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**SENATE BILL 13-269**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A GRANT PROGRAM TO ASSIST WITH**  
102              **EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE RISK OF CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRES TO**  
103              **FORESTED LANDS IN COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION**  
104              **THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The bill creates the wildfire risk reduction grant program (grant program) in the department of natural resources (department). The purpose of the grant program is to provide funding opportunities for

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projects implementing hazardous forest fuel reduction treatments to reduce the risks associated with wildfires in Colorado.

In developing and administering the grant program, the department shall:

- ! Dedicate up to 25% of the grant funds for capacity-building efforts, including neighborhood slash piles and community equipment;
- ! Work in collaboration with an advisory committee to assess grant applications and award grants, giving priority to proposed projects that are located in areas where a high risk of catastrophic wildfire endangers homes, communities, utilities, and watersheds;
- ! Monitor grant recipients' compliance with the grant program; and
- ! Measure the grant program's effectiveness.

Eligible grant applicants are required to demonstrate that:

- ! The applicant has matching funds available, which may come from federal or state sources, but no more than 50% may come from state sources; and
- ! The applicant's proposed project includes a plan for utilizing any woody material generated by the project.

The bill appropriates \$10,300,000 for implementation of the grant program.

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1     *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2                 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 4 to article  
3 7 of title 36 as follows:

4   PART 4

5                                 WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM

6                 **36-7-401. Legislative declaration.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
7 HEREBY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

8                 (a) SINCE 2002, MORE THAN THIRTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DAMAGING  
9 WILDFIRES OCCURRED IN COLORADO, INCLUDING THE HAYMAN FIRE,  
10 WHICH WAS THE LARGEST CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRE IN COLORADO  
11 HISTORY. THE HAYMAN FIRE BURNED ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT  
12 THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN ACRES, DESTROYED ONE HUNDRED

1 THIRTY-THREE HOMES AND NUMEROUS OTHER STRUCTURES, CONTRIBUTED  
2 TO AIR POLLUTION, AND DAMAGED SEVERAL WATERSHEDS. THE HAYMAN  
3 FIRE COST COLORADO THIRTY-NINE MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND  
4 DOLLARS.

5 (b) ADDITIONALLY, IN 2010, THE FOUR MILE CANYON WILDFIRE  
6 DESTROYED ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-NINE HOMES, BURNED SIX THOUSAND  
7 THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-EIGHT ACRES, AND COST TEN MILLION DOLLARS  
8 IN FIREFIGHTING EFFORTS;

9 (c) IN 2011, THERE WERE FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED  
10 TWENTY WILDFIRES REPORTED IN COLORADO; AND

11 (d) IN 2012, MORE THAN FIVE THOUSAND WILDFIRES OCCURRED IN  
12 COLORADO, INCLUDING THE HIGH PARK WILDFIRE, THE LOWER NORTH  
13 FORK WILDFIRE, AND THE WALDO CANYON WILDFIRE. SIX PERSONS LOST  
14 THEIR LIVES IN WILDFIRES THAT YEAR. ADDITIONALLY, THE WILDFIRES  
15 DESTROYED MORE THAN SIX HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT STRUCTURES,  
16 BURNED MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT  
17 HUNDRED THREE ACRES, CAUSED AT LEAST FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-EIGHT  
18 MILLION DOLLARS IN PROPERTY LOSS, AND COST COLORADO MORE THAN  
19 FORTY-EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS IN FIREFIGHTING EFFORTS.

20 (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

21 (a) IN THE PAST THIRTY YEARS, THE COLORADO TIMBER INDUSTRY  
22 HAS DECLINED, THUS RESULTING IN LESS WOOD BEING REMOVED FROM  
23 OUR FORESTS AND LEAVING MORE WOOD MATERIAL TO FUEL DAMAGING  
24 WILDFIRES. THE NUMBER OF SAWMILLS IN COLORADO HAS DECLINED FROM  
25 EIGHTY-FOUR IN 1982 TO THIRTY-ONE IN 2007.

