

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

April – June 2010 Report

Colorado State Forest Service

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Community Wildfire Protection Plan Development and Implementation Grant

 **71** jobs tied to grant
(26.89 FTEs)

 **188** acres treated

 Communities directly
affected:

Boulder

Colorado Mountain Estates

Granby

Hartsel

Lake George

Larkspur

Longmont

Navajo Mountain Mesa

Wagon Tongue

Winter Park



*The Larkspur Fire Department
Fuels Mitigation Crew*

Overview: Twelve projects were active at the end of June. Jobs tied to the CWPP grant increased 108% while jobs tied to the forest restoration grant decreased 17% because Delta Timber Company, with 36 employees tied to ARRA, completed their grant obligations.

Project Highlights

Anchor Point Group, LLC

One of the 21 fuels reduction projects was completed in May. Grand County's road right-of-way thinning project was extended an additional 43 acres.

Boulder County

The core team meets every other month, with periodic work group meetings. The next step is to conduct a county-wide risk and hazard assessment. The assessment work group is exploring analysis options based on existing good data.

Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP)

Five CWPP implementation projects have been identified for ARRA funding based on community applications to CUSP. The CUSP field crew thinned trees on 19 acres and chipped slash on 26 acres.

Perry Park Metropolitan District

The newly-created 11-person Larkspur Fire Department fuels mitigation crew began work on Perry Park projects in May. Private mitigation contractors continue to work on land accessible to equipment that cuts and chips trees. The mitigation crew is working in the tougher terrain and has thinned 43 acres.

Town of Winter Park

The town hired a Grand County firm, Willow Creek Logging to cut 11,688 trees within the Union Pacific railroad easement. Willow Creek will make products from the material and the town will dispose of the slash. The project retains 10 contractor jobs and created two town seasonal positions.

High-Priority Forest Restoration and Fuels Mitigation Grant

🔥 **108 jobs tied to grant**
(46.95 FTEs)

🔥 **410 acres treated**

🔥 **Communities directly affected:**

Aguilar

Del Norte

Delta

Durango

Gould

Grand Junction

Montrose

Kremmling

Oak Creek

South Fork

Steamboat Springs

Trinidad



Rocky Mountain Youth Corps saw crew at Pearl Lake State Park



Focused on the Forest builds with beetle-killed lodgepole pine

Project Highlights Continued

Colorado Division of Wildlife

Rue Logging, Inc. was awarded the hydro-axe contract in June. Already 45 acres of oak brush have been completed in Perins Peak State Wildlife Area.

Colorado Youth Corps Association

In June, three youth corps saw crews began fuels reduction work in four state parks. Fifty-seven acres were completed on the State Forest in Jackson County. The crews are addressing wildfire and safety issues related to extensive lodgepole pine mortality caused by mountain pine beetle.

El Paso County Sheriff's Department

Knotty Pines, a fuels mitigation business, was selected to set up and implement the 145-acre project along SW Colo. Highway 115. Kiva Dog will administer the contract for the county.

Focused on the Forest, LLC

The business continues to develop and expand its markets beyond Jackson County. Focus on the Forest revised staff positions and responsibilities to take advantage of opportunities and enhance its business and marketing performance.

ForestWise, formerly M S Forest, LLC

The company continued mechanical thinning on the Bosque del Oso State Wildlife Area near Weston, Colo. Over 1000 tons of woody biomass was removed from 136 acres. ForestWise is test marketing a product with a major, national big-box store.

Rocky Mountain Timber Products, Inc.

Recruitment of an additional four to five skilled employees dedicated exclusively to the sawmill has been a challenge.

City of Steamboat Springs

Project work focused on the Steamboat Springs Ski Resort and the subdivision north of the resort. By invitation, 35 people employed in forest management, watched the cable logging operation in June.

Denver Mountain Parks, will initiate their projects late summer 2010. Delta Timber completed their grant project in February.