



Town of Green Mountain Falls

Board of Trustees Special Meeting Agenda

10615 Green Mountain Falls Road

Green Mountain Falls, CO 80819

Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

In-person meeting with YouTube Streaming via the [Town's Channel](#)

SPECIAL MEETING:

TIME*		ITEM	DESIRED OUTCOME
7:00	1.	CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	
7:05	2.	ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, OR CORRECTION TO THE AGENDA	
7:10	3.	NEW BUSINESS a. Grant Application: 2022 Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program	BOT Action Desired
7:30	4.	ADJOURN	

*Please note: Times are approximate.

**The Town shall provide reasonable accommodation for those with disabilities on a case-by-case basis. Please send accommodation requests to clerk@gmfco.us by 4pm on the date of the meeting.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMO

DATE: 02/09/2022	Agenda Item 3a	SUBJECT: 2022 COSWAP Grant Opportunity
Presented by: Nate Scott, Town Clerk/Treasurer		

Background: The Town of Green Mountain Falls has been approached by staff from the Mile High Youth Corps about a grant opportunity that could have a huge impact on the Town's fire mitigation efforts. This is a state-sponsored program, called Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program (COSWAP). There are two types of projects targeted (direct mitigation work or mitigation workforce training) with two funding mechanisms: crew time awards (work done by a group accredited by CO Youth Corps Association) or cash awards.

The Town would apply for a crew time award, with the work to be done by the Mile High Youth Corps, which is a CYCA-accredited group, has a local presence based in Colorado Springs, and staff who are familiar with Green Mountain Falls. Crew time awards range from six to twenty-five weeks and the work must be completed by December 31, 2023. The application requires a map highlighting focus areas (see application document), and the plan is to include the following for potential work:

1. Town parcel 8308307035, a 16.37-acre space above Mountain Avenue, containing Thomas Trail.
2. Priority egress routes: Ute Pass Ave/Green Mountain Falls Rd, Hondo Ave, Belvidere Ave, Park Ave/Pine St.
3. Undeveloped Town rights-of-way, which can serve as neighborhood fuel breaks.
4. Land along and below Thomas, Catamount and Bratton Trails in the following:
 - a. El Paso County parcel 8308307001, between parcel 8308307035 and the county line, and
 - b. Teller County parcel R0011069, which contains the intersection of the Catamount and Bratton trails.

The packet was released on February 1, and it recommends applying by the first deadline, which is Monday, February 14. Staff and the FMAC believe the Town has a great chance of securing this grant by applying early and with a clear, demonstrated need for this work. David Douglas, FMAC Chair, has volunteered to be the main contact for project management, with scheduled help from other FMAC members and staff as necessary. Staff would be responsible for all required reporting and logistical grant management.

The FMAC recommends approval of this grant application.



Green Mountain Falls, CO

**Board of Trustees Special Meeting
Februar 11, 2022**

**Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action
Plan Grant Funding Application**

Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program (COSWAP Grant) - DNR

- Total amount available: \$3 million
- Fuels Mitigation Projects must be completed by December 31, 2023
- Green Mountain Falls is within the Strategic Focus Area as defined by the program
- Up to 25 weeks of mitigation will occur within 200 acres of selected Town land
- Green Mountain Falls will apply for a Crew Time Award grant with Mile High Youth Corp as its partner in this project. MHYC is an accredited organization under the grant.
- Green Mountain Falls will apply the maximum funding available which is 25 weeks of Crew Time at \$10,800 per week = \$270,000
- No matching funds required
- Project management, oversight, and reporting will be the responsibility of the FMAC and a team of volunteers. The Chair of the FMAC is designated as the Project Manager. A memo of Agreement will be drafted to reflect this responsibility and the designated volunteers.
- Because this is a state wide grant, there is a high probability all funds will be awarded in the first application round established as February 14, 2022 and award notification March 31, 2022.
- Green Mountain Falls FMAC recommends BoT approval of the COSWAP Grant Application for submission on February 14, 2022.