26 (b) THE EXISTENCE OF POOR FOREST HEALTH CONDITIONS,  
27 COMBINED WITH OUR CURRENT DROUGHT CONDITIONS, INDICATE THE

1 POTENTIAL FOR MORE CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRES IN THE FUTURE;

2 (c) DAMAGING WILDFIRES OCCUR REGULARLY IN COLORADO DUE  
3 IN PART TO INADEQUATE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE APPROPRIATE DENSITIES IN  
4 OUR FORESTS. INCREASING OUR EFFORTS TO THIN THE FORESTS IN  
5 COLORADO WOULD KEEP OUR FORESTS HEALTHY AND HELP REDUCE RISKS  
6 ASSOCIATED WITH CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRES THAT ENDANGER LIVES,  
7 PROPERTY, WATERSHEDS, AND TRANSMISSION LINES.

8 (d) THE EXISTENCE OF FIRE-DEPENDENT ECOSYSTEMS IN  
9 COLORADO NECESSITATES THAT COMMUNITIES IN AREAS OF THE  
10 WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE BE FIRE ADAPTED.

11 (3) (a) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS, DECLARES, AND  
12 DETERMINES THAT IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE INVEST IN MEASURES THAT  
13 REDUCE THE PROBABILITY OF CATASTROPHIC FIRES SPREADING  
14 UNCONTROLLABLY INTO OUR COMMUNITIES IN AREAS OF THE  
15 WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE.

16 (b) IT IS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S INTENT TO PROVIDE AID AND  
17 GUIDANCE FOR CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRE RISK MITIGATION BY  
18 AUTHORIZING A COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM TO ASSIST WITH FUNDING  
19 COMMUNITY-LEVEL AND STATEWIDE ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED TO PROTECT  
20 POPULATIONS AND PROPERTY IN THE WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE AND  
21 TO PROMOTE FOREST HEALTH AND THE UTILIZATION OF WOODY MATERIAL  
22 INCLUDING TRADITIONAL FOREST PRODUCTS AND BIOMASS ENERGY.

23 **36-7-402. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 4, UNLESS THE  
24 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

25 (1) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL  
26 RESOURCES.

27 (2) "FUEL" MEANS LIVING AND DEAD COMBUSTIBLE VEGETATION

1 THAT CAN FEED A FIRE, INCLUDING GRASS, LEAVES, PINE BOUGHS, SHRUBS,  
2 AND TREES.

3 (3) "HAZARDOUS FOREST FUEL REDUCTION TREATMENT" MEANS  
4 TREATMENTS INCLUDING MANIPULATION OR REMOVAL OF FUEL TO HELP  
5 DIMINISH:

6 (a) THE POTENTIAL DAMAGE ARISING FROM A CATASTROPHIC  
7 WILDFIRE; AND

8 (b) EMERGENCY PERSONNEL'S ABILITY TO INFLUENCE THE SPREAD  
9 OF WILDFIRE.

10 (4) "WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE" OR "WUI" MEANS AN AREA  
11 WHERE:

12 (a) HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IS CLOSE TO FORESTED PUBLIC LAND;  
13 AND

14 (b) THERE EXISTS A HIGH POTENTIAL FOR A WILDLAND FIRE.

15 **36-7-403. Wildfire risk reduction grant program - creation -**  
16 **eligibility - department powers and duties - rules.** (1) THERE IS  
17 HEREBY CREATED IN THE DEPARTMENT THE WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION  
18 GRANT PROGRAM. THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE FUNDING  
19 OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROJECTS IMPLEMENTING HAZARDOUS FOREST FUEL  
20 REDUCTION TREATMENTS TO REDUCE THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH  
21 WILDFIRES IN THE WUI THROUGHOUT COLORADO.

22 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER THE  
23 PROGRAM IN CONSULTATION WITH AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE CREATED IN  
24 SECTION 36-7-404. IN DEVELOPING THE PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT  
25 SHALL:

26 (a) DEDICATE UP TO TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE GRANT FUNDS  
27 AVAILABLE IN THE WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION FUND, CREATED IN SECTION

1 36-7-405, TO FUND CAPACITY-BUILDING EFFORTS TO PROVIDE LOCAL  
2 GOVERNMENTS, COMMUNITY GROUPS, AND COLLABORATIVE FORESTRY  
3 GROUPS WITH THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO PROVIDE SITE-BASED  
4 HAZARDOUS FOREST FUEL REDUCTION TREATMENTS, INCLUDING  
5 NEIGHBORHOOD SLASH PILES AND COMMUNITY EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY  
6 LANDOWNERS;

