Grant Rating Score Sheet. The application is in pdf format.

**Submittal Deadline** - deadline for getting the Applications to Scott Woods is close of business **Friday July 27, 2012 at 5pm**. The address to submit the applications is: [scott.woods@colostate.edu](mailto:scott.woods@colostate.edu). Prior to sending out the application, please your district deadline and communicate that to your cooperators.

**Application Component Explanation** - There are a few new components to the application:

**Box 1**, Asks for applicants to provide "Federal Tax ID/ Duns #". This information should be available to entities through their tax consultants or special district managers.

**Box 4**, Asks for Personnel/Labor figure. Do not enter any CSFS salary figures. All projects managed by CSFS will be centralized in the grant process.

**Box 4**, Asks for assignment of "Indirect Costs". Indirect will only be assessed for non-pass thru funding. Any contract/project work completed by CSFS on the behalf of a grant recipient will be assessed the standard indirect rate. All projects completed by grant recipients will have be completed with pass-thru funding and will not be assessed indirect.

**General Suggestions relating to application competitiveness** – Historically we have received numerous, small applications from individual districts for inclusion in the state-wide process. Though the value of all projects (regardless of size, location) is acknowledged, it is beneficial to the review committee to have projects "bundled" at the district level. "Bundling" refers to the combining of like projects into a single application focusing on implementation with multiple stakeholders that have shared planning, vision and desired outcomes. It is advisable that each district work to consolidate individual projects into as few applications as possible. Applications that were bundled by CSFS districts in the 2012 process requesting \$300,000 faired extremely well in the national ranking. Please do not misconstrue this advice to indicate that "un-bundled" projects will not be accepted or successful.

As always, we are encouraging all districts to submit grant applications. *Districts must prioritize applications originating within their respective districts and note the prioritization in the upper right hand corner of the application. Though this box reads State Submitting Project & State Priority Number, please include your district information.*

When you submit prioritized applications to me, please name the files by your two letter District designator and priority number (ex. FC01, FC02, FC03 etc.).

Thanks for your cooperation in meeting the application deadline of **July 27, 2012**.

This information will be posted on the CSFS website beginning the week of June 15, 2012

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Scott Woods at (303) 404-9057 or Jane Lopez at (970) 491-8624.

2013

# State Fire Assistance Grant Application

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State Submitting Project:	BD
State Priority Number:	3
Dollar Amount Requested:	\$31,650.00
Matching Share:	\$31,650.00

\*For guidance on filling in each box in this application, refer to the *Criteria and Instructions*

Applicant Information	
1	<b>Applicant:</b> Boulder County through Boulder County Parks & Open Space (BCPOS) <b>Contact Person:</b> Chad Julian <b>Address:</b> 5201 St. Vrain Road <b>City/Zip Code:</b> Longmont, 80503 <b>Phone (Work/Cell):</b> 303-678-6202 <b>Email:</b> cjulian@bouldercounty.org <b>Fax:</b> 303-678-6179 <b>Federal Tax ID\DUNS #:</b> Duns: 075755199

Community At Risk Information	
2	<b>Name of Project:</b> Heil Valley Ranch 2013 Fuels Reduction Project <b>Community Name:</b> Lyons & Lefthand Canyon <b>County(ies):</b> Boulder <b>Congressional District:</b> 2 <b>Latitude:</b> 40 10' 6"N <b>Longitude:</b> 105 18' 2"W

Grant Contributors (Matching Share)							
(Applications will be disqualified if insufficient match is identified; federal dollars DO NOT qualify- see criteria & instructions for exception)							
Specify each match contributor and the dollar amount of each contribution.							
DO NOT show grant requested funds in this table. This is for matching share only.							
3	<b>Contributors Name:</b>	BCPOS					<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>Dollars (Hard Match):</b>	\$31,650.00					\$31,650.00
	<b>In-Kind (Soft Match):</b>						\$0.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$31,650.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31,650.00

Total Project Expense (break down matching share totals from block #3)					
4	Budget Detail (Provide additional information in Block 7)	Grant Share (\$ Amount Requested)	Match (from block #3)		TOTAL
			Dollars	In-Kind	
	<b>Personnel / Labor:</b>	\$24,650.00	\$31,650.00		\$56,300.00
	<b>Fringe Benefits:</b>				\$0.00
	<b>Travel:</b>				\$0.00
	<b>Equipment:</b>				\$0.00
	<b>Supplies:</b>	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00
	<b>Contractual:</b>	\$5,000.00			\$5,000.00
	<b>Construction:</b>				\$0.00
	<b>Other:</b>				\$0.00
	<b>Indirect Costs:</b>				\$0.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$31,650.00	\$31,650.00	\$0.00	\$63,300.00

<b>Budget Narrative</b>	
5	<p>Grant funds will pay for Boulder County Parks and Open Space (BCPOS) staff and the Boulder County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) Wildland Fire Management Program to conduct prescribed burning. Costs include: collecting fuels data for the project, fuels modeling, drafting the burn plan, coordinating the pre and post monitoring, preparation of burn unit, and implementation.</p> <p>Matching funds will be provided by BCPOS/BCSO through forestry and fire staff time to plan and conduct the project.</p>

<b>Project Area Description</b>	
6	<p>This proposed project will be completed on Heil Valley Ranch, a 6,800-acre open space property owned by Boulder County, that is located north of Lefthand Canyon at T2N, Range 70 West, at an elevation of 6000 to 6500 ft., adjacent to (3) private subdivisions to the east, including approximately 112 homes. The project area is all lower-montane ponderosa pine forest that is highlighted in the Front Range Fuels Treatment Partnership (FRFTP) recommendations (5/2006). The property is a flagship property for Boulder County's open space program, and includes recreational trails for biking and hiking and provides important ecological habitat closure areas. In 2010 and 2011 BCPOS was awarded non-federal funding to thin 350 acres on Heil; 150 acres have been completed and the remaining 200 acres will be completed in the fall of 2012. This proposed grant project will complete prescribed fire burns on these acres to remove activity fuels remaining from this previous thinning project mitigating the unfortunate consequences witnessed during the devastating 2010 Four Mile Canyon Fire.</p>

<b>Scope of Work</b>	
7	<p>This area was identified in the 1996 North Foothills Management Plan for fuels treatment and was also highlighted as needing treatment in a CSFS report by the Boulder district in 1998. In addition, this area was identified as a zone of concern in the South Saint Vrain Watershed Assessment and a high priority treatment area in both the Boulder County and the Lefthand Fire Protection District Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). This project will reintroduce controlled fire disturbance to 211 acres of previously treated Ponderosa pine through historic grant and BCPOS dedicated funding and will ensure the following goals are met:</p> <p>Reduce activity fuel loading generated during previous restoration work. (RMRS-GTR-289: Fourmile Canyon Fire Findings).</p> <p>Contribute to a landscape scale treatment of fuels to reduce overall fire intensity and change fire behavior. These efforts will create opportunities to safely and effectively defend nearby homes and infrastructure.</p> <p>*Please note that no federal funding was used to treat these 211 acres</p>

<b>Project Summary (check all that apply and answer related questions)</b>	
8	<b>Project Category 1: Hazard Fuels Reduction / Fire Adapted Ecosystem Restoration</b> Yes
	<b>Number of acres to be treated:</b> 211 <b>Estimated cost per acre:</b> \$150.00
	<b>Number of communities directly affected by this project:</b> 4 incorporated plus 62 subdivisions
	<b>Project Category 2: Information &amp; Education</b> N/A
	<b>Number of citizens to be reached:</b>
	<b>Project Category 3: Planning</b> N/A
	<b>Number of residences affected:</b>

<b>Interagency Collaboration</b>	
9	BCPOS works with the Boulder County Ecosystem Cooperative, and the Boulder County Wildfire Mitigation Group on its forestry projects; these groups include representatives from USFS, CSFS, City of Boulder, Boulder County Land Use Department, and other agencies. The area is highlighted in the current update to the Lefthand CWPP as we worked on that update with them. The Boulder County CWPP highlighted the Lyons/Buttrock Planning area as one of the top three locations for agencies to work on landscape scale projects together. BCPOS and the Boulder County Sheriff Emergency Services Division work together as the Boulder County Fire Management Program for both our prescribed and wildland fire programs. BCPOS has also worked with researchers from the Rocky Mtn. Research Station on assessing and studying this site. We will be partnering with Dr. Chad Hoffman at Colorado State University on testing a new 3-d fire model in this project. In general, fighting wildland fires in Boulder County is a joint effort between the USFS, CSFS, Boulder County Emergency Services, local fire districts, municipalities, and Boulder County Parks and Open Space. During implementation, there will be many fire protection districts and agencies that will participate.
	<b>Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)</b>
	<b>Does this community have a wildfire protection plan that follows the Healthy Forest Restoration Act CWPP guidelines?</b> Yes
	<b>Is this project part of the plan?</b> Yes
	<b>Where would we obtain a copy of this plan?</b> Left Hand FPD and Boulder County CWPP (web)
	<b>Is this project identified in your Statewide Forest Resource Assessment and Strategy?</b> Yes

