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MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

STAFF PERSON RESPONSIBLE: Dan Dertz, Director of Open Space and Natural Resources

DESCRIPTION: Budget Request for Wildfire and Prescription Fire Equipment.

SUMMARY: Staff requests supplemental funding from the Open Space Operations, Maintenance and Capital Improvement Projects (O&M/CIP) Fund of the Parks, Trails, Historic Resources and Open Space (PTHROS) sales tax in the amount of up to \$90,000 to purchase personal protective equipment and other equipment for wildfire emergency response and prescribed fire support for open space ranger staff. The extreme drought and mountain pine beetle outbreak has amplified the need to provide our first responders with the tools to assist when necessary. In addition to responding to wildfire, this equipment is also necessary for prescribed fires, an important land management treatment. Under the direction of Douglas County's Office of Emergency Management, all open space and natural resource rangers obtained their Incident Qualification Card (red card) and have the essential training to provide support. The O&M/CIP fund has approximately \$11.2M available.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve budget request.

REVIEW:

Dan Dertz	Approve	5/12/2026
Jeff Garcia	Approve	5/20/2026
Doug DeBord	Approve	5/20/2026

ATTACHMENTS:

Rx and Wildfire PPE and Equipment