7 (b) DEDICATE UP TO FIVE PERCENT OF THE GRANT FUNDS  
8 AVAILABLE IN THE WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION FUND TO BE USED BY THE  
9 DEPARTMENT TO:

10 (I) MONITOR GRANT RECIPIENTS' COMPLIANCE WITH THE GRANT  
11 PROGRAM; AND

12 (II) MEASURE THE GRANT PROGRAM'S EFFECTIVENESS;

13 (c) REQUIRE A GRANT APPLICANT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT:

14 (I) THE GRANT APPLICANT HAS AVAILABLE, OR WILL HAVE  
15 AVAILABLE BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT, MATCHING FUNDS  
16 IN THE FORM OF A DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR MATCH OR THE VALUE OF IN-KIND  
17 CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE PROJECT. A PROJECT'S MATCHING FUNDS MAY  
18 COME FROM FEDERAL SOURCES OR STATE SOURCES, BUT NO MORE THAN  
19 FIFTY PERCENT OF THE MATCHING FUNDS MAY COME FROM STATE  
20 SOURCES; EXCEPT THAT, IF THE GRANT APPLICANT IS A STATE AGENCY,  
21 MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT OF THE MATCHING FUNDS MAY COME FROM  
22 OTHER STATE SOURCES.

23 (II) THE PROPOSED PROJECT INCLUDES A PLAN FOR UTILIZING ANY  
24 WOODY MATERIAL GENERATED BY THE PROJECT, INCLUDING TRADITIONAL  
25 FOREST PRODUCTS AND BIOMASS ENERGY PRODUCTS. PURSUANT TO ITS  
26 AUTHORITY CREATED IN SECTION 23-31-315, C.R.S., THE COLORADO  
27 STATE FOREST SERVICE SHALL, UPON REQUEST, OFFER TECHNICAL SUPPORT

1 TO GRANT APPLICANTS TO ASSIST WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
2 APPLICANT'S PLAN FOR UTILIZING FOREST PRODUCTS. THE DEPARTMENT  
3 SHALL INFORM APPLICANTS OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE COLORADO  
4 STATE FOREST SERVICE'S TECHNICAL SUPPORT.

5 (d) ENCOURAGE A GRANT APPLICANT, WHERE FEASIBLE, TO:

6 (I) UTILIZE THE LABOR OF:

7 (A) YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS PARTICIPATING IN A COLORADO  
8 YOUTH CORPS ORGANIZATION ACCREDITED BY THE COLORADO YOUTH  
9 CORPS ASSOCIATION; OR

10 (B) THE VETERANS GREEN CORPS OPERATED BY THE COLORADO  
11 YOUTH CORPS ASSOCIATION; AND

12 (II) IDENTIFY WHETHER THE PROPOSED PROJECT WILL TAKE PLACE  
13 ON STATE OR PRIVATE LANDS ADJACENT TO UNITED STATES FOREST  
14 SERVICE PROJECTS IN THE WUI, USING PROJECT MAPS THAT THE  
15 DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATES WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES  
16 FOREST SERVICE. ONCE THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES THE MAPS FROM THE  
17 UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE, IT SHALL MAKE THE MAPS AVAILABLE TO  
18 GRANT APPLICANTS. WHEN APPROPRIATE, APPLICANTS MAY APPLY THE  
19 PRINCIPLES OF GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY, AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
20 23-31-313 (3) (e), C.R.S., TO ADDRESS CROSS-BOUNDARY TREATMENT  
21 NEEDS ON UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE LANDS.

22 (e) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE CREATED  
23 IN SECTION 36-7-404, ESTABLISH THE INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN  
24 THE GRANT APPLICATION, INCLUDING A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED  
25 PROJECT; AND

26 (f) ESTABLISH A PLAN FOR ADMINISTERING THE GRANT PROGRAM,  
27 INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF:

- 1 (I) PERIODIC REPORTING REQUIREMENTS;  
2 (II) TOOLS FOR MONITORING AND TRACKING GRANT PROJECTS; AND  
3 (III) MEASURES FOR ASSESSING THE PROGRESS OF GRANT  
4 PROJECTS.

