



**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
Colorado State Forest Service
Community Wildfire Protection Plan
Development and Implementation Grant
2010 Federal Fiscal Year Recap**



October 2010

- ⌘ Grant amount: \$4.465 million
- ⌘ Grant sub-recipients
 - ⌘ Anchor Point Group, LLC
 - ⌘ Boulder County
 - ⌘ Coalition for the Upper South Platte
 - ⌘ Perry Park Metro District
 - ⌘ Poudre Fire Authority
 - ⌘ Town of Winter Park
- ⌘ Twenty jobs were associated with the grant at the end of 2009. By the end of the third quarter in 2010, 147 jobs (48.02 FTEs) were reported
- ⌘ 377 acres were treated and an additional 339 acres were leveraged
- ⌘ Two Community Wildfire Protection Plans were completed

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Autumn was marked by wildfires in or near Front Range forested communities, reminding Coloradans how important it is to prepare for and mitigate the impacts of wildfire. The Colorado State Forest Service is grateful for the Community Wildfire Protection Plan Development and Implementation grant from the U.S. Forest Service, which has created and retained jobs and allowed communities to be proactive in their wildfire preparations.

The development of community-based projects takes a concerted amount of time and involves multiple landowners and differing personal values. The buzz of chainsaws began in May. By late August, the planning and pre-work was coming to fruition on the ground. Most of the CWPP implementation projects are highly visible and citizen reaction has been positive. Landowners have brought forest workers refreshments and written letters of praise.

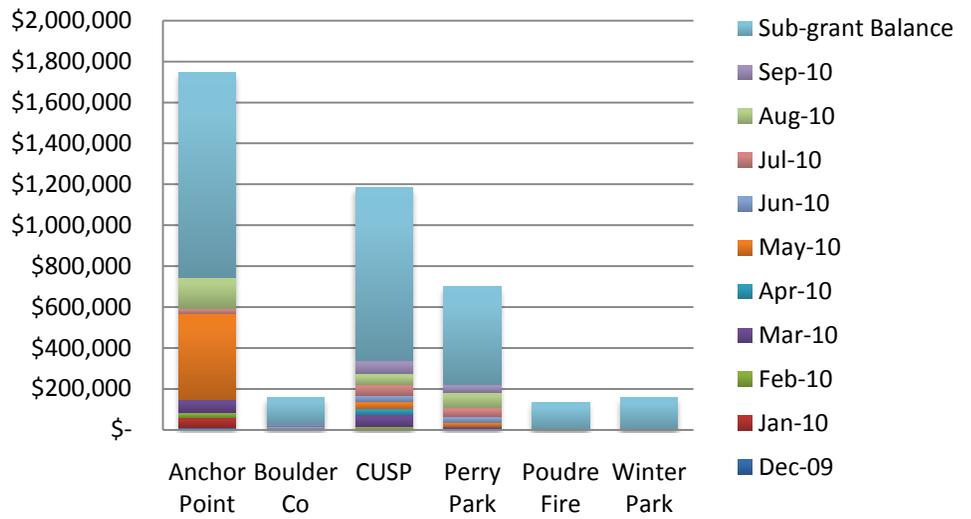
We continue to work with the sub-recipients to ensure their projects meet agreed upon milestones, grant objectives and reporting requirements. Use of grant funds is expected to accelerate now that on-the-ground projects are in progress. As of Sept. 30, 2010, the CSFS reported sub-recipient full-time equivalents (FTE) of 48.02, which positively impacted 147 people.

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Expenditures by Sub-recipient



Grant Accomplishments

- Anchor Point Group created five new positions. Three fuels reduction projects already are complete and 16 additional projects are underway in Boulder, Gilpin, Grand and Larimer counties. The projects were put out to bid and awarded to contractors.
- Boulder County hired a planner to develop a countywide CWPP, and a multi-agency core team and working groups gathered pertinent information. Insight and data from the Fourmile Canyon fire will be incorporated into the plan.
- The Coalition for the Upper South Platte helped two communities develop or update wildfire protection plans and six implementation projects are active. The sub-grant has allowed CUSP to create seven positions.
- Perry Park Metro District partnered with the new 11-person Larkspur Fire Protection District fuels mitigation crew for six months, in addition to using private contractors to accomplish CWPP-related projects within the Perry Park subdivision.
- Poudre Fire Authority received funding at the end of June 2010 to update its CWPP. Informational material was developed for fire protection district residents. Fort Collins natural area staff are assessing the wildfire potential of private properties adjacent to city-owned land.
- The Town of Winter Park, in cooperation with Union Pacific Railroad, completed a 75-acre railroad easement project utilizing contractors and town employees along the 3.1-mile stretch of track. Most of the 21,000 trees removed were dead lodgepole pine.



Putting America to Work.
Funding was provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act through the U.S. Forest Service.





