

# **2025 Wildfire Mitigation Committee Projects**

## ***CURRENT PROJECTS:***

- Curbside Chipping Program

## ***FUTURE PROJECTS:***

- Forest Fire Fuel Reduction Program – SPOA Common Areas
- Hiring a consultant to advise SPOA on maintaining healthy forests, soil conditions and watersheds.
- Grant program for mitigation on individual lots

# 2025 Curbside Chipping Program



- This year will be SPOA's 3<sup>rd</sup> year providing curbside on site chipping to home & lot owners.
- Program is in collaboration with Routt County Wildfire Mitigation Council & Oak Creek Fire Protection District.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Round of Chipping for 2025 is complete, 2<sup>nd</sup> Round will open soon. Deadline for piles for 2<sup>nd</sup> Round will be September 15<sup>th</sup>. Look out for an email with a sign up for 2<sup>nd</sup> Round. OCFPD will come around and chip following September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- \$10k allocated towards 2025 Curbside Chipping Program.
- In **2024** there were 52 properties that participated for a total of 185 piles. In **2025**, there were 37 properties that participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> round for a total of 108 piles.
- **Over the past 2 years we have chipped on site enough to fill 32 roll off dumpster loads of slash!**

# Chipping Program Guidelines



- Piles must be stacked with the cut ends facing the road.
- Piles must be within 5' of the public roadway but not touching the road, in drainage ditches or impeding traffic.
- Maximum number of piles per property or lot = 5.
- Maximum pile size is 5' high x 5' deep x 7' long.
- No piles created using heavy machinery, they are very difficult to pull apart to chip.
- No logs or branches with a diameter greater than 6".
- No lumber, fence posts, signs, construction or building materials or any other man-made materials.
- No material that contains any metal.
- No roots, root wads, stumps or anything else that grows below the soil.
- No material that contains dirt, sand, gravel or rocks.
- No herbaceous / non-woody plant material.

# Forest Fire Fuel Reduction Program



- \$20k allocated towards mitigation on SPOA common areas to be determined by the PC Manager.
- Common areas above Cole Hill have been identified as a priority location for mitigation.

# Hiring a consultant to advise SPOA on maintaining healthy forests, soil conditions and watersheds.

- \$5k was allocated towards hiring a consultant to advise specifically on the area above Cole Hill
- How to better defend healthy trees against forest fires
- Improve soil conditions and health of watershed



# **Grant program for mitigation on individual lots**

- \$30k was allocated for a grant program where funds would be matched for individuals that wanted to do wildfire mitigation on their lots.
- OCFPD or a private vendor could be utilized for the program.
- An additional \$10k was allocated for Rocky Mountain Youth Corps or other vendors to haul cut wood from lots.