COLORADO

**Strategic Wildfire
Action Program**

Department of Natural Resources

COSWAP Workforce Development Grant Application

Colorado Department of Natural Resource's Strategic Wildfire Action Program (COSWAP) has funding available to support wildfire mitigation work by conservation corps and the Department of Corrections (DOC) State Wildland Inmate Fire Teams (SWIFT), and funding to support wildfire mitigation workforce training. DOC SWIFT crew time is available statewide, while conservation corps and training opportunities are only available in the Strategic Focus Areas listed below.

Contact Information

If you have any questions regarding this application, please contact DNR staff:

Alison Lerch

Program Administrator

alison.lerch@state.co.us

Courtney Young

Program Facilitator

courtney.young@state.co.us

How to Apply

Applicants should review the Request for Applications (RFA) document found on the [COSWAP website](#) before filling out the application. The RFA includes important information on eligibility, timeline and process.

Applicants should submit a completed application combined into a single pdf file to courtney.young@state.co.us with "COSWAP-Application-Your Project Name" in the subject line. Hard copies will not be accepted.

This application is open to the following entities:

- Federal agencies
- State agencies (DNR divisions contact courtney.young@state.co.us for separate application)
- Local governments including counties, municipalities, fire protection districts and other special districts
- Tribes
- Public utilities with infrastructure or land ownership in areas of high wildfire risk
- Registered homeowner associations, property owners associations, formal neighborhood associations and road districts
- Wildfire Councils and/or wildfire, watershed or forest collaborative groups
- Non-profit organizations that promote fuel reduction projects, are engaged in prescribed fire projects, or natural resource management
- Conservation corps are eligible for cash awards but are not eligible to apply for crew time

DOC SWIFT crews are available STATEWIDE. Contact the Department of Corrections SWIFT Supervisor to discuss your project and determine if it is appropriate for DOC SWIFT crews. Questions can be directed to Dennis DeLong at dennis.delong@state.co.us, or by phone at 719-269-5783 (office) and 719-924-0372 (cell).

Conservation corps (CYCA accredited or non-CYCA accredited) and wildfire mitigation workforce training are available the following Strategic Focus Areas.

1. Boulder County
2. Douglas County
3. El Paso County
4. Jefferson County
5. La Plata County
6. Larimer County
7. Teller County
8. [Rocky Mountain Restoration Initiative](#) (RMRI) Focal Areas*
 - a. Southwest Colorado (Parts of Dolores, Montezuma, La Plata,
 - b. Upper Arkansas (Chaffee and Lake Counties)
 - c. Upper South Platte

*The Applicant does not need to be affiliated with RMRI to apply for funds, but we highly recommend connecting with RMRI partners to develop projects.

Contact the local corps representative to speak about your project. To locate the CYCA accredited conservation corps serving your area, please visit the Colorado Youth Corps Association's website: <https://www.CYC.org/hire-a-corps/>.

Boulder County Youth Corps Luiz Blanco-Bertolo, Program Manager lblanco-bertolo@bouldercounty.org 303-678-6104	Larimer County Conservation Corps Maelly Oropeza, Corps Manager morepeza@larimer.org 970-498-6630
Mile High Youth Corps Jesse Roehm, Associate Director jesser@mhyc.net 303-433-1206 Ext. 230	Rocky Mountain Youth Corps Ryan Banks, Program Director ryan@rockymountainyouthcorps.com 970-819-0533
Southwest Conservation Corps - Four Corners Clara Moulton, Director cmoulton@conservationlegacy.org 505-870-0153	Southwest Conservation Corps - Los Valles Anna Hendricks, Director ahendricks@conservationlegacy.org 719-580-3272

COSWAP Workforce Development Grant Application

Applications must be submitted by email to courtney.young@state.co.us and will be accepted on a continual basis while funding is available. DNR will begin reviewing applications on February 14, 2022.

