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## **Fuels Reduction Financial Assistance Program Cooperative Match Project**

**Golden Gate Fire Protection District has been awarded funding in the amount of \$20,000 from the Colorado State Forest Service to accomplish fuels reduction programs on private lands. This project would need to be completed by September, 2010. Several residents and an HOA have participated in past grants.**

- A: Work must be completed as described in the CSFS hand outs on thinning guidelines in urban wildland communities. Please take a handbook if you are interested. (Call Barbara if you need one: 303-278-3206)**
- B. You must provide documentation of your job, hours, and costs as outlined below.**
- C. The project will be over-seen by a member of the Colorado Forest Service.**
- D. Your costs will be re-imbursed at 50% of your actual or in-kind costs up to \$1,000/acre.**

### **Requirements for projects in the Fuels Reduction Program**

- 1. No formal written plan is required, but the work done needs to fall within the “Fuel Break Guidelines for Forested Subdivisions and Communities” document put out by the CSFS.**
- 2. GPS your acreage and supply a lot map with the project boundaries marked.**
- 3. Tree cutting required for building a home or addition does not apply, but anything over and above that for fuel reduction and defensible space would apply.**
- 4. Get an initial walk through of your project with a Forest Service Rep.**
- 5. Take “before” and “after” photos.**
- 6. Slash must be gone when final inspection is made by the Forest Service.**
- 7. Keep a log of your hours worked, including slash removal and charge at \$20.25/hr. Keep records and invoices of equipment rental or hired labor costs. You may also charge for your own equipment, including saw blades and other equipment costs. You may charge a fair market**

**price for daily equipment rental. (What a local rental company would charge for the saw or chipper, etc.)**

**GGFPD plans to continue to apply for these grants which, right now, comes available each year in September as long as there is community interest. Our goal is to give you financial assistance with your on-going fuels reduction programs. This will allow you to accomplish double what you could on your own which means double the ground fuels reduction in our District! Reducing ground fuels can make a significant difference in gaining control of a wild fire and ultimately saving homes.**

**Call Board Member, Barbara Crawford if you are interested in taking part in this exceptional cost sharing opportunity.**

**303-278-3206**