

# Grand County Wildfire Mitigation Partners Celebrate Successes

GRANBY, CO -- At the January steering committee meeting of the Grand County Wildfire Council (GCWC), Council leadership presented a summary of the “2022 Grand County Wildfire Mitigation Successes.” The achievements include the combined accomplishments of the Grand County Wildfire Council, Colorado State Forest Service - Granby Office (CSFS), Arapaho National Forest - Sulphur Ranger District, Routt National Forest - Yampa Ranger District, Bureau of Land Management - Kremmling Field Office, Grand County Natural Resources, Grand County Office of Emergency Management, and our local fire districts. The successes listed below do not include the activities of private homeowners that did not take part in the GCWC partners’ programs. While it is difficult to estimate the amount of work done by private landowners and contractors, these actions should not be undervalued.

Though a lot of work was accomplished in 2022, there is still more work to be done. Grand County’s wildfire mitigation partners will continue to work together toward our mutual goal of becoming **“Fire Adapted Grand County”**, and we hope you will too. To learn more about the Grand County Wildfire Council and its programs/resources, visit [www.BeWildfireReady.org](http://www.BeWildfireReady.org).

Grand County is also in the process of updating its Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). Community input is an important part of the planning process, and the planning committee wants to hear from you. The County has created an interactive story map to gather community input and host information about the plan. The story map can be found at <https://grand-county-cwpp-gcgeo.hub.arcgis.com/>

## **Grand County Wildfire Council**

- 5 Community Chipping Days (257 attendees in total, 312 acres mitigated)
- 42 recipients reimbursed through our Fuels Reduction Cost-Share Programs (\$124,695.90, 217 acres mitigated). Grant funds for these programs were awarded by: Bureau of Land Management Community Assistance funds, Coalitions & Collaboratives, Grand County Wildfire Emergency Fund, Middle Park Conservation District, and Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District.
- 300 new 9-1-1 Reflective Address Signs made and distributed to residential addresses throughout Grand County
- New wildfire educational guide and increased educational resources on our website, [www.BeWildfireReady.org](http://www.BeWildfireReady.org)
- Grant applications submitted/mitigation dollars requested: \$8.8 million. Grant awards for most of these grants have yet to be announced.

## **Colorado State Forest Service**

- Awarded \$1 million of Healthy Forests Vibrant Communities State of Colorado Funding. Project to be located in Fraser Wildland Urban Interface (WUI).
- Deer Creek Good Neighbor Authority Project located in west Grand County, treated 253 acres
- Sheep Mountain Fuels Good Neighbor Authority Project, located in Fraser Valley, treated 187 acres adjacent to Pole Creek Preserve and Snow Mountain Ranch
- Upper Colorado Headwaters Protection Project, with funding support from Denver Water and U.S. Forest Service, treated 425 acres on private lands adjacent to town of Fraser and critical Denver Water infrastructure
- Rendezvous Good Neighbor Authority Project treated 14 acres on USFS land adjacent to the Rendezvous neighborhood
- Ranch Creek Good Neighbor Authority Project is currently active and treating 115 acres adjacent to the Rendezvous neighborhood and Towns of Winter Park and Fraser

- Forest Restoration and Wildfire Mitigation grant-funded treatment on 160 acres adjacent to the town of Fraser
- Little H.O. project treated 77 acres within the Strawberry Bench area just north of Granby and south of Lake Granby
- 230 acres treated within Aspen Canyon and adjacent to Williams Fork, supported by Denver Water's Forest to Faucets II Program
- 113 acres treated for post-fire impacts in Grand Lake
- Burned 9 piles at Windy Ridge State Trust Land
- Educational Programs: 3 events with a total of 90 attendees
- 12 Active Firewise Communities: Alpine Timbers, Fairways at Pole Creek, Gorewood, Homestead Hills, Mountain Shadow Estates, Pole Creek Meadows, Stagecoach Meadows, Sunset Ridge Estates, Ten Mile Creek, Reserve at Elkhorn Ridge, Valley at Winter Park, Winter Park Highlands

### **Arapaho Roosevelt National Forest – East Grand**

- Burning Data:
  - Burning of Piled Material: 269 acres, approx. cost \$13,450
  - Piling of Fuels: 437 acres, approx. cost \$514,220
  - Chipping of Fuels: 127 acres, approx. cost \$8,110
- Timber work that accomplished fuels objectives:
  - Fair Task Order: 461 acres, Clearcut with Reserves; approx. cost \$650,000
  - Little HO Good Neighbor Agreement Timber sale: 77 acres, Clearcut with reserves
  - Rendezvous South Good Neighbor Agreement Timber Sale: 14 acres, Clearcut with Reserves (done with Colorado State Forest Service)
  - East Troublesome Mulch Source units: 81 acres, Clearcuts in burn area under Northern Water Participating Agreement
- Reforestation work in the fire scars:
  - East Troublesome Fire: 889 Acres; 128,000 trees
  - Williams Fork Fire: 142 Acres; 21,000 trees
  - Total: 1,032 acres – 149,000 trees planted

### **Routt National Forest – West Grand**

- 116 acres of cutting and piling completed, pile burning to continue in 2023 with 20 acres burned in December 2022.
  - Approximately 150 piles burned in December 2022
  - Landowners impacted - Old Park Subdivision on the eastern boundary of Gore Pass
  - Types of treatments performed - cut and piling of dead trees by contractor, burning by Forest Service
  - Estimated dollar value of treatments performed - \$120,000
  - Estimated number of manhours of mitigation treatments performed - 1000 hours
  - This project will reduce the intensity of a future fire in this area and make conditions much more favorable for firefighters to work effectively near the Old Park Subdivision.