Project name: GMF Healthy Forest Project	Date: 2/10/2022
APPLICANT INFORMATION	
Organization name (entity legally responsible for the project): Town of Green Mountain Falls, Colorado	
Project Manager: David Douglas	Title: Chair, Fire Mitigation Advisory Cmte (FMAC)
Mailing Address/City/State/Zip: PO Box 524 / Green Mountain Falls / CO / 80819	
Telephone (Work/Cell): 719-684-9414 / 281-610-1280	
Email: david@falconpartnersltd.com	
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANT	
Please select the workforce development grant that you are requesting. Fill in the appropriate application sections corresponding with your selection.	
<p>Crew Time Award Grants</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Department of Corrections SWIFT crew</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CYCA accredited conservation corps (Strategic Focus Areas ONLY)</p> <p>Cash Award Grants (Strategic Focus Areas ONLY)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cash grant for mitigation project completed by non-CYCA accredited conservation corps</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cash grant for wildfire mitigation workforce training (Proceed to page 4 to complete the Cash Grant Section)</p>	
MITIGATION PROJECT DETAILS	
Applicants requesting DOC SWIFT crews, CYCA accredited conservation corps crews or a cash grant for a mitigation project must complete this section. If requesting a cash grant for a training you do not need to fill this section.	
Is your project located in a Strategic Focus Area ? YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	
Project County: El Paso and Teller	Property owner: Town of GMF
If the project manager is different from the property owner, please describe that relationship.	
Property name (if applicable):	Project size (acreage): +- 90 acres
Desired month(s) and year(s) (2022, 2023) for project work: July 2022 - November 2023	Is this flexible and/or a multi-year project? Yes, the project is scalable based on grant outcome.
Approximate project and access coordinates (lat, long): Catamount TH access: 38° 56' 2.907", -105° 1' 48.3054"; Thomas TH access: 38° 55' 53.0724", -105° 1' 5.6316"; centroid of Town: 38° 56' 7.044", -105° 1' 14.5596"	
<p>The Project Manager is responsible for securing access and all necessary permits, licenses, clearances, and environmental analysis documentation necessary to comply with local, state, and/or federal laws.</p> <p>Place an X next to the appropriate status of due diligence. Complete <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In process <input type="checkbox"/></p>	

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (DOC) SWIFT CREWS

Applicants are required to speak with a DOC representative about their project before submitting a project request. This is the DOC contact that has reviewed this project and affirmed DOC is fully aware of and agrees to the scope of the project, crew time budget, and timeline.

DOC contact name:

Have you worked with this workforce partner before? YES ☐ NO ☐

DOC SWIFT CREW BUDGET- Crew Week Request and Crew Descriptions

SWIFT Day Crew - Up to a 20 person crew with two crew leaders that travels to and from the project site. All crew members are chainsaw trained and fully equipped with saws and safety gear. Crews are also able to assist in pile burning.

SWIFT Overnight Crew - Up to a 20 person crew with two crew leaders that camps near the project site or at a nearby facility. All crew members are chainsaw trained and fully equipped with saws and safety gear. Crews are also able to assist in pile burning.

Chipper - DOC can provide chipping services to a project on a per week basis.

Note: A SWIFT week is four days, Monday-Thursday or Tuesday-Friday

Crew type	Number of weeks requested (6 to 25)
SWIFT Day Crew	
SWIFT Overnight Crew	
Chipper	

PLEASE PROCEED TO PAGE 6, SECTION A-1 TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION

CYCA ACCREDITED CONSERVATION CORPS

Applicants are required to speak with a conservation corps representative about their project before applying for crew time awards. This is the contact who has reviewed this project and affirmed the organization is fully aware of and agrees to the type of crew, scope of the project, crew time budget, and timeline.

Name: CJ Runge

Title: Regional Manager: Southern Front Range Land Conservation

Telephone: 719-630-7421

Email: cassandrar@mhyc.net

Name of conservation corps: Mile High Youth Corps

Have you worked with this workforce partner before? YES ☒ NO ☐

CYCA ACCREDITED CONSERVATION CORPS BUDGET- Crew Week Request and Crew Descriptions

Day Crew (Non Specialty) - A crew that executes a project scope that does not require chainsaw use or herbicide application and travels to and from the project site every day and corps members go home at the end of the day. (Denver Metro area crews are usually day crews.)

Camping Crew (Non Specialty) - A crew that executes a project scope that does not require chainsaw use or herbicide application and camps at or near the project site.

Specialty (saw) Crew - For projects requiring chainsaw experience (fuel reduction, forest thinning), a specialty saw crew will have no less than 75% of its members chainsaw trained and fully equipped with saws and safety gear. These crews may camp on site or travel to the work site each day.