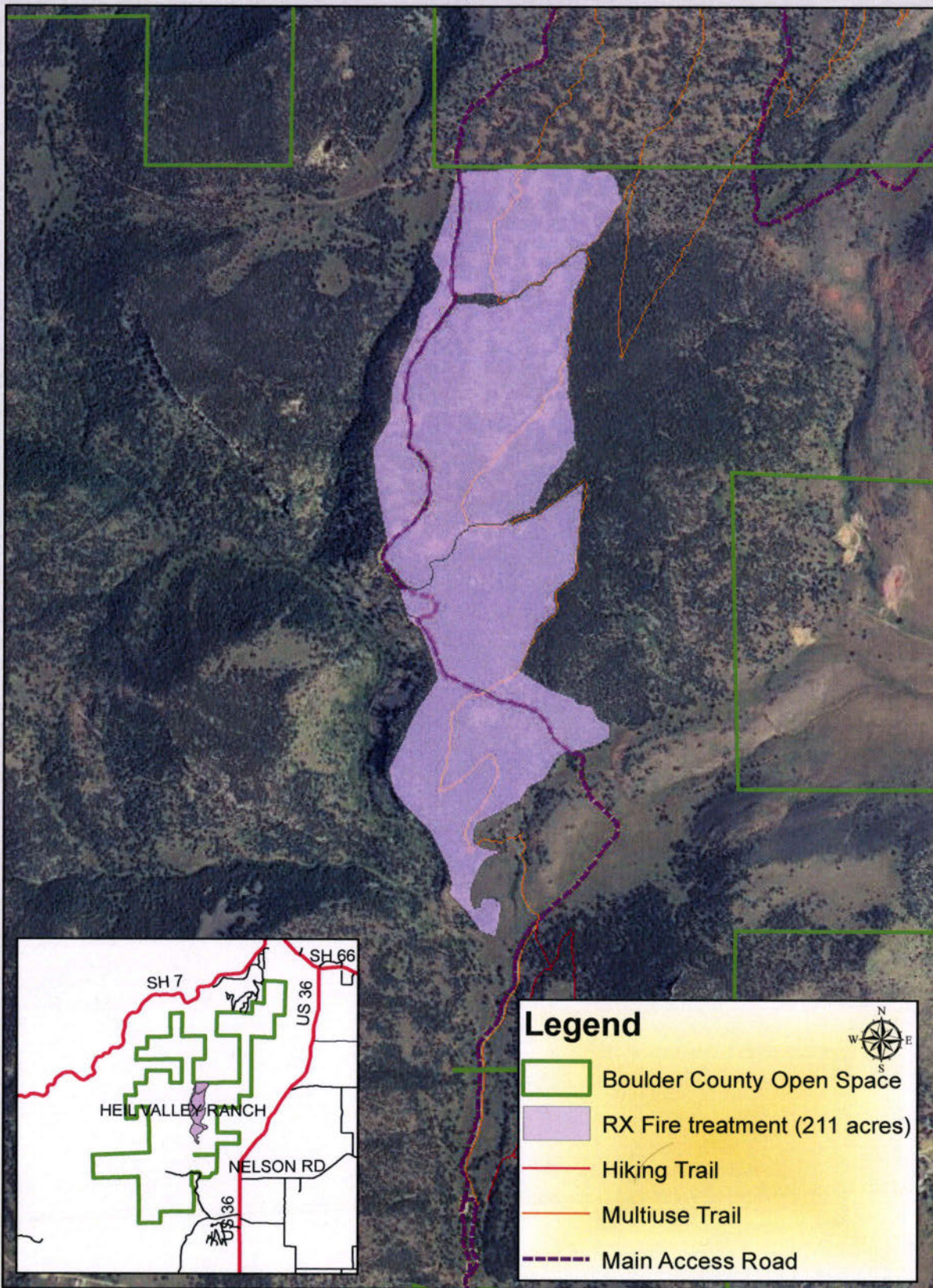
<b>Project Timeline</b>	
10	-Assess fuels inventory (in process)
	-Model fuels data to draft burn prescription (fire behavior and fuels modeling will be prepared by an outside consultant and work with Dr, Chad Hoffman @ CSU); (October 2012-January 2013)
	-Write prescribed fire burn plan for Heil PA5 (October 2012-March 2013)
	-Draft monitoring plan for burn area (January-February 2013)
	-Mailings and public meetings in Lyons and BCPOS (June-August 2013)
	-Complete all preparation work (June-August 2013)
	-Implement project (September-October 2013, March-May 2014)

<b>Maintenance / Sustainability</b>	
11	<p>This project is part of a phased project, and will be maintained by BCPOS. The prescribed burning will allow for increased resilience of the treated forest to accommodate future fires and insect outbreaks. All mechanical treatments have been completed on this proposed project area, and monitoring and maintenance activities post-thinning are shown below:</p> <p>*Monitoring, first year and fifth year: all resources (plants, wildlife) are monitored by BCPOS staff and will be funded by BCPOS. BCPOS has 10 years of monitoring history/results for comparison;</p> <p>*Maintenance: Prescribed burn 1-3 years after thinning is complete; prescribed burn maintenance with burning interval of 5-10 years thereafter; annual weed spraying.</p> <p>Boulder County is committed to maintaining this area and improving this property's sustainability. During the past few years, BCPOS has worked with the Boulder County Sheriff's Dept. Emergency Services Division to fund a fire crew to help BCPOS with our wildland and prescribed fire management. The joint program is formally called the Boulder County Fire Management Program.</p>

<b>Landscape Scale</b>	
12	<p>The Heil property was identified as a high priority in the CSFS Statewide Resource Assessment, the FRFTP Recommendations and the St. Vrain Watershed Assessment. Most recently, this area was highlighted as one of the top priority landscapes in the new Boulder County CWPP. This is also the last landscape in Boulder County below 8000 feet that has not seen a major fire in the past decade. The area is bounded by the Overland Fire on the south, 8000' on the west, the Big Elk Fire on the north and US Highway 36 on the east. This property area alone incurred (4) separate fires over the summer of 2005, with the most recent fire in 2/2012. The largest fire was the Overland fire of 2003, which burned over 3,600 acres. Heil is located near the James Creek Watershed target area of the USFS Roosevelt National Forest and creates a buffer between US Forest Service and private property in Lyons and unincorporated Boulder County along US Highway 36. BCPOS has been completing a landscape scale forest restoration and fuels reduction project, phased over time on this property to support forestry goals found in the 1996 North Foothills Management Plan. With the new Boulder County CWPP, BCPOS is trying to concentrate efforts at the landscape scale in the Lyons/Buttonrock planning area. To date, approximately 510 acres have been treated on the property, and an additional 266 acres will be completed by the end of 2012.</p>

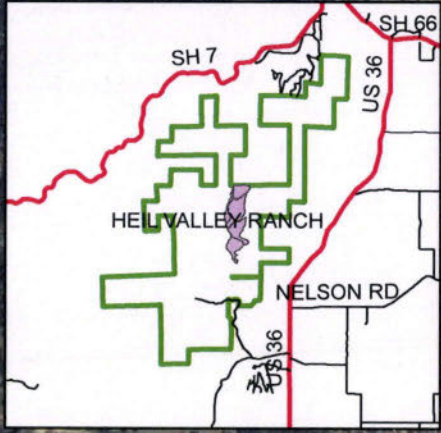
**ALL INFORMATION MUST FIT INTO THE BOXES PROVIDED. ATTACHMENTS AND/OR MODIFICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE.**

# 2013 WUI Grant Heil Valley Ranch



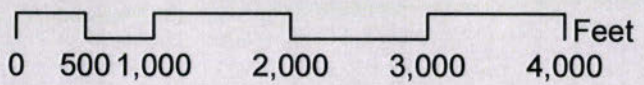
## Legend

-  Boulder County Open Space
-  RX Fire treatment (211 acres)
-  Hiking Trail
-  Multiuse Trail
-  Main Access Road



**DISCLAIMER:**  
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# State Fire Assistance Grant Application

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State Submitting Project:	80
State Priority Number:	4
Dollar Amount Requested:	\$47,000.00
Matching Share:	\$47,000.00

\*For guidance on filling in each box in this application, refer to the *Criteria and Instructions*

Applicant Information	
1	<b>Applicant:</b> Boulder Mountain Fire Protection District <b>Contact Person:</b> Steve Lynn <b>Address:</b> 1905 Linden Drive <b>City/Zip Code:</b> Boulder, CO 80304 <b>Phone (Work/Cell):</b> (303) 440-0235/303 859-4661 <b>Email:</b> mitigation@bouldermountainfire.org <b>Fax:</b> (303) 440-5247 <b>Federal Tax ID\DUNS #:</b> 87-0731940

Community At Risk Information	
2	<b>Name of Project:</b> Boulder Mountain Fire Mitigation Project <b>Community Name:</b> Boulder Heights, Pine Brook, Carriage Hills, Valley, and Rembrandt <b>County(ies):</b> Boulder <b>Congressional District:</b> 02 <b>Latitude:</b> N 40 05' 35" <b>Longitude:</b> W 105 19'00"

Grant Contributors (Matching Share)							
(Applications will be disqualified if insufficient match is identified; federal dollars DO NOT qualify- see criteria & instructions for exception)							
Specify each match contributor and the dollar amount of each contribution.							
DO NOT show grant requested funds in this table. This is for matching share only.							
3	<b>Contributors Name:</b>	Deer Trail Road	Reed Ranch	Pine Brook			<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>Dollars (Hard Match):</b>	\$20,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$15,000.00			\$47,000.00
	<b>In-Kind (Soft Match):</b>						\$0.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$20,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$47,000.00

Total Project Expense (break down matching share totals from block #3)					
4	Budget Detail (Provide additional information in Block 7)	Grant Share (\$ Amount Requested)	Match (from block #3)		TOTAL
			Dollars	In-Kind	
	<b>Personnel / Labor:</b>	\$47,000.00	\$47,000.00		\$94,000.00
	<b>Fringe Benefits:</b>				\$0.00
	<b>Travel:</b>				\$0.00
	<b>Equipment:</b>				\$0.00
	<b>Supplies:</b>				\$0.00
	<b>Contractual:</b>				\$0.00
	<b>Construction:</b>				\$0.00
	<b>Other:</b>				\$0.00
	<b>Indirect Costs:</b>				\$0.00
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$47,000.00	\$47,000.00	\$0.00	\$94,000.00

