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July – September 2010 Report



Colorado State Forest Service

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Community Wildfire Protection Plan Development and Implementation Grant

-  77 jobs associated with the grant (33.93 FTEs)
-  154 acres treated
-  Communities directly affected:
 - Boulder
 - Colorado Mountain Estates
 - Elk Valley
 - Granby
 - Hartsel
 - Hot Sulphur Springs
 - Lake George
 - Larkspur
 - Longmont
 - Perry Park
 - Red Canyon
 - Rollinsville
 - Roosevelt Ridge
 - Seven Hills
 - Winter Park



Removing trees in the railroad easement - Winter Park

Overview: Thirteen projects were active during the three-month timeframe. Jobs associated with the Community Wildfire Protection (CWPP) grant increased 26 percent, while jobs associated with the forest restoration grant increased 53 percent.

Project Highlights

Anchor Point Group, LLC

Sixteen fuels reduction projects in Gilpin, Grand, Boulder and Larimer counties were awarded to contractors and are in various stages of completion.

Boulder County

The 6,181-acre Fourmile Canyon Fire in Boulder County nullified some of the risk assessment data collected by the assessment work group. Time has been extended to complete the countywide assessment.

Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP)

While the CUSP field crew continued to thin trees, private contractors began work on several projects in or adjacent to subdivisions in Teller County.

Perry Park Metropolitan District

The Larkspur Fire Department fuels mitigation crew continued to thin trees on metro district land adjacent to federal land. In addition, private contractors mitigated fuels along road right-of-ways.

Town of Winter Park

Willow Creek Logging, LLC completed the railroad easement project in early August. The final tally on the 75-acre project was 21,000 trees cut.

Poudre Fire Authority (PFA)

The CSFS funded the \$135,000 project after a review of the grant budget and reduction in administration costs in July. PFA will update its 2006 CWPP to include 25,000 acres of Fort Collins Natural Areas. Two term positions will be created.

High-Priority Forest Restoration and Fuels Mitigation Grant

- 🔥 **194** jobs associated with the grant (71.80 FTEs)
- 🔥 **1,867** acres treated
- 🔥 Communities directly affected:
 - Aguilar
 - Colorado Springs
 - Denver Metro area
 - Del Norte
 - Delta
 - Durango
 - Gould
 - Grand Junction
 - Montrose
 - Kremmling
 - Oak Creek
 - South Fork
 - Steamboat Springs
 - Trinidad



Western Colorado Conservation Corps saw crew at Sylvan Lake



Hydro-axe operator and contract administrator at Perins Peak SWA

Project Highlights Continued

Colorado Division of Wildlife

Hydro-axes created openings in thick oak brush on 1,352 acres in the Perins Peak State Wildlife Area. Durango-based Horizon Environmental Services, Inc. planted 28,500 ponderosa pine seedlings.

Colorado Youth Corps Association

Most of the 2010 fuels mitigation work was wrapped up in September. Crews from six youth corps cut trees in six state parks, treating more than 200 acres.

Denver Mountain Parks

Denver County hired a forester that will oversee the project, and a contractor has been selected.

*Delta Timber Company**

Delta Timber did not use ARRA funds for the three months reported.

El Paso County Sheriff's Department

On-the-ground work began in July. The contractor is thinning roadside vegetation to create safer passage in the event of an evacuation.

*Focused on the Forest, LLC**

The business is developing a niche retail market for the dead lodgepole pine it cuts in northern Colorado.

ForestWise (formerly M S Forest, LLC)

Thinning on the Bosque del Oso State Wildlife Area was completed, and fire mitigation/forest restoration work recently began on private land in Las Animas County.

*Rocky Mountain Timber Products, Inc.**

The business hired two new employees. Orders for wood products have been steady at the small mill.

City of Steamboat Springs

The project end is in sight. The logging contractor is hauling the last logs, piling slash, closing temporary roads and rehabbing permanent roads. More than 3,000 tons of logs were removed. Only six acres remain to be cut.

**After reviewing the CSFS grant budget in July, the forest industry retention sub-grant recipients were approved for additional funding equating to 4.5 percent of their original sub-grant.*