5 (3) ANNUALLY AND IN A FINAL REPORT TO BE PRESENTED BEFORE  
6 THE END OF THE REGULAR SESSION IN 2018, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL  
7 REPORT TO THE AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
8 COMMITTEE IN THE COLORADO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE  
9 AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND ENERGY COMMITTEE IN THE  
10 COLORADO SENATE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, REGARDING THE  
11 PROGRESS OF THE GRANT PROGRAM, INCLUDING INFORMATION  
12 CONCERNING THE:

- 13 (a) NUMBER OF ACRES TREATED;  
14 (b) COST PER ACRE TO TREAT;  
15 (c) TONNAGE OF MATERIAL GENERATED;  
16 (d) NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED; AND  
17 (e) USE OF ANY FOREST PRODUCTS GENERATED.

18 **36-7-404. Wildfire risk reduction grant program advisory**  
19 **committee - creation - appointment - duties.** (1) (a) THERE IS HEREBY  
20 CREATED A WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM ADVISORY  
21 COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF EIGHT MEMBERS. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
22 OF THE DEPARTMENT SHALL APPOINT THE MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY  
23 COMMITTEE AS FOLLOWS:

- 24 (I) AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS A RESEARCH  
25 UNIVERSITY IN COLORADO;  
26 (II) AT LEAST ONE MEMBER FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING STATE  
27 AGENCIES:



1 (A) THE DEPARTMENT, AS DESIGNATED BY THE EXECUTIVE  
2 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT;

3 (B) THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AS DESIGNATED BY THE  
4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; AND

5 (C) THE COLORADO STATE FOREST SERVICE, AS DESIGNATED BY  
6 THE STATE FORESTER;

7 (III) AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS A COUNTY OR  
8 MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT WITH JURISDICTION OVER AN AREA OF THE WUI;

9 (IV) AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS A FEDERAL LAND  
10 MANAGER;

11 (V) AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS THE TRADITIONAL  
12 FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY;

13 (VI) AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS THE BIOMASS  
14 ENERGY PRODUCTS INDUSTRY;

15 (VII) AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS A NONPROFIT  
16 COLLABORATIVE GROUP INVOLVED WITH THE MITIGATION OF  
17 CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRES IN COLORADO; AND

18 (VIII) AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WITH EXPERTISE IN WATER AND  
19 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT.

20 (b) A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MAY REPRESENT  
21 MORE THAN ONE OF THE GROUPS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH (a) OF THIS  
22 SUBSECTION (1).

23 (2) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SELECT  
24 AS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PERSONS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN OR  
25 CONCERNED WITH THE MITIGATION OF CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRES IN  
26 COLORADO. AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER SHALL RECUSE HIMSELF  
27 OR HERSELF IF HE OR SHE HAS AN ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF

1 INTEREST WITH RESPECT TO A GRANT APPLICANT.

2 (3) (a) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, THE ADVISORY  
3 COMMITTEE SHALL DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR GRANT  
4 RECIPIENTS. ELIGIBLE GRANT RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:

5 (I) LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS, INCLUDING HOMEOWNERS'  
6 ASSOCIATIONS OR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS, THAT ARE WITHIN  
7 CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE WUI;

8 (II) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES WITHIN OR ADJACENT TO THE  
9 WUI;

10 (III) PUBLIC OR PRIVATE UTILITIES, INCLUDING WATER PROVIDERS,  
11 WITH INFRASTRUCTURE OR LAND OWNERSHIP IN AREAS OF HIGH RISK FOR  
12 CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRES;

13 (IV) STATE AGENCIES, SUCH AS THE COLORADO STATE FOREST  
14 SERVICE, THE STATE LAND BOARD, OR THE DIVISION OF PARKS AND  
15 WILDLIFE, THAT OWN LANDS OR PROPERTY IN AREAS OF HIGH RISK FOR  
16 CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRES; AND

17 (V) NONPROFIT GROUPS THAT PROMOTE HAZARDOUS FOREST FUEL  
18 REDUCTION TREATMENT PROJECTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL, STATE,  
19 OR PRIVATE ENTITIES.

