AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

AgendaTitle:
West Region Wildfire Council; Program Update

Action Requested:

Parties to the Agreement:

Term Begins: **Term Ends:** **Grant Contract #:**

Summary:
PowerPoint presentation from the West Region Wildfire Council update on activities and Title III funding.

Fiscal Impact:

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Finance Review: ○ Required ◉ Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date:

County Attorney Review: ○ Required ◉ Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date: Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes ○ No ○

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirnie Discharge Date: 2/4/2015

○ Consent Agenda ○ Regular Agenda ◉ Worksession Time Allotted: 30 minutes

Agenda Date: 2/10/2015 Follow Up Agenda Date:

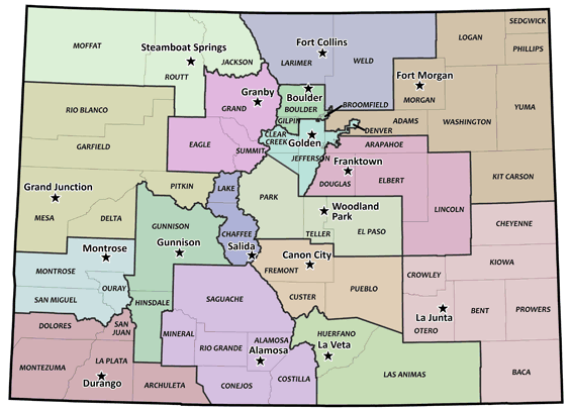
Revised April 2013

Gunnison County Commissioners

Scott Morrill- Gunnison County Emergency Management
Lilia Falk- West Region Wildfire Council
Sam Pankratz- Colorado State Forest Service

February 10th 2015

CSFS Background



Mission: achieve stewardship of Colorado's diverse forest environments for the benefit of present and future generations.

- *service and outreach agency of the Warner College of Natural Resources at Colorado State University (CSU).*
- *Act as Division of Forestry through MOU with DNR*
- *16 districts-3 Field Offices*
- *Gunnison Field Office*
  - *Forest Management (Planning, Timber Sales, Forest Ag., Reforestation, Forest Health, Grants, Forest Products, UMU)*
  - *Fire Mitigation (Planning-CWPP, Defensible Space, Landscape Scale Fuels, Grants)*
  - *Urban and Community Forestry (Tree City/Campus USA, Service Agreements)*
  - *Outreach and Education (Training/Workshops, HOA's, Schools, Publications)*
  - *Seedling Tree Program*
  - *Inter-agency and Cooperative Relationships*

West Region Wildfire Council- Mission

The West Region Wildfire Council promotes wildfire preparedness, prevention and mitigation education throughout Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel Counties.

Our mission is to mitigate loss due to wildfire in wildland urban interface communities while fostering interagency partnerships to help prepare counties, fire protection districts, communities and agencies to plan for and mitigate potential threats from wildfire.

West Region Wildfire Council

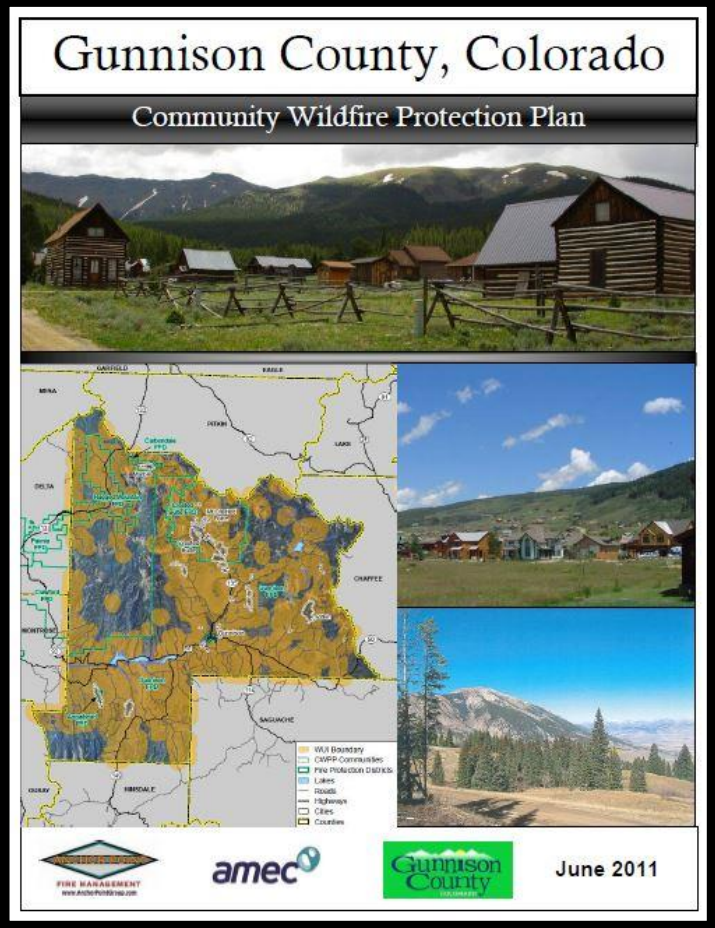
Working Together to Reduce Wildfire Risk