Specialty/Hybrid Crews- These crews are qualified to work on projects that require a significantly higher skill level. For example, the work may require that the crew camp in the backcountry and work above tree line for one or more project weeks. If a project only requires one or two chainsaws, we may be able to do a hybrid crew. These crews may camp on site or travel to the work site each day.

Fire Operations Crew- The crew consists of conservation service corps members certified as Type II wildland firefighters performing operations such as forest thinning, slash pile burning, serving on prescribed burns, suppressing active wildland fires and other projects requiring a wildland firefighter certification. These crews may camp on site or travel to the work site each day.

Crew type	Number of weeks requested (6 to 25)
Day Crew	
Camping Crew	
Specialty (saw) Crew	25
Specialty/Hybrid Crew	
Fire Operations Crew	

PLEASE PROCEED TO PAGE 6, SECTION A-1 TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION

CASH GRANT

Complete this section when requesting cash for wildfire mitigation workforce training or cash for a mitigation project completed by a non-CYCA accredited conservation corps.

Please indicate what you are requesting a cash grant for:

- ☐ Cash to pay a non-CYCA accredited conservation corps to complete a mitigation project
- ☐ S130/S190 Basic Fire School*
- ☐ S-212 Wildland Fire Chainsaws*
- ☐ TREX event*

*Participants of a training are required to complete a mitigation project within one year of completion

If you selected cash to pay for a conservation corps to complete a mitigation project please complete the following section:

Name of conservation corps:

Conservation corps contact:

Phone number:

Number of crew weeks required to complete your project:

Did you contact the conservation corps before applying for this grant? Yes ☐ No ☐

If you selected a mitigation or prescribed fire training, please complete the following rows:

Please explain how the training will increase your mitigation workforce. How many people will be trained? What are the trainees' relationships to your organization?

Demonstrate the need for this training. What is the projected outcome of this training opportunity? What is the long term vision for utilizing this training and those trained?

Cash grants for wildfire mitigation workforce training require a mitigation project to be completed by the trainees within a year. Describe the mitigation project you will be completing.

Project Name:

Project Location:

Number of acres treated:

Treatment type:

Tell us about your project. Extra consideration will be given to mitigation projects that reduce wildfire risk to lives, property and infrastructure.

Does your mitigation project engage all trainees?

CASH GRANT BUDGET

The maximum cash award is \$100,000. Up to 10% of the request may be used for indirect costs including staff time. Applicants must provide a 25% match of the award amount.

Project Categories

- Personnel/conservation corps crew time: Amount needed for personnel to attend training or cost of conservation corps crew time
- Training Cost: Actual cost of the wildfire mitigation workforce training program
- Travel Expenses: Mileage, hotel and GSA approved per diem associated with attending the training
- Indirect Costs: Administrative and facility costs and mitigation equipment.

Match

Column C + D must equal at least 25% of column B.

Match (In-kind): Personnel time, equipment usage, training cost, travel expenses, etc.

Match (dollars): Cash

Match Calculator

If requesting \$10,000 a \$2,500 match is required.

If requesting \$50,000 a \$12,500 match is required.

If requesting \$100,000 a \$25,000 match is required.

A	B	C	D	E
Project categories	Grant share (Amount Requested)	Match (In-Kind)	Match (Dollars)	Total
Personnel time/ Conservation corps				
Training Cost				
Travel Expenses				
Indirect Costs*				
TOTAL BUDGET				

*Indirect costs cannot exceed 10% of the grant share.

CASH GRANT BUDGET NARRATIVE:

Please describe each of the project categories in detail below. Include details for both the grant share and match.

**IF APPLYING FOR A WILDFIRE MITIGATION WORKFORCE TRAINING GRANT PLEASE PROCEED TO PAGE 9
TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION**

SCOPE OF WORK

Applicants requesting crews time or cash for mitigation projects must complete this section. Not for wildfire mitigation workforce training grants.

