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GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Tuesday, February 8, 2022

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PLACE: Board of County Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Gunnison County Courthouse
200 E. Virginia Avenue; Gunnison, CO 81230
(REMOTE OPTION BELOW)

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION:

- 8:30 am • Colorado River Water Conservation District Report
- 8:45 • Colorado State University Extension Office; Highlights from 2021
- 9:05 • Cheatgrass Treatment Coordinator; Scope of Work Draft
- 9:35 • HB1177 Gunnison Basin Roundtable Report
- 9:50 • Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District Report
- 10:05 • Performance Report; Emergency Management
- Adjourn

Please Note: Packet materials for the above discussions will be available on the Gunnison County website at <http://www.gunnisoncounty.org/meetings> prior to the meeting.

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AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Colorado State University Extension Office: Highl

Action Requested: Discussion

Parties to the Agreement:

Term Begins:

Term Ends:

Grant Contract #:

Summary:

Please see attached two documents submitted by Eric McPhail. These will relate to his update set for 2/8's work agenda.

Fiscal Impact: n/a

Submitted by: Melanie Bollig

Submitter's Email Address: mbollig@gunnisoncounty.org

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\mbirmie

Discharge Date: 2/4/2022

Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda

Worksession

Time Allotted: 20

Agenda Date: 2/8/2022



2021 Highlights

CSU EXTENSION

OFFICE OVERVIEW

CSU Extension is proud to be a part of Gunnison County and proud of what we offer the community: youth development, community partnerships, and education for homeowners, farmers and ranchers, restaurant workers, landowners, and so much more. Gunnison County Extension - Providing trusted, practical education to help you solve problems, develop skills and build a better future.

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

2021 has been a vibrant year for Gunnison County 4-H Youth Development. Despite the ongoing challenges of COVID-19, we welcomed new families, honored 4-H traditions, and formed partnerships to better serve our diverse Gunnison County youth population.

- Raised \$42,965 in community contributions for direct program support
- Grew the Nadine Henry 4-H Forever endowment fund to over \$450,000
- Secured a \$5000 grant from the Community Foundation to develop our outreach to Latino youth and families
- Created Nadine Henry 4-H Forever Fund scholarship for 4-H graduates
- Chartered new 4-H club in Hinsdale County
- Developed "Tinker Tubs" for 70 kids to encourage creative-mind activities
- Taught youth "Money as You Grow" lessons at the Crested Butte Library
- Expanded "Cloverbuds" into a thriving family-oriented club for 5-7 yr-olds
- Presented "Water & Plant Dynamics" at 4th grade water festival for 80 Gunnison youth
- Taught multiple Crested Butte school enrichment STEM workshops for 70+ youth in grades K-5
- Hosted successful 4-H/FFA summer livestock shows and Jr Livestock Sale
- State shooting sports contest: 4 Gunnison kids awarded
- Colorado State Fair: many successful kids, with 20+ top-ten placings

WHAT TO EXPECT IN 2022

- STEM Classes
- Bilingual Youth Development
- 4-H Livestock / Horse Camp
- More Youth Finance Classes
- Annual Rural Landowner Day
- ServSafe Food Safety
- Cottage Foods Classes
- More Food Preservation
- Dining with Diabetes Class
- Master Gardener Program
- Expanded YouTube Channel
- Backyard Potato Seed Trial
- Virtual Fencing Research
- More Community Engagement



51

Educational
Workshops, Classes,
& Events

51

Organizational
Partnerships &
Committees

580

Direct and Different
Gunnison Individual
Youth Engaged

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE

The year 2021 was a busy one for Family and Consumer Sciences. Tina (Lewis) Haney came on board as the new FCS/4H agent in November 2020. Coming with 30 years of teaching under her belt, she was ready to get some classes going. Though having to be patient with restrictions because of the pandemic, things finally started happening in the spring. Some of the highlights from the year included:

- 5 ServeSafe classes for Gunnison and Crested Butte
- high school "All My Money" series of classes
- created Money Smart Colorado Facebook page
- high school and adult food preservation classes (dehydration/canning)
- co-hosted Fermentation Fest with Producer's Guild
- published many articles in LiveSmart Colorado
- trained in offering Dining with Diabetes for 2022

AGRICULTURE

Producing any agricultural product or raising animals in our county is extremely difficult. But, we can help! CSU Extension offers a wide assortment of classes, workshops, online education, and site visits to make your home landscape, property, business, ranch, or farm the best it can be. Some examples of services from this year include:

- virtual fencing precision grazing research
- rural landowner day workshop with extensive YouTube videos
- collaborations with WCU student projects
- soil health classes
- agricultural presentations to local and state radio and RV park residents
- backyard potato trial, providing over 65 people with seed potatoes
- ag services including: testing hay, water, and soil
- plant, insect, and animal identifications and disease information
- ranching business consultations, site visits, cattle work



VISION & MISSION

CSU Extension is highly valued for inclusive, impactful community engagement in support of our land grant university mission. We strive to empower Coloradans to address important and emerging community issues using dynamic, science-based educational resources. CSU Extension in Gunnison County expects to continue being a vital thread in the fabric of where we call home.



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COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Western Colorado University
- Gunnison County DHHS
- GCSAP-Choice Pass
- Gunnison Watershed School District
- Gunnison Library
- Gunnison Conservation Dist.
- UGRWCD
- CO State Forest Service
- USDA/NRCS
- Gunnison Weed District
- Cattlemen's Days Rodeo
- G / H Early Childhood Council
- Gunnison Stockgrowers
- Gunnison Cattlewomen
- Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley
- Gunnison County Association of Realtors
- Mountain Roots Food Project
- Senior RV Park
- Colorado Dept. of Public Health and Environment
- Community Health Coalition
- West Central Public Health Partnership
- ...and many more!



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Lori Wilcox - Administrative Assistant
Tina Haney - Family and Consumer Science
Perri Pelletier - 4-H Youth Development
Eric McPhail - Director and Agriculture

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Gunnison County Extension 2021 Highlights

4-H Youth Activities

- Hosted and supervised 4-H intern Lily Redden, 20 hr/week June through August
- Promoted 4-H by participating in community youth events: Halloween downtown trick-or-treating and Gunnison Night of Lights
- Facilitated the Teri Bell livestock scholarships awarding 2 youth
- Awarded the Nadine Henry 4-H Forever Fund scholarships to 3 seniors
- Held a Ranch/Western 4-H horse clinic and a fundraiser Poker Ride
- Hosted / Coordinated 4-H Weigh-Ins, informational classes, MQAs, fair meetings, animal shows, and Jr. Livestock Sale
- Took projects to State Fair - 1 dog exhibitor, one Market Hog exhibitor, one Master Showman competitor, and 27 general projects
- Grew 4-H shooting sports program +50%, adding one new volunteer and partnering with the Gunnison Sportsmen's Club and the City of Gunnison to provide range facilities
- Sent 4 youth to state level shooting competitions in Mesa County
- Supervised the Chaffee County State shooting competition
- Hosted annual Achievement Banquet - approx. 80 people
- Crested Butte Workshops - presented STEM explorations on three days, presenting to 71 students K-5
- Completed 4-H chartering for 12 clubs and committees, including the new Lake Fork 4-H club in Hinsdale County.
- Recruited new 4-H volunteers (Raif W., Emily W., Clara C., Jessica H., Dana A., and Lance R.)
- Elected Gunnison 4-H member as District 10 President (7 counties)
- Hosted Candy House Decorating event, partnering with Gunnison Hinsdale Early Childhood Council to include local childcare providers – approx. 115 participants and 7 volunteer helpers
- Communicated with 4-H community via newsletters, Facebook, Instagram, telephone, and email.
- Held 4-H College/Career Essay Writing program for high school juniors and seniors - 2 participants
- Distributed 70 “Tinker Tubs” to provide creative opportunities during spring break for local youth. Project was supported by in-kind donations from Western Lumber and Ace Hardware.
- Hosted Cloverbuds activities (ages 5-7), participation grew from 4 youth to 12 youth over the course of the year
- Held Snowman Building event at the Senior Care Center with 15 participants
- We were awarded \$5000 CFGV Equity Grant to explore the Juntos 4-H program, a curriculum to help support Latino youth to graduation and higher education.
- Presented at 4th Grade Water Festival, “Water and Plant Dynamics”-80 kids
- Presented at Summer Experience, Cold Harbour, “All about Dirt”-15 kids
- Presented at “4-H Livestock Project Night”-35 participants
- Presented at Lost Miner Pony Club, “Equine Nutrition”-12 participants
- CO-500 Hamburger Fundraiser - \$3000 for 4-H programing

- Held finance classes for high school age students in the Crested Butte library
- Taught hands on food preservation (dehydration) classes with Gunnison high school students