<b>Budget Narrative</b>	
5	<p>All work on this project will be performed by BMFPD's Emergency Response\Mitigation Team. All funds will be used to mitigate evacuation routes and isolate unmitigated areas in BMFPD's district. If BMFPD receives the funding from this grant it will be used to offset the costs of mitigating acres to the property owners allowing BMFPD to increase the total amount of acres mitigated in the district. Boulder Mountain Fire's mitigation rates are charged on an hourly basis. BMFPD's 2012 rates are \$63 per hour for sawyers, \$95 per hour for a brush chipper, and \$35 per hour for chip crew members and slash pile burning crew labor. BMFPD supplement's it's mitigation program from the general operations budget annually at a rate of \$60,000 per year to decrease the hourly rates and increase the amount of mitigated areas in the district every year.</p>

<b>Project Area Description</b>	
6	<p>Boulder Mountain Fire Protection District (BMFPD) is located in the Colorado Front Range Red Zone. The fire district contains the county's highest concentration of mountain homes in a relatively small area. In 2005, BMFPD became the first community in the Colorado State Forest (Boulder District) to complete a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). BMFPD's CWPP gives highest priority to life safety, public egress and firefighter access. These priorities identified two urgent tasks: mitigation along highest risk egress routes and the creation of shaded fuel breaks in critical areas where a potential fire would threaten large segments of the district population. The critical areas are located within gaps in the existing system of maintained fuel breaks near high density forested regions. A majority of homes are built on steep slopes (over 57% exceed 31% slope).</p>

<b>Scope of Work</b>	
7	<p>The communities of Brook Road and Peakview Road have only one way in and out. These access routes have dense tree canopies on each side, making a dangerous evacuation during a wildfire event. The priority treatments for this project will install shaded fuel breaks at the critical egress locations in each of the communities. These treatments will also benefit as shaded fuel breaks. All new fuel breaks will tie into existing meadows and anchored to major roadways. The treatments will extend along the community access roads to the extent that the community's matching funds will cover. The work will be performed through a BMFPD sub-award using our mitigation crew. Shaded fuel breaks will be setup by Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) personnel using CSFS guidelines (at least 300 feet wide fuel breaks adjusted for slope and topography). In creating the fuel breaks, ladder fuels will be eliminated, retained trees will have a ten foot or greater crown spacing, and standard tree health/size/species diversity will be taken into account during project marking. The fuel breaks will have a combination of chipping done near the roadways and burn piles created in less accessible areas. The piles will be burned the following winter. The requested funds for this project will be sufficient to create 63 or more acres of shaded fuel break with an approximate width of 300 feet. The priority mitigation acreage outlined in this grant will cover the highest fuels treatment risks for the communities. Fuels treatment will need to occur within the communities for multiple years to mitigate all potential fire hazards. The most cost efficient techniques will be utilized and include loping and spreading of slash and contouring of logs greater than 6 inch diameter when outside the range of winches and trailer mounted chipper. Where feasible the wood cut into fire wood for utilization by the property owners in the winter.</p>

<b>Project Summary (check all that apply and answer related questions)</b>	
8	<b>Project Category 1: Hazard Fuels Reduction / Fire Adapted Ecosystem Restoration</b> Yes
	<b>Number of acres to be treated:</b> 63 <b>Estimated cost per acre:</b> \$1,500.00
	<b>Number of communities directly affected by this project:</b> 4
	<b>Project Category 2: Information &amp; Education</b> Yes
	<b>Number of citizens to be reached:</b> 200
	<b>Project Category 3: Planning</b> N/A
	<b>Number of residences affected:</b> 150

<b>Interagency Collaboration</b>	
9	Participants include the BMFPD, CSFS, private landowners/Home Owners Associations (HOAs), and the Boulder County Land Use Department. The CSFS and BMFPD will hold public meetings with the affected landowners to provide information on project plans and educate landowners on the rationale behind specific details of the project. The CSFS will do a majority of the project setup with landowner coordination being done by BMFPD's full time Mitigation Coordinator. The Boulder County Land Use Department will assist with project setup and is providing the fire department with a chipping grant. The fuels treatment labor will be completed by the BMFPD mitigation crew. The BMFPD crew will be paid through landowner/HOA funds and reimbursed through a CSFS sub award. BMFPD subsidizes one third of the Mitigation Services annual budget through money collected by local taxes. Near the Peakview community, the USFS has identified adjacent land for potential treatment. The community hopes their efforts will assist in influencing the USFS to have treatment occur on their nearby lands and allow for additional evacuation routes to be created to create safer access for residents and visitors to the forest. BMFPD's Mitigation Services has worked with mitigation crews from neighboring districts and private contractors on projects of opportunity that fall along district boundary lines.
	<b>Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)</b>
	<b>Does this community have a wildfire protection plan that follows the Healthy Forest Restoration Act CWPP guidelines?</b> Yes
	<b>Is this project part of the plan?</b> Yes
	<b>Where would we obtain a copy of this plan?</b> <a href="http://csfs.colostate.edu/pages/documents/BoulderMount">http://csfs.colostate.edu/pages/documents/BoulderMount</a>
	<b>Is this project identified in your Statewide Forest Resource Assessment and Strategy?</b> Yes

<b>Project Timeline</b>	
10	Upon grant award, the BMFPD Mitigation Coordinator will work with a CSFS representative to organize community meetings, mark project areas, and finalize permissions. Tree cutting will commence in the fall of 2013 following the finalization of project setup, matching fund collection, contract negotiation, and obtaining of landowner permissions. Project cutting will continue for two years from the date of award. BMFPD will assign 4 seasonal staff to complete work on the proposed mitigation projects for two 6 month periods during the spring summer and fall of 2013 and 2014. BMFPD will take advantage the winter weather and dedicate 2 of it's full time employees to burning slash piles generated during the winter months that is located in areas inaccessible to a chipper.

<b>Maintenance / Sustainability</b>	
11	<p>BMFPD has a mitigation crew of 8 with 2 full time, 3 seasonal and 3 part time employees as well as a full time mitigation coordinator that are dedicated to maintaining the fuel breaks in the community and monitoring for insect and disease. BMFPD relies on funding from the local home owners associations and a chipping grant from the county to fund the project maintenance. The CSFS district has a record of all fuel break locations and the dates of completion. BMFPD will review the project area within 10 years to monitor for maintenance needs. BMFPD Mitigation Services has maintained hundreds of acres of fuel breaks installed of the the last 13 years and will commit to maintaining the ones proposed in this grant.</p>

<b>Landscape Scale</b>	
12	<p>The mitigation projects listed above encompass three water drainages: Left Hand Creek, Four Mile Canyon Creek, Two Mile Canyon Creek, drainages which supply water to Left Hand Water District, Pine Brook Water District, City of Boulder, as well as Boulder County. The landscape along BMFPD district roads is heavily wooded with evergreens and is in the wildland urban interface. The majority of defensible spaces in the district are mitigated successfully but this has left areas along property lines and outside the zone 1 defensible space that are mostly untreated and require extensive mitigation to reduce the threat of uncontrollable fire along evacuation routes and driveways. BMFPD's plan is to utilize the funds provided by the Wildland Urban Interface Grant to take advantage of areas already cleared for defensible space and connect them together to create continuous mitigated acreage along major evacuation routes. By tying together existing mitigated acreage the effective area of the fuel breaks installed is increased substantially. BMFPD has been installing fuel breaks since 1997 with funds provided by various grants including the Colorado Wildland Urban Interface Grant. The central location of the fuel breaks proposed in this years application will help connect past mitigation efforts and make the existing and proposed fuel breaks more continuous and comprehensive across the district and beyond district boundaries. The mitigation projects proposed in this application will allow for the improved health of the forest by the preferentially eliminating weakened, diseased, and damaged trees within the fuel break areas. By removing the diseased, beetle infected, broken and week trees within the fuel break area the cycle of diseased trees infecting the remaining nearby healthy trees will be broken.</p>

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<b>Budget Narrative</b>	
5	<p>We will need to purchase some tools prior to starting the project: chain saw, weed wacker, trailer (or trailer rental) to remove trees, bushes, grasses, pine needles and other miscellaneous under brush types of vegetation. Additionally we will need to order and install the pea gravel and weed barrier. Based on a cost estimator from homewyse.com we anticipate this running approximately \$3,000.00. We have estimated using gardenweb.com that it will run approximately \$1500.00 to cut three trees.</p>

<b>Project Area Description</b>	
6	<p>Project is located at 411 Wild Horse Circle, Boulder, CO 80304 located within the Pine Brook Hills mountain community. This is a private residence located at the top of Pine Brook Hills. Behind the property is the Four Mile Canyon area. This will be a fuels reduction and defensible space project.</p>

<b>Scope of Work</b>	
7	<p>The parcel is approximately 0.89 acres and the scope will be to create defensible space around the home and structures. Trees will be cut with a chain saw that will be purchased with the funds and removed that are too close to the structures. Also, remaining trees will be trimmed up from the ground by the recommended height. Under brush will be eliminated, bagged and removed from the property. All pine needles around the home will be raked and bagged and removed. Grasses will be cut via a weed wacker. Landscape modifications may be done if funds allow. I would like to create a buffer around the home that has no vegetation and is filled with pea gravel. This will provide a fire break of sorts leading up to the home. It also will allow for drainage much better than a hard surface.</p>

8	<b>Project Summary (check all that apply and answer related questions)</b>	
	<b>Project Category 1: Hazard Fuels Reduction / Fire Adapted Ecosystem Restoration</b> Yes	
	<b>Number of acres to be treated:</b>	0.89 <b>Estimated cost per acre:</b>
	<b>Number of communities directly affected by this project:</b> one-Pine Brook Hills	
	<b>Project Category 2: Information &amp; Education</b> Yes	
	<b>Number of citizens to be reached:</b>	three
	<b>Project Category 3: Planning</b> N/A	
<b>Number of residences affected:</b>	one	

9	<b>Interagency Collaboration</b>	
	None	
	<b>Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)</b>	
	<b>Does this community have a wildfire protection plan that follows the Healthy Forest Restoration Act CWPP guidelines?</b> Yes	
	<b>Is this project part of the plan?</b> Yes	
	<b>Where would we obtain a copy of this plan?</b> Boulder County or Pine Brook Hills Mountain Fire distri	
	<b>Is this project identified in your Statewide Forest Resource Assessment and Strategy?</b> Yes	

10	<b>Project Timeline</b>	
	Project will be completed in the summer and fall of 2012.	