Break down the project into a list of tasks to be completed, including specific fuel treatments by acreage. These should be quantifiable items that correspond to the crew types requested. The final outlined task should be biomass removal. Please provide a clear plan and timeline for removing any woody material/slash generated by the project. If creating burn piles, please explain why this is the most effective project treatment and a timeline for burning the piles.

Provide a detailed description of each task using the following format.

TASK #- TASK Name:

Description of Task and methods:

Deliverables:

Examples

#1- Shaded fuel break:

Description of Task and methods: Create a shaded fuel break along the primary evacuation route for the Rainbow community. Thin 200ft on either side of the roadway using hand crews. Remove all conifers up to 8 inches DBH. Limb all trees greater than 8 inches DBH to 6 feet above ground.

Deliverable: Enhance the primary excavation route by thinning 1 mile of roadway.

#2- Biomass removal:

Description of Task and methods: The project will have a combination of hand fed chipping and creation of piles for future burning. Crews will be advised to spread chips no more than 4 inches deep across the project area. Applicant has a qualified crew to burn piles in the off season and will work with DFPC on a burn plan for winter 2022/2023. Burn piles will be constructed according to DFPC's Colorado Pile Construction Guide. Burn piles are essential for the northeast area of the project due to access issues with driving in a chipper.

Deliverable: Biomass created from this project has a defined plan.

1 through 4 are scalable and will not complete all the acreage listed. Geospatial data will be provided.

#1- Fuels Reduction/Thinning, to include biomass removal, within 16.37 acre Town of GMF parcel:

Description of Task and methods: Reduce fuel load adjacent to private property. Thin tree stands using hand crews. Dead/diseased trees priority, coniferous trees targeted. Boles cut to firewood sized rounds, limb trees greater than 8" DBH to 6' above ground. Slash lopped and scattered to within 2' of ground. Prime habitat or nesting sites marked and preserved to retain 2-7 snags per acre for wildlife preservation. Cut rounds allowed to season for up to one year, volunteers will remove for heating by December 31, 2024.

Deliverables: Reduce fuel volume and catastrophic fire risk in and around GMF, improve wildlife habitat for animals and recreation experience for public land users.

#2 - Fuels Reduction/Thinning, to include biomass removal in and around priority egress routes:

Description of Task and methods: Hand crews reduce fuels along primary egress routes. Thin on either side of the roadway, limb trees greater than 8" DBH to 6' above ground. Boles cut to firewood sized rounds. Slash chipped and removed where feasible, crews spread chips no more than 4" deep across the project area.

Deliverable: Thinning along Ute Pass Ave/GMF Rd, Hondo Ave, Belvidere Ave, Park Ave/Pine St.

#3 - Fuels Reduction/Thinning, to include biomass removal, within public rights-of-way:

Description of Task and methods: Hand crews thin vegetation within undeveloped public rights-of-way. Boles cut to firewood sized rounds. Slash chipped and removed where feasible, crews spread chips no more than 4" deep across the project area.

Deliverable: Fuel breaks in neighborhood areas to reduce fire intensity, improve access.

#4 - Fuels Reduction/Thinning, to include biomass removal, within 25-acre and 150-acre Town of GMF parcels, prioritizing areas from the trail elevation downslope to residential parcels.

Description and Deliverables: see #1.

APPLICATION NARRATIVE

INSTRUCTIONS: Remove instructional questions (please keep the headings!) from this page and replace them with information specific to this project. Please limit your application narrative to two pages.

ORGANIZATION INFO

GMF, in both El Paso and Teller Counties, is the only incorporated town in Ute Pass. GMF established the Fire Mitigation Advisory Committee (FMAC) in July 2020 and this group, as well as Town staff, will provide oversight and project management.

Historic Green Mountain Falls Foundation mitigated 56.8 acres of preserved open space. The Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP) coordinated with SWIFT crews to treat 4 acres of public land, and with private contractors to treat 4 acres of private land.

