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From: Dave Farmer [dfarmer@lamar.colostate.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2003 8:55 AM
To: Chuck Dennis
Cc: Michael G. Babler; Dave Hessel
Subject: RE: Stringtown Gulch

Chuck,

Thank you for your vote of confidence and the funding for the Stringtown Project! As I mentioned in our phone conversation, I am excited about this project and hope to have additional project proposals submitted by spring. I don't think it will be a problem absorbing the remaining funds needed for Stringtown from our allocated FRFTP dollars. Thanks again.

Dave

-----Original Message-----

From: Chuck Dennis [mailto:cdennis@rmi.net]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2003 7:44 AM
To: David A. Farmer
Cc: Michael G. Babler; Dave Hessel
Subject: Stringtown Gulch

Dave - Thanks again for your well-thought out proposal. I am approving \$96,000.00 for Service Contract work from the Companion Funds. The remaining items should be able to be absorbed by your existing spending authority allocated to your District from FRFTP funds. Congratulations - #1 out of the chute!

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Front Range Fuels Treatment Partnership Vegetative Management Program

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Stringtown Gulch Fuels Reduction Project

Project Funding Proposal

December 8, 2003

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**Front Range Fuels Treatment Partnership
Vegetation Management Program
Project Funding Proposal Form**

CSFS District: Fort Collins

Date: December 8, 2003

Cooperators: Stringtown Gulch Road Associations, Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department,
USFS - Canyon Lakes Ranger District

Project Name: Stringtown Gulch Fuels Reduction

Funding Type Requested: *Companion Funds* *FRFTP Funds* *Planning Funds*

- Have you applied for any other grants for this project? *Yes* *No*

- If so, which other grants have you applied for?

Legal Description: Sections 25&26, 32-35 T7N R71W; Section 3 T6N R71W

Common Name of Property or Parcel: Stringtown Gulch

Parcel Number: various

County: Larimer

Prescription: Fuels reduction, thinning, salvage, pile burning

Size of Practice: refer to attached treatment

Species: Lodgepole pine, ponderosa pine, Douglas-fir

Product to be Harvested: limited

Volume of Product: minimal

Estimated Direct Costs: \$258,000.00

Estimated Value (Gross): minimal

Estimated Duration: 12-24 months

Other Benefits*: in association with the current project area, will increase the fuel break area to the west. The project will also mitigate mountain pine beetle, ips beetle and dwarf mistletoe.

Project Narrative and Comments: This will be a continuation of the current Stringtown Gulch Fuels Reduction project. The Stringtown Gulch Road Association consists of 20 landowners and approximately 1,044 private acres surround by National Forest lands. Two state sections are in the vicinity.

One private landowner has been actively managing a 46-acre tree farm since the mid 1980s. He has recently completed 14.7 acres (thinning and patch cuts) and is interested in continuing a fuel break to the north and west along his property boundary. In 1995 this landowner, with assistance from the CSFS Fort Collins District, approached what was then the Estes-Poudre Ranger District regarding a cross boundary project to mitigate dwarf mistletoe and fuels. Canyon Lakes Ranger District began preparing a fuels reduction project in 1997. A service contractor began work on 144 USFS acres in 2001. The thinning portion of this project is nearly complete. Pile burning and a prescribed fire are planned to complete the project. Other landowners in the area have been thinning their property for many years and continue to be interested in fuels reduction, thinning, and bark beetle control. The project area is approximately 1.5 miles north of the Bobcat Fire that burned 10,600 acres in 2000.

The primary objective of this project is to create a 3½ to 4 mile long fuelbreak. Units on private property have also been identified for thinning to help break up the fuel continuity. Phase 1 consists of five landowners currently under agreement. Phases 2 and 3 consist of landowners not under agreement at this time. A few landowners will continue with current thinning projects in addition to the fuels treatment project. USFS and CSFS have identified Stringtown as an important cross boundary project.