Youth Planning 2022:

- Additional STEM lessons planned for Crested Butte Workshops
- “What is 4-H” bilingual presentation, partnering with Ricardo Esqueda of the City of Gunnison.
- Cultivating partnerships with local organizations who serve Latino youth in order to facilitate access to 4-H
- 4-H Project Camp (weekend event for livestock and horse kids)
- Continuation of finance classes for high school age participants in Crested Butte
- Opening/teaching finance classes (All My Money) up to local 4H high school age and their families
- Opening/teaching food preservation classes to 4H members

Adult Activities

- Presented at Senior RV Park, “What’s Special about Gunnison Agriculture”-45
- Presented at Farm to Table Conference, “Healthy Soils”-45 participants
- Hosted Rural Landowner Day, 9 speakers, 50 participants
- Coordinating 2 research projects with Virtual Fencing/Drones
- Facilitating WCU/CSU undergrad programs relationship (sustainable Ag)
- Reproduction and Breeding cattle work with 2 ranches
- Worked with 2 WCU-MEM students “Compost on range”, “tire recycling”
- Radio Presentations- 1 Colorado Public Radio “Monsoons”, 2 KBUT “local Ag”
- Facilitated 5 Master Gardeners and 5 continuing Master Gardeners
- Started electronic ID Program with State Vet. (free cattle tags for producers)
- Served on Beaver mitigation, and Sage Grouse Summit Livestock committees
- Backyard Potato Trial – 65 people
- Hosted CSU President and VP OEE (Office of Engagement and Extension)
- Conducted 25+ Site Visits (Gardening, Property Management, Natural Resources)
- Partnered with Gunnison County Producer’s Guild to hold the first on site Fermentation Fest
- Conducted in person, hands on canning classes for the Gunnison public library
- Taught 5 ServSafe food safety classes for both Gunnison and Crested Butte
- Managed a new facebook page (MoneySmart Colorado) for finances and family and consumer sciences
- Wrote blogs and created videos for MoneySmart Colorado facebook page
- Wrote numerous blogs for LiveSmart newsletter on topics related to families and health
- Created blogs for facebook during America Saves week in February

Adult Planning 2022:

- Additional Research with Virtual Fencing Companies
- Dining with Diabetes working with hospital 5-week class series to be held in January and February
- Opening/teaching financial curriculum All My Money to community members

Gunnison Extension Organizational Partnerships & Committees 2021 (52)

- CSU Extension
 - Extension Director's Administrative Council
 - Extension Faculty Status Taskforce
 - Extension Salary Taskforce
 - National Extension Association of Family Consumer Science
 - National Association of County Ag Agents
 - National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Dev. Agents
 - Colorado 4-H Association Inclusivity Team
 - Colorado 4-H LGBTQ+ Team
 - Extension Diversity Catalyst Team
 - Colorado Juntos 4-H Team
 - Colorado Livestock Judging Coaches Association
 - Nutrition, Food, Safety, and Health (NFSH) Team
 - NEAFCS Awards and Recognition Team
- CSU Extension of Gunnison County
 - 4-H District 10
 - 4-H District 10 Horse Committee
 - 4-H in Hinsdale County Committee
 - 4-H Council
 - 4-H Horse Committee
 - 4-H General Projects Committee
 - 4-H / FFA Jr. Livestock Committee
- CSU College Agricultural Sciences
- CSU Warner College of Natural Resources
- Western Colorado University MEM Programs
- Western Sustainable Agriculture, Research, & Education
- Gunnison Fairgrounds
 - Fairgrounds Master Planning Committee
- Gunnison County DHHS
- Gunnison Watershed Schools District
- Gunnison Library
- Gunnison Conservation District
- CO State Forest Service
- USDA/NRCS

- United States Forest Service
- Gunnison Weed District
- Cattlemen's Days Rodeo Committee
- Top of the World Garden Club
- Gunnison Farmers Market
- Local Food Producer's Guild
- Gunnison Stockgrowers Association
- Gunnison Valley Cattlewomen's Association
- Community Foundation of the Gunnison Valley
- Gunnison County Association Realtors
- Mountain Roots Food Project
- Gunnison Senior RV Park
- Colorado Dept. of Public Health and Environment
- Gunnison County Community Health Coalition
- West Central Public Health Partnership
- West Region State-Agency Multi-agency Coordination (MAC)
- CDA State Veterinary Office
- Texas A&M University Agrilife Research (drones)
- Two Companies with Virtual Fencing projects in Gunnison County
- Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District
- Gunnison County Substance Abuse Program (Choice Pass Team)
- Gunnison Hinsdale Early Childhood Council

AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Cheatgrass Treatment Coordinator; Scope of Work Dr

Action Requested: Discussion

Parties to the Agreement:

Term Begins:

Term Ends:

Grant Contract #:

Summary:

For your review before discussion at next week's work session.