WRWC Goals

- Provide wildfire education and outreach resources in order to promote and facilitate educational initiatives as well as program objectives.
- Support the development of wildfire planning efforts to better prepare communities, counties and agencies for wildfire.
- Promote fuels reduction and mitigation projects in wildland urban interface communities to reduce risk and mitigate potential loss.
- Provide organization development and sustainability to ensure WRWC program success

Collaborative Partnerships

- 2011 Gunnison County Community Wildfire Protection Plan
- Partnerships and information sharing
- Common goals for implementation
- Title III Agreement (Gunnison County/West Region Wildfire Council)

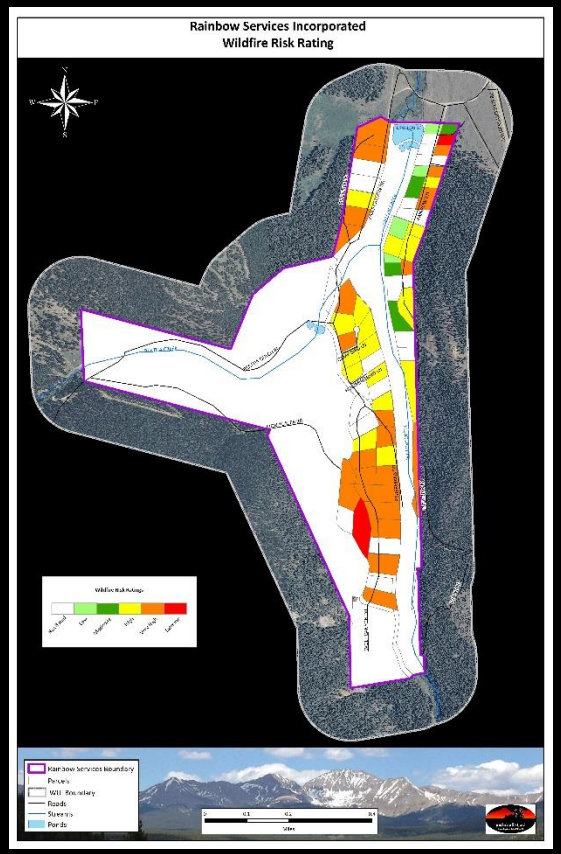


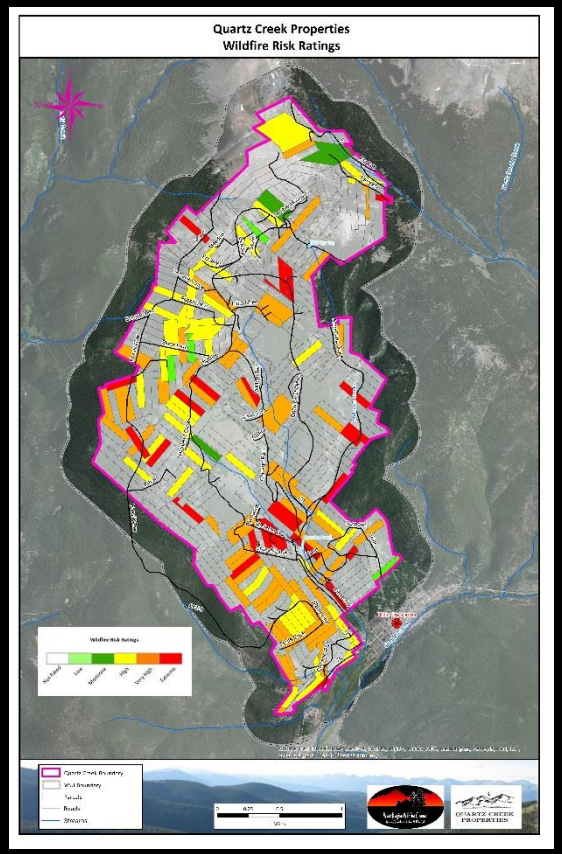
Gunnison County Activities

- Hazardous Fuels Reduction

Wildfire Risk Assessments and Community Level CWPPs

- Structure specific wildfire risk assessments
  - 11 criteria that effect vulnerability to wildfire
  - Individualized risk reduction recommendations