(Attach Project Map)

**Colorado State Forest Service
Front Range Fuels Treatment Partnership
Project Cost Worksheet**

CSFS District: Fort Collins

Project Name: Stringtown Gulch Fuels Reduction

County: Larimer

Parcel Name: Stringtown Gulch

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Cost Elements: Costs are: Projected X

Actual

Item	Phase 1 (80 acres – est.)		Phase 2 (65 acres – est.)		Phase 3 (70 acres – est.)		Cost Totals
Salary	40 hrs x \$15/hr	\$600.00	35 hrs x \$15/hr	\$525.00	40 hrs x \$15/hr	\$600.00	\$1,725.00
Hourly	20 hrs x \$10/hr	\$200.00	15 hrs x \$10/hr	\$150.00	20 hrs x \$10/hr	\$200.00	\$550.00
Travel	None	\$0.00	None	\$0.00	None	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	Flagging/paint/etc	\$250.00	Flagging/paint/etc	\$250.00	Flagging/paint/etc	\$250.00	\$750.00
Printing/Copying		\$100.00		\$100.00		\$100.00	\$300.00
Vehicle	None	\$0.00	None	\$0.00	None	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	Service Contract	\$96,000.00	Service Contract	\$72,000.00	Service Contract	\$84,000.00	\$254,325
Subtotal	Companion funds	\$97,150.00	Companion funds	\$73,025.00	Companion funds	\$85,150.00	\$257,650.00
In-kind match	10 hrs x \$11.68/hr	\$116.80	10 hrs x \$11.68/hr	\$116.80	10 hrs x \$11.68/hr	\$116.80	350.40
TOTAL		\$97,266.80		\$73141.80		\$85266.80	\$258,000.40

Salary - Normally not included. Only use if other CSFS employees not paid by FRFTP funds will expend a significant amount of time on this project. (Total hours spent by permanent CSFS personnel driving to and from the project site, developing prescriptions, meeting with the landowner or contractor, flagging boundaries, marking trees for removal, cruising timber, calculating volumes, completing forms and permits, administering to removal, inspections, etc) **X** (current CSFS Hourly Rate)

Hourly - (Total hours spent, as above, by CSFS Hourly employee(s)) **X** (Specific Hourly Employee's Rate, including fringe benefits)

Travel - Include any travel costs associated with this project.

Supplies - Cost of flagging, marking paint, etc.

Printing & Copying - Self explanatory.

Vehicle - (Total Vehicle Mileage) **X** (Vehicle Mileage Rate)

These costs are normally not included. Only use if other CSFS vehicles not covered by FRFTP funds will be utilized to a significant degree on this project.

Other - List and describe below

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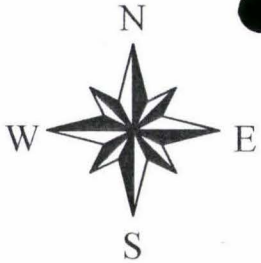
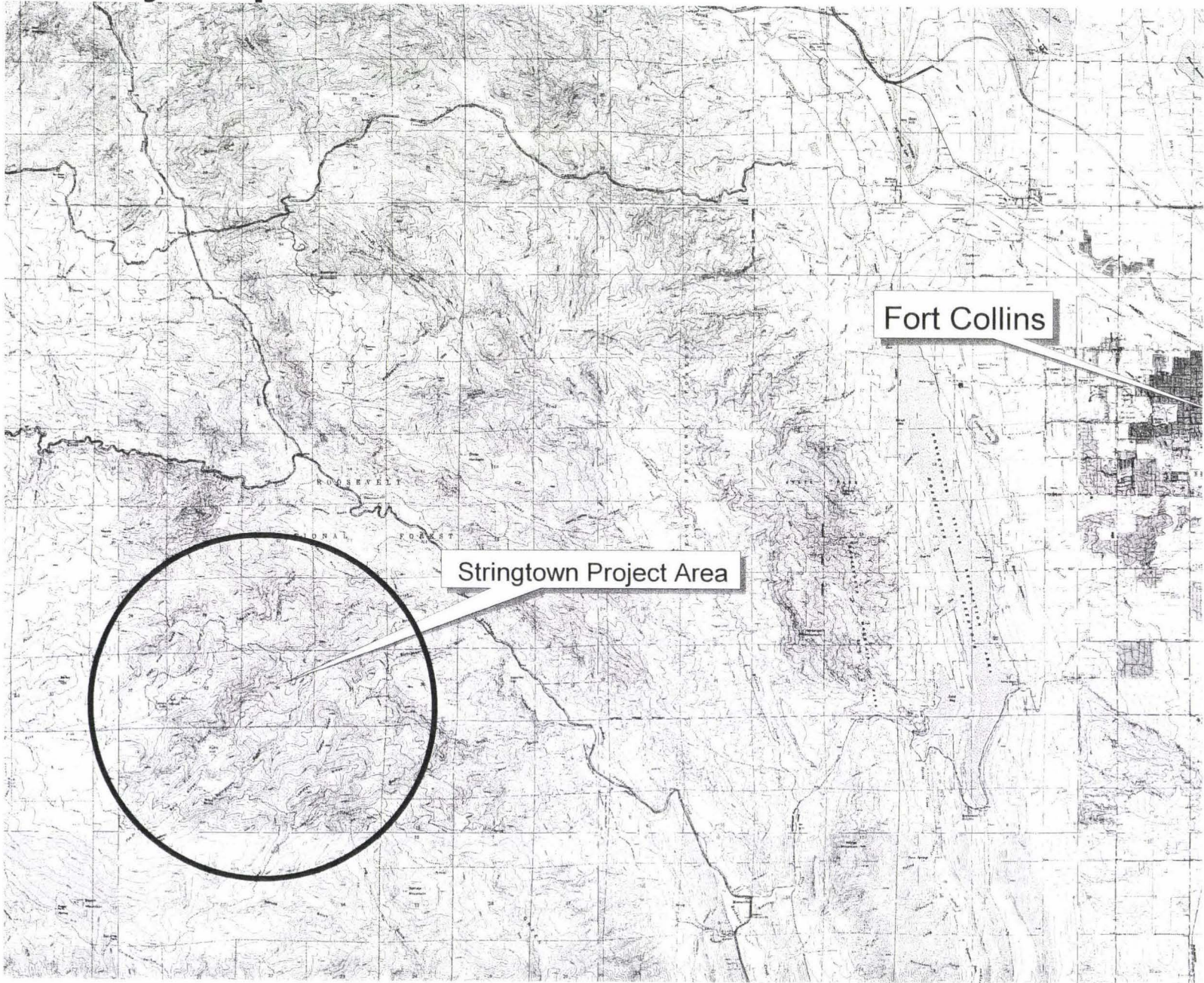
Funding Type Requested: Companion Funds X FRFTP Funds Planning Funds