<b>Maintenance / Sustainability</b>	
11	<p>This will be a continuous, ongoing effort. We will maintain the defensible space by keeping vegetation away from the home by the recommended spacing. We will also cut down the grasses and weeds each season (during summer months, these will need to be cut sometimes twice or three times during the growing season). We will monitor and remove beetle kill trees; we have already done some of this by removing 6 beetle-infested trees over the past 2 years. All under brush will be picked up and piled until removal. Pines needles around the home area will be raked and bagged for removal.</p>

<b>Landscape Scale</b>	
12	<p>This projects scale is on multiple levels. First, individually, it will help protect our home from wild fires. Secondly, it will help show neighbors what can be accomplished and maybe set an example so others in the area will take similar actions and thus, creating more homes in the neighborhood that have achieved defensible space around their homes and structures so in the event something does occur, the likelihood of a loss is reduced.</p>

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# State Fire Assistance Grant Application

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State Submitting Project:	
State Priority Number:	
Dollar Amount Requested:	\$0.00
Matching Share:	\$0.00

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Applicant Information	
Applicant:	Del Johnson
Contact Person:	Del Johnson
Address:	312 W. Dory Wy PO Box 327
City/Zip Code:	Black Hawk CO 80422
Phone (Work/Cell):	303-582-1045
Email:	drjohnson.trump@gmail.com
Fax:	
Federal Tax ID\DUNS #:	

Community At Risk Information	
Name of Project:	My acres
Community Name:	Dory Lakes sub division/Colden Gate Park
County(ies):	Gilpin
Congressional District:	2nd
Latitude:	39.85186-
Longitude:	105.478531

Grant Contributors (Matching Share)							
(Applications will be disqualified if insufficient match is identified; federal dollars DO NOT qualify- see criteria & instructions for exception)							
Specify each match contributor and the dollar amount of each contribution.							
DO NOT show grant requested funds in this table. This is for matching share only.							
Contributors Name:	Del Johnson Labor	Del Johnson Contractor					TOTAL
Dollars (Hard Match):		500.00					\$0.00
In-Kind (Soft Match):	2000.00						\$0.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	2500.00

Total Project Expense (break down matching share totals from block #3)				
Budget Detail (Provide additional information in Block 7)	Grant Share (\$ Amount Requested)	Match (from block #3)		TOTAL
		Dollars	In-Kind	
Personnel / Labor:	0	500.00	2000.00	2500.00
Fringe Benefits:	0			0
Travel:	0			0
Equipment:	0		1500.00	1500.00
Supplies:	0		15.00	15.00
Contractual:	4000.00	4000.00		4000.00
Construction:				0
Other:	0			0
Indirect Costs:	0			0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	4000.00	4500.00	3515.00	8015.00

Request amount

Budget Narrative	
5	Contract tree cut company to cut all standing dead, beetle kill, Willows, and fallen dead for removal. \$1000 <sup>00</sup> per acre. I will pay some local young men to remove and stack wood and slash. \$500 <sup>00</sup> . I will haul all slash to Gilpin County slash pile with my truck. Payment in kind \$2000 <sup>00</sup>

Project Area Description	
6	312 W. Dory way 4 acres to the west.

Scope of Work	
7	Down trees, cut wood, haul. Remove slash haul for proper disposal.



Project Summary (check all that apply and answer related questions)			
8	Project Category 1: Hazard Fuels Reduction / Fire Adapted Ecosystem Restoration N/A		
	Number of acres to be treated:	4	Estimated cost per acre: 1000.00
	Number of communities directly affected by this project:		2
	Project Category 2: Information & Education N/A		
	Number of citizens to be reached:	600	
	Project Category 3: Planning N/A		
Number of residences affected:		150	

Interagency Collaboration	
9	None
Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)	
Does this community have a wildfire protection plan that follows the Healthy Forest Restoration Act CWPP guidelines? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
Is this project part of the plan? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
Where would we obtain a copy of this plan?	
Is this project identified in your Statewide Forest Resource Assessment and Strategy? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	

Project Timeline	
10	Start to finish 30 days

**Maintenance / Sustainability**

11

Maintenance would be the owner (me) ongoing.  
Sustainability - Removal of the dead pine would allow more grass to grow. More aspen to populate. The cut down willows will return more healthy, actually increasing food source for the native animals.

**Landscape Scale**

12

4 acres level ground gently sloping toward stream,

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Allen Owen  
5625 Ute Hwy  
Longmont, CO. 80503

Mr. Owen,

You called my house and left a message.

I believe everyone deserves a return call.

However I am not in the mood for an argument.

I submitted the grant request for my little corner of Dory Lakes because I'm 60 with a knee that won't let me clean the forest.

Either approve or not.

Del Johnson  
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State Submitting Project:	Colorado
State Priority Number:	1
Dollar Amount Requested:	\$300,000.00
Matching Share:	\$300,000.00

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Applicant Information	
Applicant:	Colorado State Forest Service
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Email:	scott.woods@colostate.edu
Fax:	970.491.7736
Federal Tax ID\DUNS #:	78-597-9618

Community At Risk Information	
Name of Project:	Front Range Fuels Treatment Partnership South Zone
Community Name:	18 Defined & Targeted Communities
County(ies):	Jefferson, Douglas, El Paso, Teller, Park
Congressional District:	2, 5 & 6
Latitude:	39.1304° N
Longitude:	105.3251° W

Grant Contributors (Matching Share)							
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Specify each match contributor and the dollar amount of each contribution.							
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Contributors Name:	Communities	Counties	Fire Districts	FRFTP	Water Providers		TOTAL
Dollars (Hard Match):	\$115,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00		\$170,000.00
In-Kind (Soft Match):	\$65,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00		\$130,000.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$180,000.00</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$300,000.00</b>

Total Project Expense (break down matching share totals from block #3)				
Budget Detail (Provide additional information in Block 7)	Grant Share (\$ Amount Requested)	Match (from block #3)		TOTAL
		Dollars	In-Kind	
Personnel / Labor:	\$40,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$150,000.00
Fringe Benefits:	\$6,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$22,500.00
Travel:	\$750.00	\$850.00	\$3,500.00	\$5,100.00
Equipment:	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Supplies:	\$450.00	\$650.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,100.00
Contractual:	\$188,845.00	\$116,000.00	\$51,500.00	\$356,345.00
Construction:		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Indirect Costs:	\$61,955.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$61,955.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$300,000.00</b>	<b>\$170,000.00</b>	<b>\$130,000.00</b>	<b>\$600,000.00</b>

	<b>Budget Narrative</b>	
5	<p>PERSONNEL/LABOR: Grant share is for portions of Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) project managers' salaries; match is a combination of hard dollars and in-kind contributions from Fire Protection Districts (FPDs) and other groups. FRINGE BENEFITS: Grant funding is for CSFS employees dedicated to managing the grant and project implementation; will be matched through hard dollars and in-kind contributions from CSFS and other agencies, as will travel. TRAVEL: Grant share is for project site inspections. EQUIPMENT: Grant share will be used for chainsaw and safety equipment. No capital purchases (&gt;\$5,000.00) will be made. SUPPLIES: Will be purchased for use at community meetings and to provide literature to ensure community involvement in the project; match is through hard dollars and in-kind from CSFS and other agencies. CONTRACTUAL: Passed through to communities to implement projects using contractors; match is from FPDs and others. INDIRECT: Will be used to fund facilities and administrative costs for entities involved in project implementation and management.</p>	

	<b>Project Area Description</b>	
6	<p>Treatments identified in Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs) will be implemented in Colorado's Front Range South Zone, targeting high-priority landscapes and critical watersheds, resulting in 600 acres of mechanical and 225 acres of prescribed fire treatment. Project areas are identified as high priority in the Colorado State Action Plan in Jefferson, Douglas, Park, El Paso &amp; Teller counties. Recent incidents such as the Waldo Canyon Fire with its high loss of structures, underscores the need for fuels treatments to develop fire-adapted communities and to protect life, property, watersheds and valuable infrastructure. Projects are primarily in the lower montane zone in ponderosa pine (PP) and PP/Douglas-fir (DF) mixed stands (Fire Regime III, Condition Class III, Fuel Models 2, 9, 10). Some projects in Jefferson and Park counties are in the subalpine zone dominated by lodgepole pine (LPP, Fire Regime IV, Condition Class II, FM 8 &amp; 10). Major forest health issues include bark beetles and dwarf mistletoe in PP, LPP and DF; spruce budworm and tussock moth in DF; aging and overly dense stands.</p>	

	<b>Scope of Work</b>	
7	<p>This is primarily a hazardous fuels reduction project that will treat a minimum of 825 acres, but also incorporates planning, information and education efforts. CWPPs will be modified and updated to capture accomplishments and develop future priority projects. Prescriptions focus on managing and retaining healthy PP &amp; Douglas-fir (DF) stands at densities that are resistant to catastrophic fire. Where appropriate, forest restoration techniques will be used. This type of management significantly reduces PP and DF stand densities, increases openings, decreases horizontal and vertical fuel continuity and arrangement, and addresses ladder fuels and crown closures. Canopies are raised by thinning from below and pruning residual trees which results in more resilient and sustainable stand conditions and characteristics. Post-treatment basal areas range from 40 to 80 sq.ft./acre and contribute to ecosystem sustainability. In LPP stands, treatments remove standing dead, diseased or bark beetle-infested and excess trees. Treatments combine clearcuts, patchcuts, "linked" openings, and thinning in young pole-sized stands. Heavy fuels are removed from all projects and forest products will be utilized wherever possible. Fuelbreaks and defensible space treatments will be installed in accordance with CSFS standards ("Creating Wildfire Defensible Zones" and "Fuelbreaks for Forested Subdivisions") and are usually accomplished by thinning, mastication and prescribed burning. CSFS provides technical assistance and inspects practices throughout the life of the project. Funding will be provided to landowners to treat areas that represent the highest wildfire risk from to life safety and property on a 50/50 cost-share basis. Relatively low cost/acre treatments (\$727) result from the economies of scale achieved by treating larger acreages in single projects.</p>	

