



2026 Chipping Program Guidelines

MATERIALS GUIDELINES

Accepted materials include trees, tree branches, small diameter logs and brush (cut away from root mass).

RESTRICTIONS

- No logs or branches with a diameter greater than 6 inches
- No construction, building or other man-made materials
- No roots, rootwads, stumps or anything else that grows below the soil
- No materials that contain dirt, sand, gravel or rocks
- No materials that contain any metal (nails, screws, fencing), string or other man-made materials
- No herbaceous / non-woody plant material
- NO WILLOWS

PILE GUIDELINES

- Piles must be stacked with the cut ends facing the road (see photo)
- Piles must be within 5 feet of the public roadway, but not touching the road, in drainage ditches or impeding any traffic
- Maximum number of piles: 5 per property
- Maximum pile size is 5 feet high x 5 feet deep x 7 feet long
- Piles that are created using heavy machinery that are very difficult to pull apart to chip will be rejected



Noncompliant piles will be skipped.



Funded efforts create resilience.

WHO WE ARE

Formed following the Routt County Wildfire Mitigation Roundtable and Conference in Steamboat Springs, May of 2019, we are comprised of county and city representatives, local state and federal officials, non-governmental organizations, homeowners associations as well as local businesses and private landowners who all volunteer their time, experience and resources to take on this growing threat.

WHAT WE DO

We work to facilitate fuel reduction by coordinating with all of our stakeholders to address risk from landscape level all the way down to the neighborhood level.

We provide resources, information and learning opportunities for individual landowners.

We work to change social norms related to wildfire mitigation and preparedness in our communities.

Our mission is to create resilient fire-adapted communities to minimize potential impacts of wildfire.



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