

**MEETING DATE:** December 9, 2025

**STAFF PERSON  
RESPONSIBLE:** Dan Dertz, Director

**DESCRIPTION:** Open Space Forest Health and Wildfire Mitigation Public Contract Request with a County Hard Match Amount of \$330,000.00, Colorado Strategic Wildfire Action Program Grant Funding Amount of \$1,000,000.00, and Denver Water Funding in the Amount of \$500,000.00 for a Total Amount of \$1,050,456.00.

**SUMMARY:** Douglas County Open Space and Natural Resources (DCOSNR) is requesting consideration of approval for forest stand improvements and fuels reduction treatments on the Douglas County Open Space Schmidt Property and adjacent private properties. Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) is continuing work on the Jackson Creek-Garber Creek Forest Restoration & Watershed Protection Project into heavily forested areas within the Schmidt Open Space and adjacent private properties. Fuels reduction and forest health are major priorities within this project area to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire. The improvements considered will consist of 510 acres of mixed conifer, primarily of Douglas fir and Ponderosa pine with a Gambel oak understory. This work is intended to start in late 2025/early 2026.

DCOSNR has received approval to proceed with treatment on Schmidt Open Space from partner stakeholders including Colorado State Department of Natural Resources (CDNR), Douglas Land Conservancy (DLC), and Chatfield Reservoir Mitigation Company (CRMC). Grant funding for this project reflects 2-phases. The first phase reflects this request (mechanical/hand treatments) and phase-2 (aerial logging) will be considered if needed.

**RECOMMENDED  
ACTION:** Approval for the use of grant funding and DCOSNR budget to perform forest health and wildfire mitigation prescriptions designed through CSFS in the amount of \$1,050,456.00. County hard match (\$330,000), COSWAP grant funding (\$1,000,000), and Denver Water Funding(\$500,000) will be allocated for this project.

**REVIEW:**

Dan Dertz	Approve	12/4/2025
Jeff Garcia	Approve	12/4/2025
Doug DeBord	Approve	12/4/2025

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Staff Report Dove Creek Public Contract for Services for Wildfire Mitigation