	<b>Project Summary (check all that apply and answer related questions)</b>			
8	<b>Project Category 1: Hazard Fuels Reduction / Fire Adapted Ecosystem Restoration</b> Yes			
	<b>Number of acres to be treated:</b>	825	<b>Estimated cost per acre:</b>	\$727.00
	<b>Number of communities directly affected by this project:</b> 18			
	<b>Project Category 2: Information &amp; Education</b> Yes			
	<b>Number of citizens to be reached:</b>	10,000		
	<b>Project Category 3: Planning</b> Yes			
	<b>Number of residences affected:</b>	6,000		

	<b>Interagency Collaboration</b>			
9	<p>The project area is part of the Front Range Fuels Treatment Partnership (FRFTP) and the Front Range Roundtable, which are major long-term initiatives that increase fuels treatments and protect communities and resources across all ownerships along Colorado's Front Range. The FRFTP is an on-going, multi-agency collaborative (40 partners) that coordinates and identifies areas for action. Collaboration is key to the FRFTP. A combined planning approach has developed and identified a land base in need of treatment and a cadre of willing landowners. New projects are included in this proposal that have had the advantage of the planning and community involvement fostered by the FRFTP. This results in ongoing, rapid and consistent implementation. The roles of project partners are: Communities/Private Landowners - funding and project implementation; CSFS - personnel, technical assistance, contracting assistance, project implementation and/or oversight; Federal Agencies (US Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management) - technical support and cross-boundary project development; Counties - personnel, equipment and project implementation; Fire Protection Districts - personnel, equipment, project implementation and community education; Water Providers - personnel, equipment, project implementation, funding and community education.</p>			
	<b>Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)</b>			
	<b>Does this community have a wildfire protection plan that follows the Healthy Forest Restoration Act CWPP guidelines?</b> Yes			
	<b>Is this project part of the plan?</b> Yes			
	<b>Where would we obtain a copy of this plan?</b> <a href="http://csfs.colostate.edu/pages/wildfire.html">csfs.colostate.edu/pages/wildfire.html</a>			
	<b>Is this project identified in your Statewide Forest Resource Assessment and Strategy?</b> Yes			

	<b>Project Timeline</b>			
10	<p>There is an existing and tested project delivery framework and process in place between the CSFS, the FRFTP and Font Range Roundtable that has been refined over several years. The inclusion of this project into that existing framework allows for ongoing and rapid implementation of projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- July 31, 2013 or before: Finalize project area selection, project preparation (tree marking, timber inventory, prescribed fire unit preparation).</li> <li>- August 31, 2013 or before: Project implementation begins. Most projects will be completed by the end of 2013. Projects may continue, as needed, through the 2014 field season. Prescribed fire activities will typically occur in 2014 &amp; 2015.</li> <li>- Upon project completion: Inspections, final reporting and reimbursements will be completed.</li> </ul>			

<b>Maintenance / Sustainability</b>	
11	<p>As part of the FRFTP grant process, and before project implementation begins, landowners sign an agreement to maintain treatments for a minimum of five years. (Maintenance agreements and inspections are typically developed and administered by FPDs.) Additionally, the FRFTP conducts CWPP and other educational workshops to provide information to landowners about the need for continued maintenance. Organized municipalities, open space programs, and state and county lands have maintenance costs for completed treatment areas built into annual budgets. Most sites within the project area are dominated by PP, DF, or a mixture of the two. In these habitats, depending on the site, fuels reduction treatments are usually effective with minimal maintenance (primarily removal of regeneration) for 15-20 years. Where possible, prescribed fire is used in the first years after harvest. LPP sites are normally precommercially thinned between 15 and 20 years after harvest. During the final inspection and approval by CSFS, homeowners receive encouragement and additional materials about maintaining their properties, and are provided with project-specific requirements. Many communities within the project area are members of the FireWise Communities USA program. This program requires annual inspections and maintenance checks as part of their renewal process.</p>

<b>Landscape Scale</b>	
12	<p>Landscape-scale project implementation has been the primary goal of members of the FRFTP and Front Range Roundtable since their inceptions. The Front Range Roundtable unites stakeholders and places emphasis on treatments that have multi-jurisdictional benefits. In coordination with the Arapaho-Roosevelt and Pike National Forests and across five counties, this proposal implements the FRFTP Strategy; FR Roundtable Assessment &amp; Recommendations; and specific CWPPs. The FR Roundtable Assessment and Recommendation process facilitates project design and effective treatment results. The FR Roundtable Assessment is periodically updated to reflect accomplishments, to continue identifying additional high priority landscape projects, and guide future focus. This process advises the USFS and other partner agencies about where to locate large-scale projects and these, in turn, feed into agency planning efforts and out-year project implementation scheduling. New treatments link to completed treatments to improve overall project integrity and effectiveness. Cross-boundary opportunities are sought as part of any major planning effort. An example is the Upper South Platte Watershed Protection Project, which is a long-term, nationally recognized initiative focused on watershed protection that is jointly implemented by the CSFS, USFS, and Denver Water. This initiative has resulted in more than 30,000 acres of fuels reduction and watershed protection or restoration. Fifty-five CWPPs are completed within the geographic context of this project. The highest priority treatments identified in these CWPPs are targeted for implementation. Larger strategic treatments are prioritized to better develop sizeable, meaningful and effective projects.</p>

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2013 Winner

# State Fire Assistance Grant Application

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	
State Submitting Project:	<b>OREGON</b>
State Priority Number:	<b>01</b>
Dollar Amount Requested:	<b>\$300,000.00</b>
Matching Share:	<b>\$300,000.00</b>

\*For guidance on filling in each box in this application, refer to the *Criteria and Instructions*

Applicant Information	
<b>Applicant:</b>	OREGON DEPT OF FORESTRY / Northeast Oregon District Baker Unit
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<b>Fax:</b>	
<b>Federal Tax ID\DUNS #:</b>	936002375 / 809579808

Community At Risk Information	
<b>Name of Project:</b>	North Face of the Elkhorns Fuels Reduction Project
<b>Community Name:</b>	Rock Creek, Bulger Flats, Anthony Lakes
<b>County(ies):</b>	Baker
<b>Congressional District:</b>	2
<b>Latitude:</b>	44.9551399
<b>Longitude:</b>	118.0788292

Grant Contributors (Matching Share)							
<small>(Applications will be disqualified if insufficient match is identified; federal dollars DO NOT qualify- see criteria &amp; instructions for exception)</small>							
<small>Specify each match contributor and the dollar amount of each contribution.</small>							
<small>DO NOT show grant requested funds in this table. This is for matching share only.</small>							
<b>Contributors Name:</b>	ODF	Landowner Cost-Shares					<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Dollars (Hard Match):</b>							\$0.00
<b>In-Kind (Soft Match):</b>	\$226,816.00	\$73,184.00					\$300,000.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$226,816.00	\$73,184.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00

Total Project Expense (break down matching share totals from block #3)				
Budget Detail (Provide additional information in Block 7)	Grant Share (\$ Amount Requested)	Match (from block #3)		TOTAL
		Dollars	In-Kind	
<b>Personnel / Labor:</b>	\$22,938.00		\$151,210.00	\$174,148.00
<b>Fringe Benefits:</b>	\$11,474.00		\$75,606.00	\$87,080.00
<b>Travel:</b>	\$2,136.00			\$2,136.00
<b>Equipment:</b>				\$0.00
<b>Supplies:</b>	\$3,000.00			\$3,000.00
<b>Contractual:</b>	\$221,549.00		\$73,184.00	\$294,733.00
<b>Construction:</b>				\$0.00
<b>Other:</b>				\$0.00
<b>Indirect Costs:</b>	\$38,903.00			\$38,903.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$300,000.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00	\$600,000.00

<b>Budget Narrative</b>	
5	<p>All funds will be used to accomplish fuel reduction work and prevention education activities. PERSONNEL/FRINGE BENEFIT costs are for: ODF employee working to provide fire prevention needs analysis, land owner education, treatment operations advice, and project coordination support - 6.75 months for a Natural Resource Specialist 2 (\$22,938 personnel and \$11,474 fringe benefits). TRAVEL costs are for ODF employee use of ODF vehicles for transportation to and from project sites (\$2,136). SUPPLY costs are for printing, mailing supplies, forester office supplies and brochure reproductions for landowner communications and prevention education materials (\$3,000). CONTRACTUAL costs include \$219,549 for landowner cost share (work paid for or done by landowners) and \$2,000 for Baker County Emergency Management to carry out prevention education efforts. INDIRECT costs total \$38,903 which is in compliance with USFS negotiated rate.</p>

<b>Project Area Description</b>	
6	<p>This priority hazard fuel reduction project in the Baker CO CWPP &amp; is a risk area per the ODF 2006 Statewide Risk Assessment &amp; the OR Statewide Forest Action Plan. It is designed to reduce the risk &amp; likelihood of catastrophic wildfire &amp; improve suppression capabilities &amp; safety in a steep high fire/lightning prone area. Vegetation type: overstocked ponderosa pine &amp; mixed-conifer stands with dense understory regeneration of woody brush species. Private land will be treated (549 acres) in 3 WUI areas (Rock Creek, Bulger Flats &amp; Anthony Lakes), bordered by USFS/BLM land. Much of the area is contiguous with current/past/planned federal fuel treatment areas, including the Wallowa- Whitman NF 20,000 acre N. Face Project. Area varies from dispersed homes (including significant # of seasonal residences) to high homesite density. Project protects infrastructure &amp; values at risk such as: OR Dept. Fish &amp; Wildlife Elkhorn Wildlife Area; Anthony Lakes Scenic Byway; Anthony Lakes Ski Area; both municipal &amp; agricultural watersheds; as well as permanent &amp; recreational residences (130). (CC3)</p>