WILDFIRE RISK INFORMATION

Localized risk assessment links:

- This project is located in a WUI area at high-risk (level 7-9), per the [2017 Risk Summary Report](#) (Colorado State Forest Service).
- CUSP Map - [GMF Work Area Map](#)
- Ute Pass Community Wildfire Protection Plan, pp 66-70: https://static.colostate.edu/client-files/csfs/documents/Ute_Pass_CWPP_000.pdf
- Town of GMF Comprehensive Plan, 2019 pages 85-89: https://greenmountainfalls.colorado.gov/sites/greenmountainfalls/files/190628_GMF_ComprehensivePlan_print%20quality_0.pdf
- The website Wildfirerisk.org shows [Green Mountain Falls](#) as one of the most at-risk areas in Colorado and the United States in all categories: “Risk to Homes”, “Exposure Type”, “Wildfire Likelihood”, and “Vulnerable Populations”.

PROJECT LOCATION

- Project location: within the Town of GMF access to the 3 GMF parcels via the Town’s hiking trail network. Trailheads are conveniently located at the end of several hillside roads. Work to be performed along and in rights-of-way is directly accessed by town roads.
- Current conditions: within the 3 Town parcels: mixed conifer (largest), Ponderosa Pine, and Aspen. Along some rights-of-way there is also Oak Shrubland, Conifer, and Mixed Conifer. (Per 2019 GMF Comp Plan page 85, Fig. 1 and CSFS Map). The forest around GMF is highly overstocked and has a high to extreme wildfire hazard. Forest is in poor health with Dwarf mistletoe and several types of bark beetles causing tree mortality. Small diameter stands of mistletoe-infested understory are crowding, leading to competition and stress. In current conditions a crown fire would be able to spread rapidly.
- Due to steep terrain and limited access on the Town’s hillside parcels, the use of masticators and chippers is impractical for dealing with slash for scope of work #1 and #4. Due to proximity to residential parcels and structures, along with the risk of a chimney or flashover effect, pile burning is also inappropriate. This proposal calls for slash to be lopped and scattered, a treatment deemed acceptable in past fire mitigation grant awards close to these areas. Whenever possible, crews will haul cut material to designated pickup areas.

PROJECT PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

A multi-year project to protect the forest in and around GMF, to encourage community participation in fire mitigation, and to create defensible space. Objectives and how this project accomplishes them:

1. Reduce fuel loading and catastrophic fire risk in and around GMF. The scope of work in this proposal includes fuels reduction and thinning to include biomass removal from Town of GMF parcels as well as within and along public rights-of-way, to include priority egress routes.
2. Link with surrounding landowner efforts to advance forest health. Colorado Springs Utilities and US Forest Service have mitigated Pike’s Peak North Slope Recreation Area and nearby Crowe Gulch. The

Historic Green Mountain Falls Foundation is several years into a multi-year project protecting privately owned open space within and around GMF. This proposal complements that work, as well as [other recent CUSP work](#), making the surrounding USFS-managed forest more obvious for future fire mitigation efforts, and solidifies this as an ongoing, impactful local effort.

3. Improve wildlife habitat for animals and recreation experience for public land users. Forest thinning methods include marking and preserving prime habitat or nesting sites for wildlife preservation. This proposal also leverages the Town's hiking trails for sawyer access and will open vistas to the thousands of users annually, as well as showcase fire mitigation efforts to a wider audience outside the immediate community.

TIMELINE

Timeline for mitigation work is July 2022 through November 2023, late Spring through early Fall. Work can continue earlier and later in those seasons depending on weather and ground conditions.

PROJECT IMPACT

This project will link with surrounding efforts to advance forest health in the larger ecosystem. This effort compliments work by other organizations to take a comprehensive approach to mitigate wildland fire danger while showcasing the importance of managing fire risk and addressing the clear danger posed by an overloaded, unhealthy forest.

This effort is a priority based on the following facts and risk factors, per Colorado Wildfire and Risk Assessment Summary Report, version 5.0, dated 10/18/2019: 99% of town residents live in the WUI, 42% of GMF land is WUI risk class -9 "Most Negative Impact," 62% of GMF land is considered "High" Wildfire Risk, over 95% of town land is Fire Occurrence Level 8 or 9 ignition density (highest occurrence).

This effort protects life and property by reducing fuel volume; strong consideration is given to rights-of-way to create fire breaks in and around neighborhoods, as well as protecting priority egress routes.