### **Bureau of Land Management - Kremmling**

- East Troublesome Aerial Seeding - 8,000 acres
- Rancho Del Rio Hand Thinning - 20 Acres
- Timber Salvage Piles - 255 acres
- Gore Lakes Fuel Break - 84 Acres
- Strawberry Road Hand Thinning - 250 acres
- Noxious Weed Treatments - 800 acres

### **Grand County Division of Natural Resources**

- 2021-22 Summary
  - 434 Permits issued countywide

- Fire Protection District #1 (Granby) – 119
- Fire Protection District #2 (Grand Lake) – 85
- Fire Protection District #3 (HSSP) – 21
- Fire Protection District #4 (Fraser Valley) - 156
- Fire Protection District #5 (Kremmling) - 53
- 127 days long (Dec. 15 to April 22) allowing a total of 554 hours of burning
- 5037 piles permitted with 3375 piles burned (reported)
- 9,783,149 cubic feet (CF) of material permitted with 4,849,031 CF burned (reported)

**Grand County Office of Emergency Management (in partnership with Team Rubicon)**

- Individual served: 240
- Debris/Fuels moved: 267,000 cubic feet
- Chimney Fuel reduction: 65 Acres
- HIZ mitigation: 56 Acres
- Homes assessed: 117
- Homes mitigated: 108
- Request for assistance: 158, 130 of which were converted to work orders
- Properties with work orders: 128
- All work would have cost roughly \$640,000-1,280,000 for a private contractor to complete

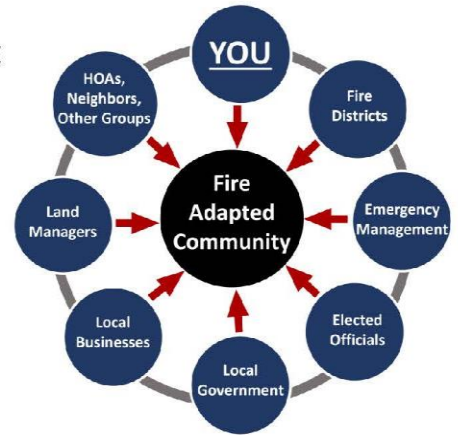
**Fire Districts (all five departments combined...East Grand, Grand, Grand Lake, Hot Sulphur/Parshall, and Kremmling)**

- 10 home and roadside thinning projects
- 50 Home/HOA inspections
- 210 piles burned
- Many homeowner insurance policy contacts
- Grant applications submitted/mitigation dollars requested: \$1.3 million. Grant awards for most of these grants have yet to be announced.

**2022**

# Grand County Wildfire Mitigation Successes

The Grand County Wildfire Council (GCWC) is a non-profit collaborative engaging in wildfire prevention, preparedness, mitigation, and survival in Grand County, CO. From federal and state agencies to local governments, fire districts, HOAs, businesses and concerned citizens, our diverse group of individuals works hard to keep us on the path of becoming a fire adapted community — **Fire Adapted Grand County**.



The following successes represent work done by the Grand County Wildfire Council, Colorado State Forest Service - Granby Office (CSFS), USFS Arapaho National Forest - Sulphur Ranger District, USFS Routt National Forest - Yampa Ranger District, BLM - Kremmling Field Office, Grand County Natural Resources, Grand County Office of Emergency Management, and our local fire districts.

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**GCWC FUELS REDUCTION COST-SHARE REIMBURSEMENT**  
 \$124,695.90  
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**GCWC WILDFIRE EDUCATION**  
 New Guide

**GCWC 911 REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGNS**  
 300 new signs this year  
 1414 since 2015

**2021-2022 PRIVATE LAND BURN SEASON**  
 (thru Grand County DNR)  
 434 permits issued  
 3375 piles burned (reported)  
 4,849,031 cubic feet burned

**CSFS PRIVATE LAND TREATMENTS**  
 6 projects  
 1005 acres mitigated  
 9 piles burned (state land)

**US FOREST SERVICE Medicine Bow/Routt - West Grand**  
 116 acres of cutting/piling  
 150 piles burned  
 \$120,000— value of treatments  
 1000 manhours worked

**ACTIVE FIREWISE COMMUNITIES**  
 12 communities  
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 Fairways at Pole Creek  
 Gorewood  
 Homestead Hills  
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 Stagecoach Meadows  
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 Ten Mile Creek  
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 Winter Park Highlands

**BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**  
 270 acres hand thinning  
 84 acres fuel break  
 455 piles  
 800 acres noxious weed treatments  
 8,000 acres aerial seeding in ETF area

**GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY TREATMENTS**  
 4 projects  
 569 acres mitigated

**US FOREST SERVICE Arapahoe Roosevelt - East Grand**  
 269 acres burning piled material  
 437 acres piling of fuels  
 127 acres chipping of fuels  
 633 acres clearcut  
 1032 acres of reforestation in ETF & WF fire scars  
 149,000 trees planted  
 \$1,185,780— estimated dollar value of treatments

**TEAM RUBICON PRIVATE LAND MITIGATION**  
 (thru Grand County Emergency Management)  
 240 individuals served  
 108 homes mitigated  
 65 acres chimney fuel reduction  
 56 acres HIZ mitigation  
 \$640,000-1,280,000 — value of work done

**ALL PARTNERS**  
 Collaborated on the Grand County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

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