<b>Scope of Work</b>	
7	<p>The hazard fuel reduction goal is to treat 549 acres of private land in an area of moderate to heavy fuel loading using both mechanical and hand practices to thin overstocked mixed conifer stands of non-commercial size trees (less than 10" dbh) to an average spacing of 17 feet; treat/remove slash generated from the thinning; as well as treat/remove pre-existing ladder fuels and dead and down material. Private landowners will pay contractual costs of fuel treatments on their property and grant funds will reimburse them a portion of those costs. Priority will be given to projects that provide residual wood fiber for various current or planned biomass utilization facilities around Baker County. Costs for this project are for ODF to: provide 1:1 landowner technical assistance, travel costs to and from project sites, and prevention education to landowners, such as printing, postage and mailing costs. Funds will allow Baker County Emergency Services to provide prevention education efforts through public meetings &amp; distribution of fire prevention materials to 300 citizens. ODF prevention education activities, such as mailings, materials, public meetings/events, assessments/follow-up with landowners will reach participating landowners, Wallowa County residents and recreationists from around the state of Oregon, Idaho and Washington,.</p>

8	<b>Project Summary (check all that apply and answer related questions)</b>	
	<b>Project Category 1: Hazard Fuels Reduction / Fire Adapted Ecosystem Restoration</b> Yes	
	<b>Number of acres to be treated:</b>	549 <b>Estimated cost per acre:</b> \$546.45
	<b>Number of communities directly affected by this project:</b> 3	
	<b>Project Category 2: Information &amp; Education</b> Yes	
	<b>Number of citizens to be reached:</b>	300
	<b>Project Category 3: Planning</b> N/A	
<b>Number of residences affected:</b>		

9	<b>Interagency Collaboration</b>	
	<p>*Private landowners will carry out fuel reduction work either by using contractors or performing the work themselves (cost share in kind \$73,184).</p> <p>*Baker County Emergency Management will provide personnel time to assist in public meetings and disperse fire prevention information.</p> <p>*USFS/BLM will provide personnel time, as well as arrange for publicity and education to help facilitate and coordinate fuels treatment work on bordering federal and private properties.</p> <p>*Haines Rural Fire Department will provide personnel time to distribute fire prevention materials and host public meetings in project areas.</p> <p>*ODF will provide personnel time and expertise to provide publicity/education, identify projects, design/administer/evaluate and approve project work, and assist landowners with technical advice for fire prevention. ODF will also provide program match as part of a CPG (\$226,816).</p>	
	<b>Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)</b>	
	<b>Does this community have a wildfire protection plan that follows the Healthy Forest Restoration Act CWPP guidelines?</b> Yes	
	<b>Is this project part of the plan?</b> Yes	
	<b>Where would we obtain a copy of this plan?</b> <a href="http://www.odf.state.or.us/areas/eastern/northeast">www.odf.state.or.us/areas/eastern/northeast</a>	
	<b>Is this project identified in your Statewide Forest Resource Assessment and Strategy?</b> Yes	

10	<b>Project Timeline</b>	
	<p>Begin June 2013--Landowner contacts for assessments, prevention education and cost-share agreements</p> <p>Ongoing - Baker County Emergency Services to provide prevention education efforts, such as public meetings/distribution of fire prevention materials</p> <p>Ongoing - ODF prevention education activities, such as mailings, materials, public meetings/events, assessments/ follow-ups with landowners</p> <p>December 2013-June 2014--Monitoring of completion of landowner projects as well as continuing to engage additional landowners in signing up for projects</p> <p>September 2013-December 2014--Complete project inspections and approval of final landowner payments, prepare annual accomplishment reports</p> <p>December 2013- end December 2015--Monitor projects for continued maintenance. Provide additional technical support as needed.</p>	

<b>Maintenance / Sustainability</b>	
11	<p>A ten-year maintenance agreement is signed by cost-share recipients that requires the landowner to commit to maintain treatments.</p> <p>1) ODF personnel will write site specifications for each project to ensure the project will be effective for a minimum of 10 years. Thinning &amp; removing the majority of the crowded understory &amp; ladder fuels in the mixed conifer stands will minimize dead/down material buildup &amp; reduce fuel loading. Treated acres will possess traits similar to those of a fire-adapted ecosystem and better improve the stand's ability to withstand low intensity wildfires.</p> <p>2) Landowners will be instructed on maintenance practices through on-site visits. Further technical assistance will be provided through mailings sent to landowners with prevention education &amp; vegetation management information 5 years after completion.</p> <p>3) Baker County implemented an Oregon state law requiring landowners to mitigate fire hazards around their homes and re-certify compliance every 5 years. Prevention education materials are provided to the landowner at this time.</p> <p>4) Ongoing monitoring is done by ODF foresters' visits to the site and dispersing prevention education materials 5 years after project completion.</p>

<b>Landscape Scale</b>	
12	<p>This project will connect to the large scale work done on the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest (20,000 acre North Face Project) and to past ODF private landowner fuel reduction projects (such as the 2009 USFS Community Assistance WUI grant for Southeast Face of the Elkhorns Fuel Treatment Project), therefore, adding more acres to the treatment footprint and expanding the landscape benefit along the face of the Elkhorn Mountains.</p> <p>Given the proximity of the project area to La Grande (25 miles) and Baker City (25 miles), this project will be used as a fuel reduction demonstration site for future projects near both towns.</p> <p>Prevention education activities will target not only cooperating landowners within these 3 communities, but all landowners in the Wallowa County area through CWPP activities.</p> <p>In addition, public fire prevention education materials and events will target recreationists from Oregon and out-of-state visitors who frequent this popular area.</p>

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# State Fire Assistance Grant Application

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State Submitting Project:	SD
State Priority Number:	01
Dollar Amount Requested:	\$275,750.00
Matching Share:	\$406,084.00

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Applicant Information	
Applicant:	South Dakota Department of Agriculture-Wildland Fire Suppression
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Email:	Steve.Hasenohrl@state.sd.us
Fax:	605-393-8044
Federal Tax ID\DUNS #:	46-6000364

Community At Risk Information	
Name of Project:	Cabot Hill Hazardous Fuels Reduction
Community Name:	Rapid City
County(ies):	Pennington
Congressional District:	South Dakota
Latitude:	44.11
Longitude:	-103.24

Grant Contributors (Matching Share)							
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Specify each match contributor and the dollar amount of each contribution.							
DO NOT show grant requested funds in this table. This is for matching share only.							
Contributors Name:	WFS	NHVFD	Rapid City	Landowners			<b>TOTAL</b>
Dollars (Hard Match):				\$271,250.00			\$271,250.00
In-Kind (Soft Match):	\$53,400.00	\$38,250.00	\$6,000.00	\$37,184.00			\$134,834.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$53,400.00	\$38,250.00	\$6,000.00	\$308,434.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$406,084.00

Total Project Expense (break down matching share totals from block #3)				
Budget Detail (Provide additional information in Block 7)	Grant Share (\$ Amount Requested)	Match (from block #3)		TOTAL
		Dollars	In-Kind	
Personnel / Labor:			\$133,934.00	\$133,934.00
Fringe Benefits:				\$0.00
Travel:			\$900.00	\$900.00
Equipment:				\$0.00
Supplies:	\$4,500.00			\$4,500.00
Contractual:	\$271,250.00	\$271,250.00		\$542,500.00
Construction:				\$0.00
Other:				\$0.00
Indirect Costs:				\$0.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$275,750.00	\$271,250.00	\$134,834.00	\$681,834.00

<b>Budget Narrative</b>	
5	<p>Personnel/Labor: Match funds provided by: WFS in labor costs for project management/administration; the City of Rapid City in labor costs for fire department personnel supporting assessment training and landowner meetings; North Haines Volunteer Fire Department in labor costs for conducting public information meetings, performing property assessments, and instructing/attending associated training; and landowners performing mitigation work on their property. Travel: Match funds for vehicle costs based upon fleet and travel mileage rates and actual mileage to project site. Supplies: Grant funds to be used to purchase supplies used for mailings, presentations, meetings, and educational/informational materials such as signs, pamphlets, brochures, and Great Plains Fire Safe Council informational DVDs used to promote Firewise principles to approximately 50 homes in the Cabot Hill area. Contractual: Grant funds requested to be used for contractual survivable space thinning treatment on approximately 155 acres of property in the Cabot Hill development. Match funds to come from homeowners.</p>

<b>Project Area Description</b>	
6	<p>This project is to reduce heavy fuel loading surrounding structures on properties in the wildland urban interface area of Cabot Hill within Rapid City. The state wide forest resource assessment identifies this area as a priority for treatment. Rapid City has been identified as a federally designated community at risk as well. Vegetation cover is primarily ponderosa pine with intermixed hardwood and brush pockets. Mountain pine beetle activity has been documented in this area of the city as well. Within this development, slope, terrain, and fuel loading are all aligned for a catastrophic fire event. A fire in this development has significant potential for loss of life as there is one access road, steep and narrow roads, and no turn around points. Additionally, the Interstate 90 corridor is immediately adjacent and would be severely impacted by an event. Communications towers, power transmission lines, and two city water supplies are also threatened by a fire in this area. This project will coincide with educational programs and presentations to homeowners designed to heighten awareness of the dire situation in the area.</p>