- Critical infrastructure protected: Evacuation routes. Also cultural venues that provide economic benefits: the multi-million dollar James Turrell Skyspace, Colorado's only Turrell art, as well as a \$250,000 Keith Haring Fitness Court, which brings art, culture, and fitness to the community.
- Critical watersheds/water supply protected. Watersheds: Fountain Creek, Catamount Creek, and Crystal Creek. Supply: two water storage and distribution facilities operated by Colorado Springs Utilities.

PROJECT MAINTENANCE

- How long effective? With proper attention, the increase of GMF budget allocated to fire mitigation, and the local education campaign, this project will reduce fire risk over the next 25 years.
- Five year maintenance and funding: keep undergrowth of smaller seedlings controlled by hand lopping and closely monitoring mistletoe, isolating if necessary. Funded through Town budget, in-kind volunteer time, and future grant submissions. Connect existing fuel breaks to span the length of the town, educate the community, and continue to emphasize private landowner mitigation.

LEVERAGED FUNDING AND RESOURCES

- Time needed: Project management 50 hrs, layout 20 hrs, implementation/reporting 50 hrs.
- Leveraged funding: the Town-owned chipper and dump truck will be used to chip and haul.

PROJECT LOCATION

Project Map: Please attach a map identifying the specific area to be treated. If there are multiple treatment types please differentiate these on the map.

Optional: If you can provide geospatial data at this time, please attach it to the email with your application. If your project is selected for award, geospatial data will be required before a contract is signed.

AGREEMENT, LIABILITY, AND INSURANCE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

☐ I understand that all successful applicants will be required to enter a Grant Agreement with the State of Colorado as a condition of receiving the grant award. I have reviewed the Grant Agreement sample template attached to the Request for Applications as Appendix E.

☐ I understand that all successful applicants must agree to assume all liability related to the approved project and to indemnify and hold harmless the State of Colorado, CYCA, DOC SWIFT, and any CYCA-accredited conservation corps for any and all claims arising out of the approved project. I agree that the State, CYCA, DOC SWIFT, and any CYCA-accredited conservation corps will not be liable for any act or omission of any party as a part of an approved grant program that causes any harm or that fails to prevent or mitigate wildfire damage at any time in the future.

☐ I understand that the State, CYCA, DOC SWIFT, and any CYCA-accredited conservation corps cannot guarantee the work completed as a result of either crew time awards or cash awards will prevent future wildfires or minimize the damage from future wildfires. The State will not guarantee the effectiveness or outcomes of any approved project.

☐ I understand that all successful applicants will be required to maintain and provide proof of adequate insurance coverage as detailed in the Grant Agreement. I agree to acquire and maintain such insurance coverage as a condition of any grant award.

CREW TIME AWARD ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I acknowledge that if selected to receive a Crew Time Grant Award, my organization will not receive payment from the State. By my signature below, I acknowledge that, if selected, the Crew Time Grant Award will require that I provide a project manager to coordinate with CYCA, DOC SWIFT, and/or the relevant CYCA-accredited conservation corps to implement the project and that the costs of providing a project manager will not be reimbursed by the State.

I understand and acknowledge that project managers for Crew Time Grants must provide the following to crews for crew awards.

- 1) Site visit with the crew manager before final grant agreement.
- 2) Technical project assistance as required.
- 3) Maps and camping locations (if necessary).
- 4) Specialty work tools and project supplies as required and not provided by the crew.
- 5) CYCA specific complete project site evaluations for analysis of the work completed.
- 6) All reporting required by the Grant Agreement including a final report to the State.
- 7) Lawful access to all properties necessary for project work.
- 8) Relevant Maps, including geospatial maps, and other pertinent technical support.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

I certify that I am authorized to sign on behalf of the applicant and that, if awarded a grant for this project, the applicant will comply with the grant administration requirements of both the State and the workforce development organization. I certify that the contents of this application are true to the best of my knowledge and agree to provide any corrections or updates to the State as soon as practical after discovery of an error.


Signature (Electronic and PDF Signatures are accepted unsigned applications will not be accepted):

Name:

Title:

Date:

COSWAP Grant - Proposed Work Areas

 Green Mountain Falls Town Boundary