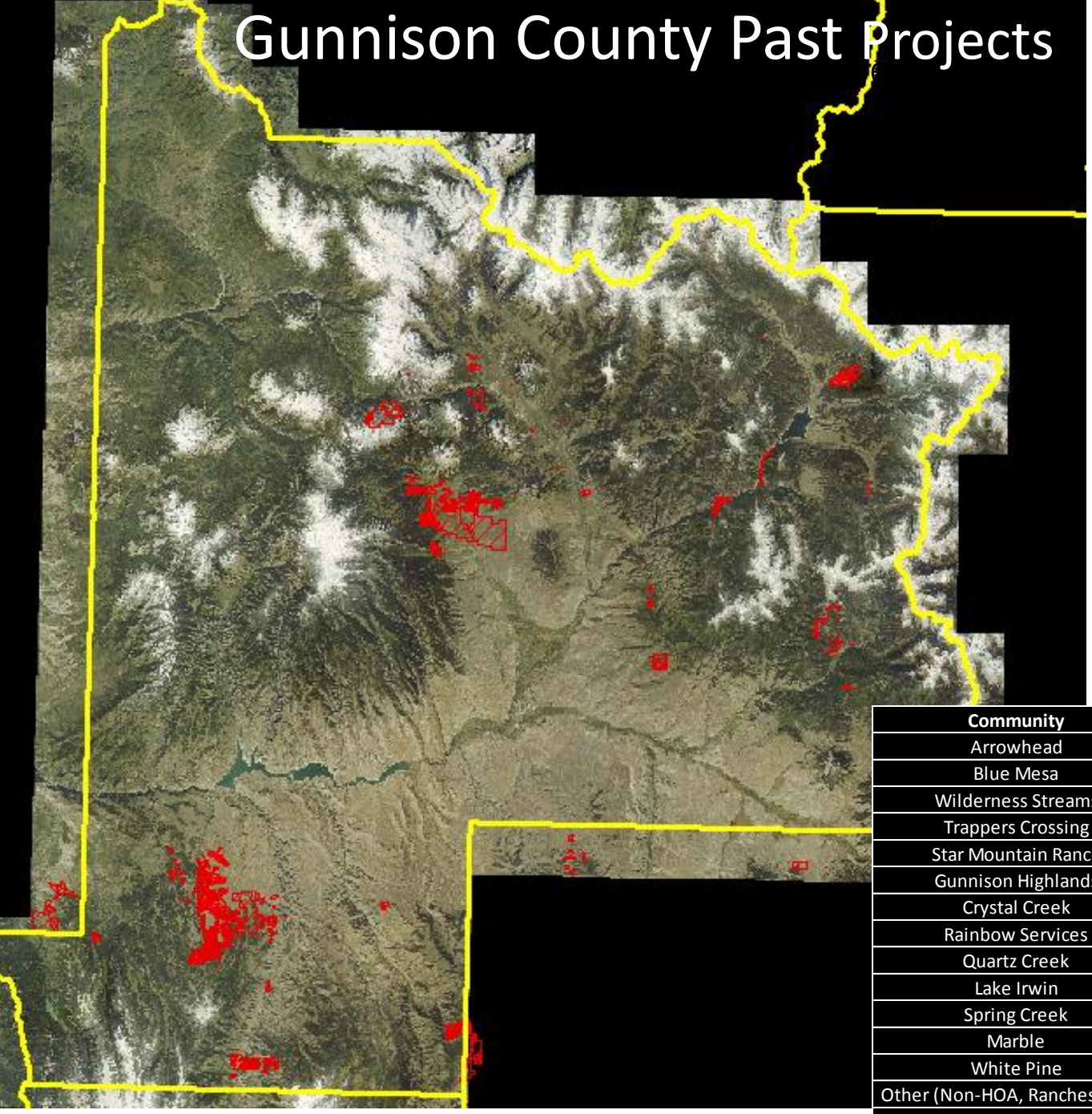




FireWise Communities/ USA

- National Recognition Program
- Provides the platform for ongoing wildfire education and risk reduction
- Rainbow Services- 1st community in Gunnison County to receive FireWise recognition