<b>Scope of Work</b>	
7	<p>Treatment will be comprised of the removal of hazardous fuels in the neighborhood. Proposed treatment methods include fuel reduction beyond survivable space, survivable space around homes and structures, piling and burning, and mulching/chipping. The proposed budget will allow for hand piling and burning on participating individual homeowners properties and removal of biomass products such as post and pole and chips for heating, manufacturing wood products, and the creation of compost at the Rapid City landfill for use throughout the Black Hills. Approximately 50 homes are located within the project area, with as many as 100 others are directly affected by treatment. This mitigation effort will also create or enhance survivable space around the structures of the participating property owners. Treatment will improve access to homes by removing vegetation from along roadways, create or enhance survivable space around homes, remove ladder fuels, and remove pines to produce an average spacing of 30 feet between crowns. This spacing will break up canopy continuity and produce healthy, fire resistive stands. All material not removed for biomass will be chipped in place or piled and burned when conditions are appropriate. Project and Firewise materials will be distributed to landowners via mailings and public meetings to be facilitated by the North Haines Volunteer Fire Department. A DVD produced by the Great Plains Fire Safe Council describing the importance of creating and maintaining survivable space will also be distributed. Home assessments consistent with NFPA 1144 will be conducted on every structure. Support will be provided to bring this neighborhood up to Firewise Community status.</p>

<b>Project Summary (check all that apply and answer related questions)</b>	
8	<b>Project Category 1: Hazard Fuels Reduction / Fire Adapted Ecosystem Restoration</b> Yes
	<b>Number of acres to be treated:</b> 155 <b>Estimated cost per acre:</b> \$4,399.00
	<b>Number of communities directly affected by this project:</b> 1
	<b>Project Category 2: Information &amp; Education</b> Yes
	<b>Number of citizens to be reached:</b> 300
	<b>Project Category 3: Planning</b> N/A
<b>Number of residences affected:</b> 50	

<b>Interagency Collaboration</b>	
9	The Rapid City Fire Department and South Dakota Wildland Fire Suppression Division have cooperatively developed a CWPP. Foresters from the City of Rapid City and South Dakota Resource Conservation & Forestry will serve as technical experts on forest health and assist with identifying disease and bug infestation in the project area. Pennington County will collaborate through the Great Plains Fire Safe Council on items such as the DVDs and educational workshops to educate landowners within the project area. South Dakota Wildland Fire Suppression will administer grant funds for the fuel mitigation project. Rapid City Fire Department will provide personnel for hazard assessments for on properties within project area that are within the city limits. North Haines Volunteer Fire Department will facilitate the public information meetings since this project area is within their district. They will also conduct the assessments on the properties in the project area within the county. These assessments will be used by NHVFD and RCFD to develop pre-attack plans, structure protection plans, and evacuation plans. Pennington County Emergency Management will assist with landowner education through public events and literature distribution.
	<b>Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)</b>
	<b>Does this community have a wildfire protection plan that follows the Healthy Forest Restoration Act CWPP guidelines?</b> Yes
	<b>Is this project part of the plan?</b> Yes
	<b>Where would we obtain a copy of this plan?</b> Pennington County Fire Coordinator
	<b>Is this project identified in your Statewide Forest Resource Assessment and Strategy?</b> Yes

<b>Project Timeline</b>	
10	Project action will begin soon after award date. During the first year, late summer/fall 2013, landowner meetings will be held to provide information and obtain consent. Contractors will be selected to begin work in spring 2014 and complete treatment within 2 years, before grant expiration. Reports will be submitted as required. All projects done by the division are reviewed quarterly for progress reports and adherence to time lines. Letters and DVDs will be mailed during fall/winter 2013. The mailings will be coordinated with informational meetings and property assessments.
	Significant accomplishments and milestones include hosting landowner meetings, obtaining signatures on landowner consent forms, completion of thinning, and completion of pile burning. The result of this multi-year project and educational effort will be to bring the Cabot Hill area into Firewise Community status.

<b>Maintenance / Sustainability</b>	
11	<p>As part of the prescription of the project, the landowner will sign an agreement to perform maintenance of the project area for a minimum of 10 years after the work is completed. All maintenance of the project area has been identified as the responsibility of the owner and they will provide any funding required. WFS will work with owners to provide specific direction as to what maintenance needs to be done and provide technical assistance to landowners. This will provide for ownership by the local community and will establish a base to keep a maintenance program adhering to Firewise principles. We will also be working with the local fire department to get this neighborhood recognized as a Firewise Community and to further promote fuels reduction programs in the area. Research done by the United States Forest Service Mystic and Hell Canyon Ranger District shows that mitigation efforts are sustainable for ten years before maintenance needs to be implemented on fuels reduction work in this environment. Wildland Fire Suppression staff will do site visits on a five year basis to inspect the project and work with landowners to ensure maintenance of the project areas is occurring. The large educational effort should result in a culture change to being more aware of fire conditions and the responsibilities of living in a fire prone environment as well as the importance of developing a fire adapted community.</p>

<b>Landscape Scale</b>	
12	<p>This project will complement existing survivable space treatments on a few properties within the neighborhood, tie into right-of-way thinning, roadways, and existing meadows. Collaboration between South Dakota Wildland Fire Suppression, Rapid City Fire Department, North Haines Volunteer Fire Department, and Pennington County Emergency Management will allow a comprehensive fire-resistive environment to be established and maintained on City and private land as well as protect critical infrastructure in the area. The scope of this project is to establish large, continuous, landscape scale fuel breaks and create or enhance survivable space around homes within the neighborhood. Treatment will produce a fire safe environment within the subdivision, reduce the risk of fire spreading to untreated areas outside of the project area, and minimize firebrand production which will result in less of an impact to Interstate 90, numerous shopping areas, five nearby subdivisions, a power generation plant, and two city water sources. Also located within the project area are two communications towers housing radio, television, and public safety repeaters.</p>

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# State Fire Assistance Grant Application

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY	
State Submitting Project:	Idaho
State Priority Number:	1
Dollar Amount Requested:	\$292,100.00
Matching Share:	\$292,100.00

\*For guidance on filling in each box in this application, refer to the *Criteria and Instructions*

Applicant Information	
Applicant:	Fremont County
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Fax:	208-624-7335
Federal Tax ID/DUNS #:	826000298\785969833

Community At Risk Information	
Name of Project:	Yale Creek Wide Area Defensible Space Project
Community Name:	Yale Creek Subdivisions 1-13
County(ies):	Fremont County
Congressional District:	2nd
Latitude:	44 28 27.04
Longitude:	111 27 08.83

Grant Contributors (Matching Share)							
(Applications will be disqualified if insufficient match is identified; federal dollars DO NOT qualify- see criteria & instructions for exception)							
Specify each match contributor and the dollar amount of each contribution.							
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Contributors Name:	Yale Creek HOA/owners	Island Park Fire District	Idaho Department of Lands Consolidated Grants Programs				<b>TOTAL</b>
Dollars (Hard Match):			\$254,850.00				\$254,850.00
In-Kind (Soft Match):	\$34,500.00	\$2,750.00					\$37,250.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$34,500.00	\$2,750.00	\$254,850.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$292,100.00

Total Project Expense (break down matching share totals from block #3)				
Budget Detail (Provide additional information in Block 7)	Grant Share (\$ Amount Requested)	Match (from block #3)		TOTAL
		Dollars	In-Kind	
Personnel / Labor:		\$127,425.00		\$127,425.00
Fringe Benefits:				\$0.00
Travel:		\$76,455.00		\$76,455.00
Equipment:				\$0.00
Supplies:	\$4,500.00	\$970.00		\$5,470.00
Contractual:	\$273,500.00			\$273,500.00
Construction:			\$37,250.00	\$37,250.00
Other:		\$50,000.00		\$50,000.00
Indirect Costs:	\$14,100.00			\$14,100.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	\$292,100.00	\$254,850.00	\$37,250.00	\$584,200.00

<b>Budget Narrative</b>	
5	<p>SUPPLIES-Purchase two reader boards to use on highways to advertise workshops &amp; WUI events-2 @ \$800=\$1,600; Info banners for workshops and other public events=\$500. Fuels reduction/defensible space information, brochures, packets, etc, for 400 owners in Island Park area=\$2,400.</p> <p>CONTRACTUAL-Four fuels reduction/defensible space demonstration sites @ \$9,000 ea.=\$36,000; fuels reduction along Yale Creek subdivision ROW (6.4 miles=50 acres) @ \$1,500/acre includes actual field work, contract prep, bid process, and administration=\$75,000; Two WUI educators X Salary \$16,000/yr. X 2 yr. =\$64,000; Training=\$500; 5 WUI Workshops @ \$2,500/ea.=\$12,500; Firewise Workshop=\$5,500; Localized Public Service Announcements- radio/newspaper=\$5,000, TV=\$15,000; Fire Risk Assessment &amp; Implementation Plan-Yale Creek=\$20,000; Yale Creek Structural Protection Plan=\$40,000. INDIRECT=\$14,100-Grant admin. by High Country RC&amp;D &lt;5%. MATCH 50 owners @\$690 ea.=\$34,500; Fire District volunteers and equipment at 5 Workshops @ \$550/workshop=\$2,750.</p>

<b>Project Area Description</b>	
6	<p>Yale Creek subdivision is approximately 640 acres, representing a small fraction of the high risk areas in the 400,000 acre landscape. It is located on the west side of the larger landscape. Fires historically move southwest to northeast in this landscape. This project enhances the fuelbreaks provided by the existing subdivision road system by removing sufficient amount of vegetation along all of the subdivision roads to allow firefighters to have adequate firelines to work from when suppressing fires in this area. This project will also allow for timely and orderly evacuation of persons who live in the homes. This project combined with Forest Service, BLM, and IDL treatments will provide a fuelbreak along the west side of the landscape. The mixed conifer forest consists primarily of mature large diameter Douglas-fir, some subalpine fir and lodgepole pine, with a small component of aspen. The understory is comprised of fir seedlings and saplings, and mountain shrub species. Ladder fuels abound, as do defoliated fir in the understory.</p>