STRINGTOWN FUELS REDUCTION PROJECT

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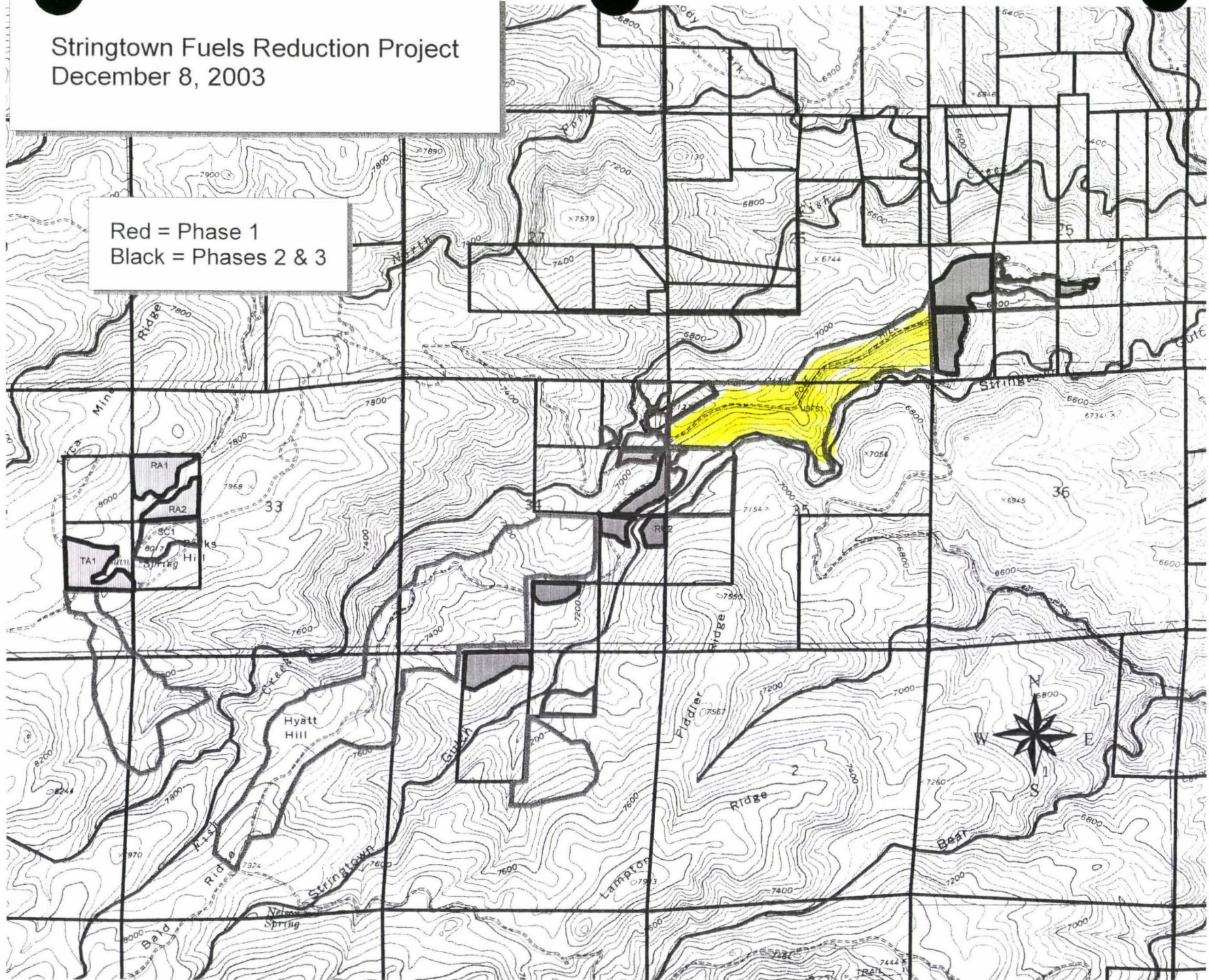
Unit #	Acres	Property Owner	Cover Type	Treatment(s)	Funding	Unit Status
PHASE 1						
BE1	10.6	Benshoof	Ponderosa pine/Douglas-fir	Fuelbreak	FRFTP (proposed)	planning
CA1	1.0	Castor/Bjorlo	Lodgepole pine	Fuelbreak/chip slash	FRFTP (proposed)	planning
CA2	3.7	Castor/Bjorlo	Ponderosa pine	TSL/hand pile & burn slash	Private	planning
CA3	1.3	Castor/Bjorlo	Ponderosa pine	Fuelbreak/hand pile & burn slash	FRFTP (proposed)	planning
CA4	4.6	Castor/Bjorlo	Ponderosa pine/Douglas-fir	Thinning/lop & scatter slash	Private	active
CA5	6.3	Castor/Bjorlo	Ponderosa pine	Thinning/hand pile & burn slash	FRFTP (proposed)	planning
HO-1	1.9	Hopper	Ponderosa pine	Fuelbreak	FRFTP (proposed)	planning
HO-2	8.2	Hopper	Ponderosa pine	Fuelbreak	FRFTP (proposed)	planning
HO-3	9.2	Hopper	Ponderosa pine	Fuelbreak	FRFTP (proposed)	planning
JA1	1.6	Jacobson	Ponderosa pine	Fuelbreak/chip slash	FRFTP (proposed)	planning
JA2	2.8	Jacobson	Ponderosa pine	Fuelbreak/chip slash	FRFTP (proposed)	planning
JA3	16.4	Jacobson	Ponderosa pine/Douglas-fir		FRFTP (proposed)	planning
SC1	16.3	Schaal	Ponderosa pine	Fuelbreak	FRFTP (proposed)	planning