- *More to come!!*

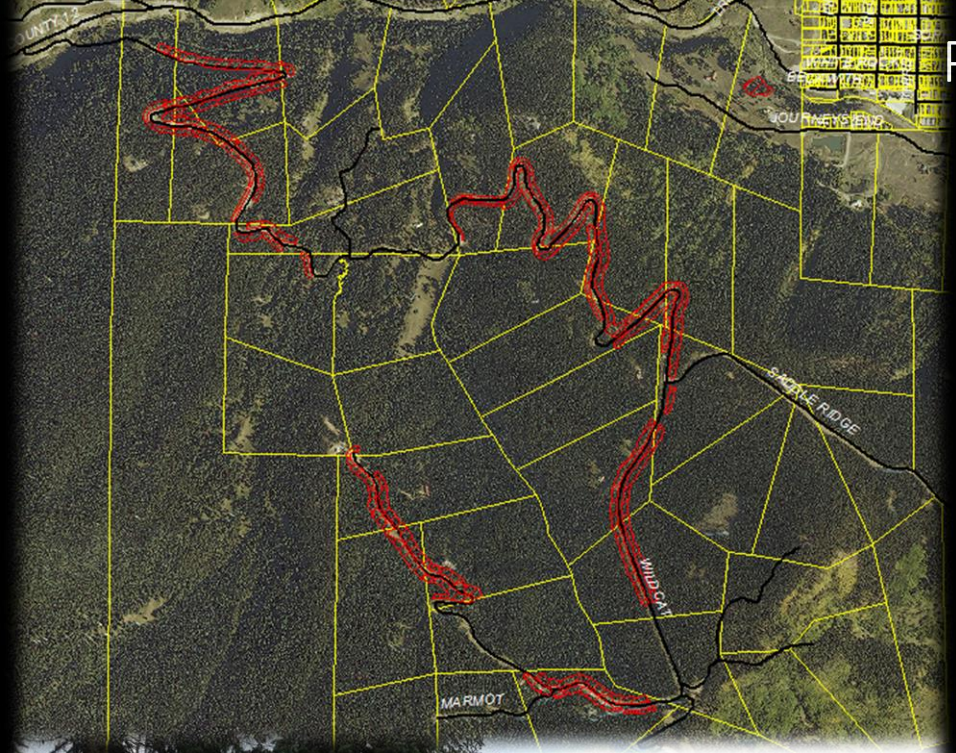
Gunnison County Past Projects



Completed CWPP's

- Gunnison County
- Arrowhead
- Blue Mesa
- Ohio City
- Wilderness Streams
- Rainbow Services
- Star Mountain Ranch
- Upper Crystal River

