

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

April – June 2011 Report

Colorado State Forest Service

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Community Wildfire Protection Plan Development and Implementation Grant

🔥 **91 jobs associated with the grant (35.51 FTEs)**

🔥 **232 acres treated**

🔥 **Communities directly affected:**

Boulder

Eldorado Springs

Elk Creek

Florissant

Fort Collins

Hartsel

Hot Sulphur Springs

Indian Mountain

Lake George

Larkspur

Longmont

Lost Dutchman

Perry Park

Redstone Canyon

Ridgewood

Sampson

Seven Hills

Ute Lakes

Woodrock



Open house at Poudre Fire Authority

Overview: As temperatures warmed, activity increased on several projects, raising the number of jobs associated with the grants. The program manager reviewed the rate of spending by each sub-recipient to ensure grant funds would be utilized by the deadline. High-Priority Forest Restoration and Fuels Mitigation sub-recipients applied for \$150,500 of unused funds that were available for redistribution.

Project Highlights

Anchor Point Group, LLC

The ground dried enough to finish the last project in Grand County. Two projects in Boulder County and one in Larimer County also were completed by contractors and fire department crews.

Boulder County

The county hazard assessment is nearing completion. The Public Advisory Team presented Boulder County Commissioners with 13 policy and programmatic recommendations for the countywide CWPP.

Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP)

Sixteen Woodrock subdivision landowners participated in the CUSP fuels reduction project. The neighboring state wildlife area also was treated. In addition, three CWPPs were completed.

Perry Park Metropolitan District

Four returning and four new crewmembers round out the 11-person Larkspur Fire Department fuels mitigation crew for the 2011 season. Private contractors treated 32 acres.

Town of Winter Park

The town requested bids for their final project. A contractor was selected, and work will begin next quarter.

Poudre Fire Authority (PFA)

The Crystal Fire provided an opportunity for PFA to talk with community members. Lessons learned from the fire will be incorporated into the CWPP. More than 100 people attended an open house in June.

High-Priority Forest Restoration and Fuels Mitigation Grant

🔥 **138 jobs associated with the grant (56.08 FTEs)**

🔥 **254 acres treated**

🔥 **Communities directly affected:**

Aguilar

Colorado Springs

Delta

Denver Metro area

Del Norte

Durango

Gould

Lookout Mountain

Monte Vista

Montrose

Moss Rock

Steamboat Springs

Stonewall



ForestWise contractor sharpens saw



CDOW contractor clears brush

Project Highlights Continued

Colorado Division of Wildlife

The Division of Wildlife hired a contractor to clear brush on what will be a 10-foot wide control line for a proposed 93-acre prescribed burn.

Colorado Youth Corps Association

Youth corps crews began their season the end of May and are working on projects in Golden Gate Canyon State Park and the State Forest.

Denver Mountain Parks

The 112-acre Genesee Park forest restoration project was completed. The contracted crew is now working at Lookout Mountain.

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

The 142-acre US Highway 115 auxiliary road project was completed in April. The sub-grant now partially funds a county employee to supervise an AmeriCorps crew.

Focused on the Forest, LLC

The sub-grant contract ended March 31, 2011. Future business efforts will concentrate on federal contracts ineligible for grant funds.

ForestWise (formerly M S Forest, LLC)

Two thinning projects that began over the winter were completed for a total of 200 acres. The crew is now thinning trees on another private parcel in Las Animas County.

Intermountain Resources, LLC, in receivership

Funds continue to pay millworkers and contractors.

Rocky Mountain Timber Products, Inc.

Overall, mill production remained constant. The log supply dwindled during mud season, but is back on track so the mill can stay current with orders.

City of Steamboat Springs

The ground was too soft to finish the last project details.