TOTAL	83.9					
PHASE 2						
CO1	15.8	Coors/Pollock	Ponderosa pine	Fuelbreak/pile & burn slash	FRFTP (proposed)	pending
CO2	7.4	Coors/Pollock	Ponderosa pine	Fuelbreak/chip slash	FRFTP (proposed)	pending
DO-1	3.7	Dodd	Ponderosa pine	Fuelbreak	FRFTP (proposed)	pending
DO-2	9.3	Dodd	Ponderosa pine	Fuelbreak	FRFTP (proposed)	pending
FO-1	3.0	Fox	Ponderosa pine	Fuelbreak	FRFTP (proposed)	pending
NE1	14.8	Newman	Ponderosa pine	Fuelbreak	FRFTP (proposed)	pending
RU1	5.7	Rust	Ponderosa pine	Fuelbreak	FRFTP (proposed)	pending
RU2	5.9	Rust	Ponderosa pine/Douglas-fir	Thinning	Private	active
TOTAL	65.6					
PHASE 3						
BT	21.9	Berhardt	Ponderosa pine	Fuelbreak/chip slash	FRFTP (proposed)	proposed
RA1	17.4	Rapp	Ponderosa pine	Thinning	FRFTP (proposed)	proposed
RA2	11.6	Rapp	Ponderosa pine	Thinning	FRFTP (proposed)	proposed
TA1	21.2	Tapp	Ponderosa pine	Fuelbreak	FRFTP (proposed)	proposed
TOTAL	72.1					
USFS1	144.0	USFS	Ponderosa pine/Douglas-fir	Shelterwood, thinning, prescribed fire	USFS	active

Stringtown Fuels Reduction Project Vicinity Map



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Red = Phase 1
Black = Phases 2 & 3



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