20 (b) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL GIVE PRIORITY TO PROPOSED  
21 PROJECTS BASED ON GEOGRAPHY AND RISK ASSESSMENT, USING THE  
22 "RED-ZONE" MAP DEVELOPED BY THE COLORADO STATE FOREST SERVICE  
23 TO IDENTIFY AREAS WHERE A HIGH RISK OF CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRE  
24 ENDANGERS HOMES, COMMUNITIES, UTILITIES, AND WATERSHEDS.

25 (c) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, THE ADVISORY  
26 COMMITTEE'S DUTIES ARE TO:

27 (I) DEVELOP SCORING METRICS FOR GRANT PROPOSALS;

- 1 (II) PREPARE A REQUEST FOR GRANT PROPOSALS;
- 2 (III) DETERMINE A DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING AN APPLICANT'S
- 3 GRANT PROPOSAL;
- 4 (IV) EVALUATE AND RANK GRANT PROPOSALS RECEIVED BY THE
- 5 DEADLINE; AND
- 6 (V) AWARD GRANTS.
- 7 (d) THE DEPARTMENT MAY ASSIGN OTHER DUTIES TO THE
- 8 ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT ARE RELATED TO THE GRANT PROPOSAL
- 9 SELECTION PROCESS.
- 10 (4) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MAY AWARD GRANTS TO AS MANY
- 11 ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS WHOSE GRANT PROPOSALS THE ADVISORY
- 12 COMMITTEE WISHES TO FUND UNTIL ALL OF THE GRANT MONEYS ARE
- 13 AWARDED.
- 14 (5) THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE REVIEW
- 15 REQUIRED IN SECTION 2-3-1203, C.R.S.

16 **36-7-405. Wildfire risk reduction fund - creation - transfer.**

17 (1) THERE IS HEREBY CREATED IN THE STATE TREASURY THE WILDFIRE

18 RISK REDUCTION FUND, REFERRED TO IN THIS SECTION AS THE "FUND". THE

19 FUND CONSISTS OF ALL MONEYS TRANSFERRED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION

20 (2) OF THIS SECTION AND ALL MONEYS THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY

21 APPROPRIATE TO THE FUND. THE MONEYS IN THE FUND ARE

22 CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL

23 RESOURCES FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THIS PART 4. ALL INTEREST

24 EARNED FROM THE INVESTMENT OF MONEYS IN THE FUND IS CREDITED TO

25 THE FUND. THE MONEYS IN THE FUND ARE AVAILABLE UNTIL EXPENDED.

26 ANY MONEYS NOT EXPENDED AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR REMAIN IN

27 THE FUND AND DO NOT REVERT TO THE GENERAL FUND OR ANY OTHER

1 FUND.

2 (2) ON JULY 1, 2013, THE STATE TREASURER SHALL TRANSFER  
3 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION FUND THE  
4 SUM OF TEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

5 **36-7-406. Repeal.** THIS PART 4 IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
6 2018.

7 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 23-31-315 as  
8 follows:

9 **23-31-315. Technical support for the Colorado wildfire risk**  
10 **reduction grant program - repeal.** (1) TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE WITHIN  
11 EXISTING FUNDING, THE COLORADO STATE FOREST SERVICE SHALL, IN  
12 COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES,  
13 PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO APPLICANTS SEEKING A GRANT  
14 PURSUANT TO PART 4 OF ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE 36, C.R.S. A COLORADO  
15 WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM APPLICANT MAY SEEK  
16 TECHNICAL SUPPORT FROM THE COLORADO STATE FOREST SERVICE WITH  
17 RESPECT TO THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENT THAT THE APPLICANT  
18 DEVELOP A PLAN FOR UTILIZING ANY FOREST PRODUCTS GENERATED BY  
19 THE APPLICANT'S PROPOSED GRANT PROJECT, AS SET FORTH IN SECTION  
20 36-7-403, C.R.S.

21 (2) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018.

22 **SECTION 3. Appropriation.** In addition to any other  
23 appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the  
24 wildfire risk reduction fund created in section 36-7-405, Colorado  
25 Revised Statutes, not otherwise appropriated, to the department of natural  
26 resources, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, the sum of  
27 \$10,300,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for allocation to the

1 wildfire risk reduction grant program for the funding of projects related  
2 to the implementation of this act.

3           **SECTION 4. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
4 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
5 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.