Community	Acres Treated(2008-2014)	Acres Planned
Arrowhead	169	18
Blue Mesa	271	5
Wilderness Streams	22	5
Trappers Crossing	53	25
Star Mountain Ranch	15	0
Gunnison Highlands	26	0
Crystal Creek	20	0
Rainbow Services	0	8
Quartz Creek	92	3
Lake Irwin	4	0
Spring Creek	7	0
Marble	0	15
White Pine	0	0
Other (Non-HOA, Ranches, UMU)	220	35
Total	**899**	**114**



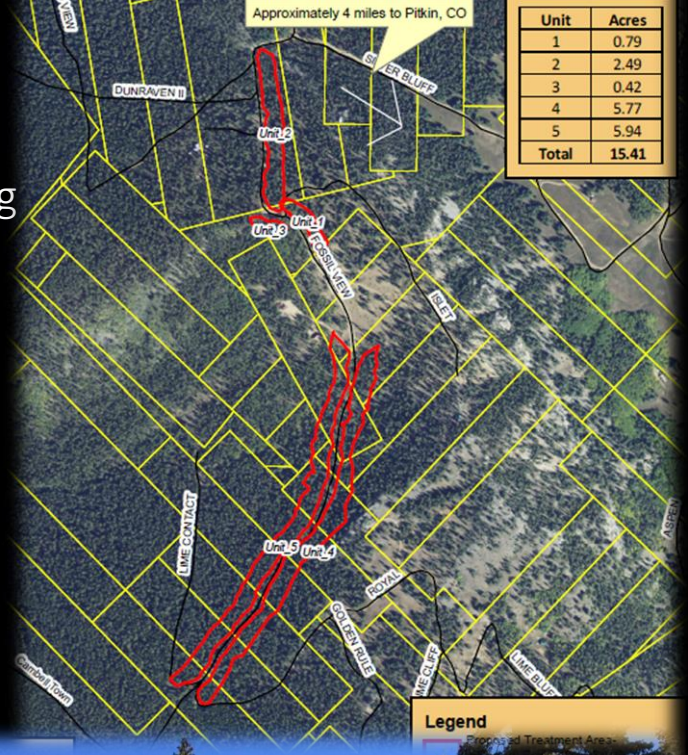
Project Highlights

Trappers Crossing at Wildcat

- ‘Extreme’ Risk Rating
- Cooperative Effort
- 55.33 Acres Roadside Thinning for Evacuation Route
- 100’ from centerline
- 3 years
- 80 loads (800 cords)
- Hand cut/chip, Harvester, Masticator

Quartz Creek POA

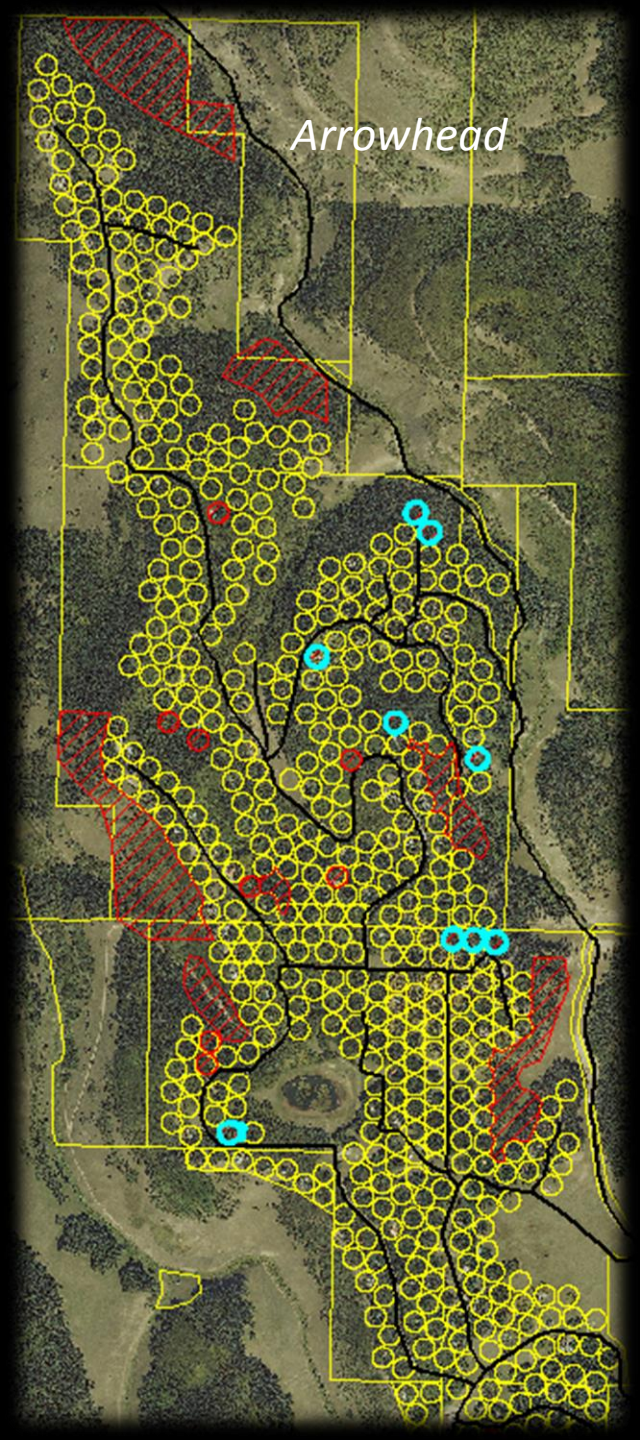
-‘Extreme Risk Rating’
-approx. 400-10 acre mining claims
-92 acres treated through multiple grants
-D-Space, Landscape Scale Fuels
-CWPP
-Provided work for 5 local contractors and CCC