Fiscal Impact:

Submitted by: Melanie Bollig

Submitter's Email Address: mbollig@gunnisoncounty.org

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\mbirmie

Discharge Date: 2/4/2022

Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda

Worksession

Time Allotted: 30

Agenda Date: 2/8/2022

**GUNNISON BASIN-WIDE CHEATGRASS TREATMENT COORDINATOR
SCOPE OF WORK: JANUARY 31, 2022**

The Treatment Coordinator will closely with Project Team members to design and implement on-the-ground cheatgrass treatment and sagebrush restoration treatments across the Upper Gunnison Basin. Specifically, he/she will design treatments, select locations for treatment, calculate amount of supplies needed, facilitate project logistics and serve as technical supervisor during the construction of structures.

Climate change may degrade sagebrush shrublands, which are important habitats for the Gunnison Sage-grouse, other wildlife species, and livestock. These habitats are vulnerable to climate change in many ways, including increases in exotic annual grasses and other noxious weeds, diminishing critical food supply and cover, and changes to fire frequency intervals. Large scale, cross-boundary treatments are necessary to address cheatgrass and other noxious weed invasions to provide appropriate cover and food resources for Gunnison sage-grouse, other wildlife species, and livestock.

This work is in partnership with federal, state, and local land management agencies, in addition to other organizations including Bird Conservancy of the Rockies, Bureau of Land Management, Colorado Department of Transportation, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Gunnison Basin Sage-Grouse Strategic Committee, Gunnison Conservation District, Gunnison County, Gunnison County Stockgrowers Association, Gunnison Trails, High Country Conservation Advocates, National Park Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Sisk-a-dee, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, U.S. Forest Service, and Western Colorado University.

The overall goal of this project is to treat and restore cheatgrass infestations in the sagebrush ecosystem on public and private lands across the Gunnison Basin.

Overall project objectives are to:

1. Prioritize the most important sites needing treatment across the basin, (develop and apply criteria to inform prioritization, incorporate local knowledge). This may include remote sensing and mapping of the current extent of cheatgrass in the Gunnison Basin.
2. Build local capacity for creating an enduring, long-standing program to continue these methods through training, volunteer base development for hand pulling events, outreach events and education programs.
3. Treatment objectives are to: a) treat infestations of cheatgrass in priority habitats; b) reduce the expansion of cheatgrass into new areas by public education campaigns and equipment such as bike wash and boot kick stations; c) engage in cross-boundary treatments including private lands; and d) use an integrated pest management approach, such as reseeding appropriate sites post-treatment.
4. Develop a long-term monitoring program to determine ecological response to the restoration project and to help determine if changes are needed to treatments.
5. Share tools, methods, and findings with other groups working to conserve vulnerable sagebrush and sage-grouse populations in similar ecosystems.
6. Secure additional funding for projects and capacity via grant applications.

Tasks and Timeline: Treatment Coordinator (estimated time in parentheses; note dates subject to change pending weather):

The details of the tasks and work plan will be finalized in collaboration with stakeholders.

