

Forest Restoration Underway



Pre Treatment: Stands are dense and at risk of severe wildfire



Post Treatment: Tree density and risk of severe wildfire are reduced

The Front Range Long Term Stewardship Project

- 10-year project by the US Forest Service and partners to improve forest health and reduce the risk of severe wildfires.
- Treats at least 4,000 acres every year on the Pike San-Isabel and Arapahoe-Roosevelt National Forests.
- West Range Reclamation, LLC serves as the contractor on this important work.



Treatments follow Best Management Practices to protect soil and waterways.



Landscaping mulch is made from material removed from treatments.

Project Goals

Protecting Communities from the Risk of Severe Wildfires

- The single greatest concern posed by wildfire is the enormous potential for the loss of life and property. Through strategic treatments, the Forest Service aims to reduce risks of severe wildfire to the forest and communities and lower fire fighting costs.
- Protection of watersheds. Front Range forested watersheds supply drinking water to over 75 percent of Colorado's population.

Restoring Front Range Forests to Good Health

- Scientists agree that most of the ponderosa pine forests in the Front Range are unnaturally dense and in need of fuels reduction treatment.
- Wildlife habitat and recreation areas are improved through forest thinning projects.

Using Forest Woody Biomass

- The small trees, limbs, and brush removed are used to make lumber, landscaping materials and other useful products. This use helps reduce waste, generate funds for more treatments, support businesses, and decrease air pollution by limiting pile burning.



The Cost of Severe Wildfire

Hayman Fire – 2002

- 134 homes destroyed
- 138,000 acres burned
- \$230 million = cost of fighting the fire and rehabilitation

Waldo Canyon Fire – 2012

- 346 homes destroyed
- 18,247 acres burned
- \$350 million = insurance claims

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