

## 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

 **125 jobs** associated with the grant (39.15 FTEs)

 **368 acres** treated

 **Communities directly affected:**

Boulder

Elk Valley

Fort Collins

Granby

Hartsel

Hot Sulphur Springs

Lake George

Larkspur

Longmont

Perry Park

Pole Hill

Rollinsville

Winter Park



*CUSP crew members chip branches*

**Overview:** Summer momentum carried into fall and many projects were completed during October and November. Acres treated through the CWPP grant rose more than 100 percent. As reflected by the lower FTE numbers, ARRA-related work tapered off for many sub-recipients as they met all or most of their grant obligations and snow began to accumulate.

### Project Highlights

#### Anchor Point Group, LLC

At quarter's end, 14 of 20 fuels reduction projects in Gilpin, Grand, Boulder and Larimer counties were completed and 275 acres thinned.

#### Boulder County

A poster and news release announced the new webpage launched by Boulder County to gather citizen input. Residents are asked to make CWPP recommendations and serve on a public advisory team.

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

While the CUSP field crew continued to thin trees, private contractors completed two fuels reduction projects in Teller County. Nine new or updated CWPPs are in progress.

#### Perry Park Metropolitan District

The Larkspur Fire Protection District fuels mitigation crew completed its six month 2010 season in October. Three year-round crew members continue to thin trees in Perry Park.

#### Town of Winter Park

Winter Park did not use ARRA funds for the three months reported.

#### Poudre Fire Authority (PFA)

The Wildland Outreach Planning Initiative website is almost completed, and will link to individual home assessment and educational materials. Three Fort Collins natural area burn plans were created and approved for implementation.

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

🌲 **143** jobs associated with the grant (46.60 FTEs)

🌲 **323** acres treated

🌲 Communities directly affected:

*Aguilar*

*Aspen Springs*

*Bergen Park*

*Colorado Springs*

*Denver Metro area*

*Del Norte*

*Delta*

*Gould*

*Montrose*

*Kremmling*

*Oak Creek*

*Steamboat Springs*

*Turkey Cañon, El Paso Co.*



*Mile High Youth Corpsmembers at Staunton State Park*



*Unloading log truck at Delta Timber*

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

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

Billing for summer activities was completed and 97 percent of the sub-grant is now reimbursed.

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

A Mile High Youth Corps saw crew worked in two state parks and reduced fuel quantities on three private properties during the first six weeks of the quarter.

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

In October, the contractor began the 55-acre Pence Mountain Park fuels mitigation project. The crew has thinned 15 acres of lodgepole pine.

#### ***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 Department***

Thinning projects adjacent to two county roads were completed. The contractor continues work on a third road system. Nearly 50 acres were thinned.

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

FOTF added staffing to develop new wood utilization activities. Existing staff splits its time between ongoing forest stewardship and clientele services.

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

Two private property projects in Las Animas County were completed and a third is in progress for a total of 66 acres.

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

In October, the receivership applied for and obtained the remaining ARRA funds originally awarded to the mill. Funds are paying millworkers and contractors.

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

The positive trend continues with a steady demand for spruce wood products and all employee positions filled.

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

Tree harvesting was completed as well as much of the permanent and temporary road rehab work. Debris piles will be burned this winter.