**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
Colorado State Forest Service
High-Priority Forest Restoration
and Fuels Mitigation Grant
2010 Federal Fiscal Year Recap**



Grant amount: \$6.285 million

October 2010

Grant sub-recipients

- City of Steamboat Springs
- Colorado Division of Wildlife
- Colorado Youth Corps Association
- Delta Timber Company
- Denver Mountain Parks
- El Paso County
- Focused on the Forest
- ForestWise
- Intermountain Resources, LLC, in receivership
- Rocky Mountain Timber Products

Eighty-two jobs were associated with the grant at the end of 2009. During the third quarter of 2010, 194 jobs (71.80 FTEs) were reported

2,410 acres were treated and an additional 645 acres were leveraged

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This year, the Recovery Act literally saved some of Colorado's forest-related businesses from temporary or permanent closure. The Colorado State Forest Service is grateful for the High-Priority Forest Restoration and Fuels Mitigation grant from the U.S. Forest Service, as forest-related jobs are vital to addressing the serious forest health issues in our state.

Grant funds were awarded to the sub-recipients in November 2009. Where winter harvesting was feasible, field work began immediately, and the portable sawmill with one operator to the large mill with more than 100 employees kept blades whirling. After the spring mud season, additional projects became active.

It has been exciting to see the results. Stagnating forests have breathing room. In treated areas, the potential negative impacts created by wildfires burning through unnaturally thick vegetation have dissipated. Wildlife forage will increase. During the third quarter in 2010, the grant directly affected 194 people or 71.8 full-time equivalents (FTE).

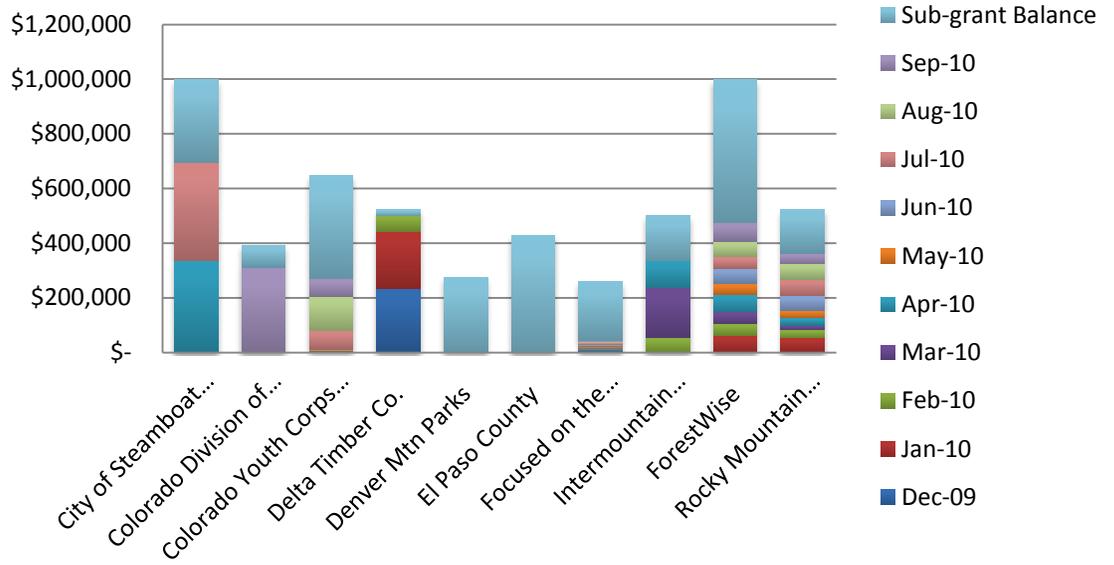
As we move into the final year of the grant, we will continue to work with sub-recipients to ensure the projects meet the agreed upon milestones, grant objectives and reporting requirements.

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Expenditures by Sub-recipient



Grant Accomplishments

- Steamboat Springs overcame steep slopes and multiple ownerships to remove dead trees from 300 acres, positively impacting the livelihoods of 37 people.
- The Colorado Division of Wildlife Durango District mowed openings into a blanket of dense oak shrub across 1,400 acres in Perins Peak State Wildlife area.
- The Colorado Youth Corps Association orchestrated the use of five youth corps saw crews to mitigate fuels in six state parks.
- Delta Timber Company kept 15 people employed and hired an additional 16, allowing the mill to simultaneously saw logs and plane boards.
- Denver Mountain Parks hired a forester in late summer, and a contractor was selected for the project work.
- El Paso County hired fuels mitigation consultants to administer and implement the road easement project southwest of Colorado Springs; fuels reduction work began in August.
- Focused on the Forest, LLC, cuts trees, mills logs and builds fence or structures from the wood. Two new positions were created.
- ForestWise created three new positions and retained nine to implement 300 acres of fuels reduction projects in the North Lake watershed west of Trinidad. All the wood is being utilized.
- Intermountain Resources, LLC, (in receivership) reopened the Montrose mill in early June. It will apply for the remaining ARRA funds originally awarded to Intermountain.
- Rocky Mountain Timber Products sought skilled people to run sawmill equipment while product orders increased. Employment at the mill rose from three to 15 employees.



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