

## American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

October-December 2009 Report

Colorado State Forest Service

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### Community Wildfire Protection Plan Development and Implementation Grant

🌲 **20 jobs tied to grant (4.43 FTEs)**

🌲 **4 community meetings**

🌲 **10.25 acres treated**

🌲 **Communities directly affected:**

*Fairplay/Alma*

*Lake George*

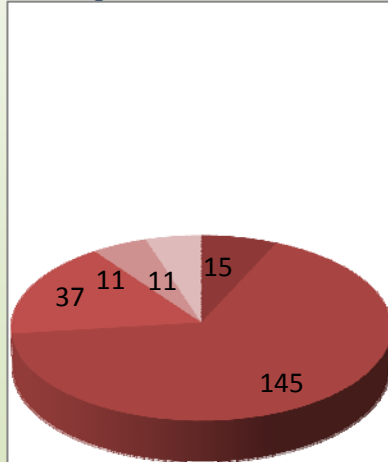
*Perry Park*

*Ridgewood*

*West Creek*

*Woodland Park*

### Anticipated Job Creation



- Wood Extractors
- Wood Processors
- Forest Technicians
- Project Managers
- Support Personnel

**Overview:** Nov. 1, 2009, was the effective date of the 15 sub-grants from the Colorado State Forest Service. Even though the grant period began during the onset of winter, eight awardees initiated their projects.

### Project Highlights

#### *Anchor Point Group, LLC*

Anchor Point hired a project manager and forest technician for upcoming field work in Gilpin, Grand, Larimer and Boulder counties. A stakeholder meeting was held in each county to identify initial project areas.

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

Community Wildfire Protection Plans are in progress for Fairplay/Alma and Woodland Park. CUSP was able to initiate the process prior to receiving the grant with assistance from a contractor and an agreement with the Colorado Environmental Coalition. The CUSP field crew thinned trees and chipped slash on 10.25 acres of private forest land in Park and Teller counties. Four employees were hired.

#### *Perry Park Metropolitan District*

Initial projects were identified, and the Metro District board and consulting forester rallied the residents of Perry Park as preliminary work gets underway prior to cutting vegetation.

#### *Boulder County*




Work will begin in 2010.

#### *Town of Winter Park*

Work will begin in late spring 2010.

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

-  **82 jobs tied to grant**  
(33.02FTEs)
-  **39 acres treated**
-  **Communities directly  
affected:**  
Aguilar  
Del Norte  
Delta  
Montrose  
Spring Creek  
Steamboat Springs  
Trinidad  
Walsenburg



*M S Forest, LLC crew limbing trees*



*Delta Mill*

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### **Project Highlights Continued**

#### *Delta Timber Company*

Delta Timber added 26 employees to their wood products business and retained 16 positions. With the additional workforce, the business processed 4,920 tons of wood that were delivered to the mill as a result of national forest projects implemented in November and December. The wood was made into lumber, wood shavings and animal bedding.

#### *Intermountain Resources, LLC*

Eleven mill workers were funded through ARRA. The Montrose-based mill produces kiln-dried lumber.

#### *M S Forest, LLC*

Two forestry crew positions and three licensed, commercial drivers joined the retained workforce of nine in December. The company, located in Aguilar, is mechanically thinning on the Bosque del Oso State Wildlife Area. Twenty-five tons of woody biomass were removed from 10 acres and will be utilized as firewood and shavings by the company and another local business.

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

The Del Norte-based business hired five new positions that included a sawmill manager/supervisor, resaw operator, maintenance position and two heavy equipment operators to complement their existing workforce.

#### *City of Steamboat Springs*

Rogue Resources put their crews to work in December cutting trees on land owned by the City of Steamboat Springs. Groups of trees on 19 acres adjacent to the Fish Creek Community were removed for fire mitigation purposes.

The Colorado Division of Wildlife in Durango, Colorado Youth Corps Assoc., Denver Mountain Parks, El Paso County Sheriff's Office and Focused on the Forest LLC will initiate their projects in 2010.