

## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

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Colorado State Forest Service

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### Community Wildfire Protection Plan Development and Implementation Grant

🌲 **67 jobs associated with the grant (27.66 FTEs)**

🌲 **112 acres treated**

🌲 **Communities directly affected:**

Boulder

Cow Poke Ranch

Elk Valley

Estes Park

Florissant

Fort Collins

Happy Valley

Hartsel

Hot Sulphur Springs

Indian Creek

Lake George

Larkspur

Lone Ranger

Longmont

North Fork

Perry Park

Ridgewood

Sampson

Winter Park



*Contractor stands in area he thinned*

**Overview:** Employee turnover is not unusual in labor-intensive positions, and this quarter was no exception; at least four projects experienced turnover. Seven of the 12 active projects employed people that worked exclusively outdoors. The amount of activity and productivity slowed as daytime temperatures and length of daylight dropped. Despite the cold, several projects made significant progress.

### Project Highlights

#### *Anchor Point Group, LLC*

Three contractors worked on four projects in Grand, Boulder and Larimer counties. An 11-acre project near Estes Park was completed.

#### *Boulder County*

The CWPP Advisory Team held monthly meetings to analyze, develop and prioritize policy and programmatic recommendations for the plan. Colorado University students produced nine videos telling personal stories about wildfires and the importance of wildfire mitigation.

#### *Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP)*

Five new or updated CWPPs were completed and approved. A 40-acre fuels reduction project was completed in Douglas County and a 21-acre project was completed in Teller County.

#### *Perry Park Metropolitan District*

As weather permitted, the three year-round fire mitigation crew members burned small branch piles created in the summer and one very large debris pile. The crew continued fuels mitigation work.

#### *Town of Winter Park*

Winter Park did not use ARRA funds during the first three months of 2011.

#### *Poudre Fire Authority (PFA)*

A CWPP outline was created. Now the task is to collect and assemble the information identified in the outline. Maps illustrating updated data have been drafted.

### **High-Priority Forest Restoration and Fuels Mitigation Grant**

🌲 **81 jobs** associated with the grant (39.78 FTEs)

🌲 **220 acres** treated

🌲 **Communities directly affected:**

*Aguilar  
Bergen Park  
Colorado Springs  
Denver Metro area  
Del Norte  
Genesee  
Gould  
Monte Vista  
Montrose  
Stonewall*



*Contractor for El Paso County project*



*Crew walks into project area in Genesee Park*

### ***Project Highlights Continued***

#### ***Colorado Division of Wildlife***

The Division of Wildlife did not use ARRA funds during the first three months of 2011.

#### ***Colorado Youth Corps Association***

CYCA did not use ARRA funds during the first three months of 2011.

#### ***Denver Mountain Parks***

The contracted crew moved to the lower elevation Genesee Park forest restoration project. Trees were thinned on nearly 100 acres. Slash will be chipped or scattered.

#### ***Delta Timber Company***

Delta fulfilled the sub-grant requirements. The mill runs more efficiently with dedicated saw and planer crews.

#### ***El Paso County Sheriff's Office***

Two contractors worked on two US Highway 115 auxiliary roads. Half the project was completed during the quarter for a total of 77 acres.

#### ***Focused on the Forest, LLC***

Progress was made in marketing and business plan development; however, by mutual agreement, the sub-grant contract was terminated March 31, 2011. Future business efforts will concentrate on federal contracts ineligible for grant funds.

#### ***ForestWise (formerly M S Forest, LLC)***

The crew worked on two properties below Cucharas Pass. Filling two sawyer positions proved challenging. Five new hires lasted less than a month. The positions are now filled with non-local experienced sawyers.

#### ***Intermountain Resources, LLC, in receivership***

Funds continue to pay millworkers and contractors.

#### ***Rocky Mountain Timber Products, Inc.***

Circular and band saws were abuzz as the mill continued to fill orders. All mill positions remain filled.

#### ***City of Steamboat Springs***

With a better than average snowpack, the last bit of close-out work in the forest is on hold.