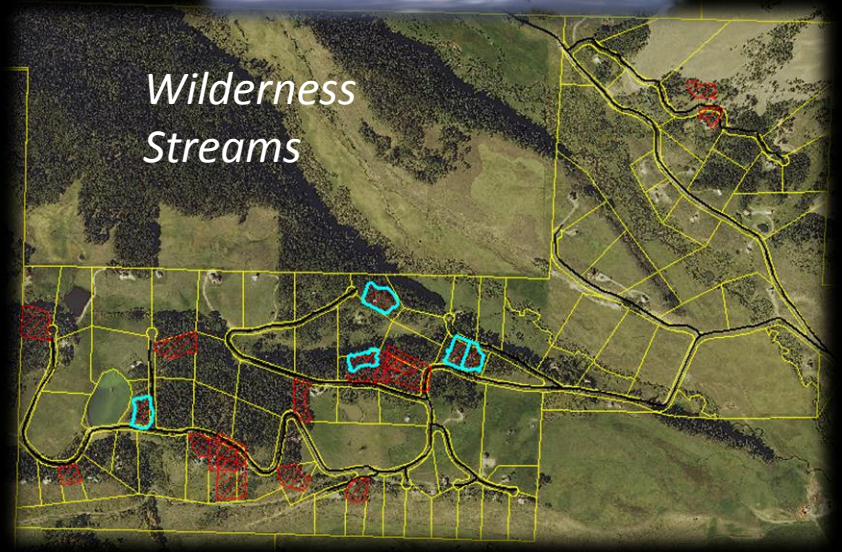
Unit	Acres
1	0.79
2	2.49
3	0.42
4	5.77
5	5.94
Total	15.41

2015 Work Planning

- 2015 Ongoing Projects
  - Rainbow Services D-Space (9 acres)
  - Wilderness Streams D-Space (9 acres-2014, 5 acres-2015)
  - Arrowhead D-Space (8 acres)
  - Trappers Crossing Roadside (18.5 acres + 15 acres)
- 2015 Project Initiation Priorities
  1. Quartz Creek D-Space (3+ acres)
  2. Blue Mesa Subdivision (Assessment and D-space)
  3. Marble/Upper Crystal River (Outreach and Serpentine Trail)
  4. White Pine (Outreach)
  5. Lake Irwin
  6. Gunnison Highlands
  7. Spring Creek
- Staffing/Coop Efforts


Arrowhead

Serpentine
Trail-Marble


Wilderness
Streams

Rainbow Services

Questions?!

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