<b>Scope of Work</b>	
7	<p>The proposed project area is identified as a high priority in the Fremont County Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The Yale Creek area is comprised of 13 subdivisions, all of which are rated as High or Extreme fire risk as determined by the Fremont County RedZone project. Grant funds will be used to enhance fuel breaks provided by 6.4 miles of existing subdivision roads and easements, create turnarounds for fire apparatus, open routes for safe ingress and egress, and reduce fuels around structures. Activities will include thinning (minimum 10-foot crown diameter spacing), pruning of live trees, and reduction of slash through burning, mulching, and/or by removal of biomass. Education on the need for fuels mitigation in the WUI and cost-share opportunities will occur via radio, TV, print media, and direct mailings to homeowners. Fremont County will host three workshops that will be held in conjunction with three demonstration projects with willing landowners in the project area. Two contractors will be hired to work four months during the summer/fall months with the homeowners on the types of fuel treatments and fuelbreaks. Agency partners will encourage subdivisions to obtain Firewise USA Community status where possible. Mitigation activities will be carried out by landowners on their properties to support and enhance the fuels reduction taking place along the ROW. Treatments on private lands will provide enhanced protection for numerous homes, businesses, and critical infrastructure, as well as increasing the safety of firefighters in the project area. Removing trees along all access roads will allow firefighters to take a stand and decrease crown fires along the roads. Funds will be used to develop two plans for the Yale Creek Area that will become addendums to the Fremont County CWPP. This project will also incorporate monitoring and updates to the Fremont County CWPP.</p>

8	<b>Project Summary (check all that apply and answer related questions)</b>		
	<b>Project Category 1: Hazard Fuels Reduction / Fire Adapted Ecosystem Restoration</b> Yes		
	<b>Number of acres to be treated:</b>	50	<b>Estimated cost per acre:</b> \$1,500.00
	<b>Number of communities directly affected by this project:</b> 13 Yale Creek Subdivisions		
	<b>Project Category 2: Information &amp; Education</b> Yes		
	<b>Number of citizens to be reached:</b>	456 in Yale Creek, 1000 in Island Park	
	<b>Project Category 3: Planning</b> Yes		
	<b>Number of residences affected:</b>	152	

9	<b>Interagency Collaboration</b>		
	This project stems from the Island Park Sustainable Fire Community Collaborative. Fremont County – technical assistance, staff services, risk map and CWPP updates, develop evac. plan, dev geospatial database; Ashton/Island Park Ranger district –coordination of collaborative landscape planning, technical assistance, community education; Island Park Volunteer Fire Dept.- technical assistance, develop evac. plan, education; West Yellowstone Fire Dept.- community education, technical assistance; IDL- landscape planning, technical assistance; Harriman State Park- education, landscape planning, project implementation; High Country RC&D- grant administration, staff services, education; Hebgen Lake RD- landscape planning, education; USFS State and Private Forestry- financial resources; BLM- education, landscape planning, technical assistance; Northwest Management- site specific planning, treatment implementation, education of homeowners; Idaho Homeland Security- landscape planning; State Fire Marshal- technical assistance, landscape and project planning; Intermountain Regional Office- technical services, financial resources for Forest Service projects; Greater Yellowstone Coalition- landscape planning; Missoula Fire Lab- fire behavior model, planning.		
	<b>Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)</b>		
	<b>Does this community have a wildfire protection plan that follows the Healthy Forest Restoration Act CWPP guidelines?</b> Yes		
	<b>Is this project part of the plan?</b> Yes		
	<b>Where would we obtain a copy of this plan?</b> krichy@co.fremont.id.us		
	<b>Is this project identified in your Statewide Forest Resource Assessment and Strategy?</b> Yes		

10	<b>Project Timeline</b>	
	3/31/13 - Contract with ECO(s) to hire educators, complete risk assessment & implementation, & structural protection plans. 5/15/13 - Educators hired & trained. 8/31/13 - 2 demo sites installed, 2 workshops held, pre-contract work ROW fuels reduction completed, 1 radio PSA, 2 newspaper articles submitted to local media outlets, 13 HOA meetings attended providing info on project & WUI, 75 owners contacted, 20 homesite risk assessments & plans completed, 10 plans implemented. 12/31/13 Yale Creek Wildfire Risk Assessment & Implementation Plan completed, 100 homeowners contacted 40 homesite risk assessments & plans completed, 10 plans completed. 3/31/14 - Yale Creek Structural Protection Plan Completed, Contract for ROW fuels reduction completed & bid. 5/15/14 - Educators hired & trained, 8/31/14 - 2 demonstration sites installed, 3 workshops completed, TV PSA submitted to local stations, 7 HOA meetings attended, 10/31/14 -ROW project completed, 150 owners contacted, 40 plans, 20 implemented.	

<b>Maintenance / Sustainability</b>	
11	<p>The goal of this project is to increase awareness across the landscape about wildland fire safety and living responsibly in a sustainable fire community. Landowners will sign a cost-share agreement committing to maintain the results of the approved and funded practices for 5 years after completion. The goal of the mitigation and thinning of the landowners' property is to reduce the fire risk, provide defensible space around structures, allow for safe ingress and egress routes, and to maintain and restore fire adapted ecosystems. Vegetative treatments can be expected to last a minimum of 8-15 years before conifer in-growth results in hazardous ladder fuels and/or reduced crown spacing. Landowners will be encouraged to treat regeneration while it is young and easier/cheaper to deal with and to promote the planting and growth of aspen and other fire resistant species. Young sapling and pole-sized stands will require additional treatments of in-growth sooner than mature stands will. The Island Park Sustainable Fire Community, working through Fremont County, will continue to seek and receive grant funds to oversee and administer landowner assistance and public education programs regarding fire prevention. Homeowner's associations will be encouraged to seek and maintain Firewise Community USA status. Related annual Firewise Day events will educate new community members about wildland fire mitigation and provide a general refresher on Firewise concepts for everyone.</p>

<b>Landscape Scale</b>	
12	<p>This project has the support of the Idaho Lands Resource Coordinating Council and is listed as a high priority in Idaho's Forest Action Plan. The focus area is part of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) and includes all lands surrounding the city of Island Park. The focus area extends from the top of the Ashton Hill north, and east and west to the Ashton/Island Park Ranger District boundaries. West Yellowstone, Montana, west of the focus area, is included in this landscape as well. The greater good resulting from the proposed grant activities is reducing future fire suppression costs, increasing safety of firefighters in the subdivision area as well as federal lands, and reducing risks to residents in Shotgun Valley as well as Yale Creek, a highly populated subdivision. The education activities proposed in this grant will also provide more opportunity to entice other landowners to implement fire and fuels mitigations in their areas, and to educate the visiting public about fire working as a natural disturbance agent on this landscape. The proposed treatments would also lead to a landscape that is collectively more resilient to large-scale future disturbances such as wildfire and bark beetle epidemics. The social landscape is based on tourism and recreational activities. The area is one of the main snowmobile destinations in the GYE. Fishing, camping, floating, sightseeing, hiking, hunting, skiing, and off-highway vehicle uses are the most popular activities in the focus area. Island Park relies on the recreational opportunities to support the community. Island Park has a large summer home population with private in-holdings interspersed with National Forest System Lands. A change in the surrounding landscape due to fire, or other large disturbance, would disrupt this type of economy.</p>

**ALL INFORMATION MUST FIT INTO THE BOXES PROVIDED. ATTACHMENTS AND/OR MODIFICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE.**

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BUNDLE I

	Acres	M. Units	TOTAL \$ REQS	Product Total	Type Product	REF. FAP	CWFP	PARTNER
CAL WOOD	10	3	10,750 .5	21,500	FB	Yes	Yes	CSFS *MAP
LHFPD	32.5	25-40 DS	25,000 .5	50,000	DS	Kinda	Yes	USFS CSFS FIREWISE
BMFPD	23	LINKED DS	29,000 .5	?	FB DS		Yes	YOUTH COOP COUNTY CSFS, HOA, LAND USE
FMFPD	37.5	1.5 ac ea. 25	87,500 .5		FB DS		Yes	*MAPS
	+75.							
	112.5							

Subtotal	178 ac		143,250					
Distric. DS	178 ac		156,750					
Fuels Reduction	360 ac		300,000					

875/D/S = 179 MAX DS AC  
875/AC = 179 AC MAX FUELS REDUCTION

BUNDLE II

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July 17, 2013

Marc McClish  
St. Anton Highlands First Addition HOA  
3714 Ridge Rd  
Nederland, CO 80466

Dear Marc McClish,

In August of 2012 you applied for a Colorado State Fire Assistance (SFA) Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Competitive Grant to mitigate wildfire risk through assessment, planning, education, fuel hazard reduction, and/or monitoring. I thank you for your patience in waiting for the results of the grant process.

The Colorado State Forest Service received 40 applications requesting over \$3.3 million. Through a competitive selection process 13 applications will share in the \$900,000 awarded.

Unfortunately, your application for SAHFA Defensible Spaces and Fuel Reduction Project 2012-2013 has not been funded.

I encourage you to continue to pursue mitigating wildfire risks in your community. Future applications may have a better chance for the limited grant funds if they clearly express the following:

- how the project will reduce wildfire risk;
- how the project will mitigate risk to communities in addition to individual homes (landscape scale);
- documentation that the project is part of a County Wildfire Plan and/or a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP);
- project narrative defines a clear plan of work with measurable points of accomplishment;
- project narrative defines a clear plan for maintenance and
- project is a cooperative, community based effort.

Many projects were not funded this year simply because there was not enough grant funding available and those applying are becoming more competitive.

Thank you for your interest in mitigating wildfire hazards in your community.

Sincerely,



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