1. Stakeholders will work with the Treatment Coordinator on priority project areas. The Treatment Coordinator will conduct field work and provide written summary of project design treatments, including identifying problems, developing objectives, characterizing the treatment site, determining locations, treatment methods, estimating materials needed, estimating costs of materials, and documenting details using GPS starting in April/May, depending on weather.
2. Ensure and oversee the timely application of herbicides in June – November. Herbicide applications may be with a combination of contractors, agency workforce, and Western Colorado Conservation Corps or similar. The coordinator will plan and implement multi-agency, cross-boundary cheatgrass treatments.
3. Establish baseline and repeat measurements with assistance from stakeholders, and provide summary, data, interpretation and preliminary results. Field work will occur April through November as appropriate and as conditions allow, and analysis and reports will be completed in November through March.
4. Grant applications will be completed November through March, or at other times as appropriate, in order to secure funds for projects and capacity. Applications will be completed in coordination with stakeholders.
5. Host and organize monthly meetings for stakeholders to discuss next steps, priorities, and accomplishments.
6. Develop and implement a proactive cheatgrass communications strategy, including internal communications to stakeholders, external communications to generate a broad public understanding of the issue, talks at conferences, a multi-media approach, and cheatgrass education for the public and practitioners (i.e. bringing in researchers and practitioners for webinars, talks, workshops). Communications outreach can be done primarily November through March but at other times as appropriate. Community cheatgrass pull days may be planned for May. Community outreach may include K-12 school presentations, a booth at the farmer's market, Gunnison Sage-Grouse Summit or Festivals, or at local recreation events such as the Sageburner, Growler, and other permitted recreational events.
7. Stay updated on innovations in cheatgrass management throughout the western United States. Build partnerships with companies and conduct background research on herbicides to understand pros and cons of each product and when to use different options. Develop a Best Management Practice document for this information (November through March).
8. Recruit and help train herbicide applicators to build certified applicator capacity in personnel able to spray cheatgrass in the Gunnison Basin.
9. Coordinate seed collections of Gunnison Basin native grasses, forbs, and shrubs such as sagebrush. Coordinate seed storage, planting, and growing operations between Colorado Parks and Wildlife and Bureau of Land Management storage facilities and use of the Western

Colorado University greenhouse. Seed collections will primarily occur throughout late summer and early autumn.

10. Coordinate seeding and planting events in post-treatment sites, tied with cheatgrass treatments and other disturbances such as road decommissioning. Seeding and planting events will primarily occur throughout summer.

Products:

1. Written pre-project report documenting objectives and rationale, methods and treatment types, GPS locations, supplies needed, timelines, and project participants (agencies and contractors involved) to prepare for field implementation.
2. Brief progress reports on a monthly basis due first of the month to stakeholders.
3. Final annual report summarizing objectives and methods, with photo documentation of treatment sites before and after treatment, and results including recommendations for future work, summary of sites, treatment design, monitoring program protocol and results, lessons learned and recommendations.
4. Created and regularly maintained database of certified applicators and contractors willing to work on cheatgrass treatments in the Gunnison Basin.
5. November through March, track accomplishments and monitoring data in the Gunnison Sage-Grouse Conservation Efforts Database (CED). Facilitate the addition of treatment data from other agencies. Input data annually.

Required Skills and Experience:

- Basic understanding of plant biology and ecology.
- Basic understanding of herbicides and their application methods.
- Understanding of monitoring methods and techniques, how to set up monitoring, and how to analyze monitoring data.
- Ability to complete field work including vegetation monitoring.
- Develop and implement a budget to complete projects.
- Successful grant writing experience, and experience disbursing grant funds, and meeting reporting requirements.
- Ability to use GIS and other mapping applications to track herbicide applications and projects for reporting.

Preferred Skills and Experience:

- Working with multiple landowners and agencies to successfully complete projects. The coordinator must be a good listener, open to new ideas, and an effective communicator when working on multi-stakeholder projects.



Dr. Patrick Magee!
Sisk-a-dee Director
323 North Wisconsin Street
Gunnison, Colorado 81230

December 14, 2021

Gunnison County Commissioners
200 East Virginia
Gunnison, Colorado 81230

Dear Gunnison County Commissioners (Liz Smith, Roland Mason, Jonathan Houck):

As director of Sisk-a-dee, a local non-profit focused on Gunnison Sage-grouse conservation, I write in support of the Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee's commitment to scale up the effort to control the invasion of cheatgrass and to conserve the habitat that supports the Gunnison Sage-grouse. The Strategic Committee recently endeavored to have a major control project in the ground by summer/fall 2022. Quick action and coordinated facilitation of the many stakeholders engaged in this cross fence effort is required.

I co-founded Sisk-a-dee in 2000, in the same year the grouse was designated as a unique species and when biologists and other stakeholders expressed a growing concern about its long-term viability. Sisk-a-dee assessed the implementation of the Gunnison Sage-grouse Conservation Plan in the early 2000s and began advocating for a coordinated effort to lead the multi-stakeholder conservation effort and deliver more tangible accomplishments. When the Strategic Committee formed with a paid full-time coordinator, major progress developed in implementing the conservation plan and new initiatives evolved. The Wet Meadow Resiliency Project offers a second potent example of how a coordinated effort has yielded tremendous results to address one of the main limiting factors on Gunnison Sage-grouse population growth and persistence. In 2021, among the most pressing threats to the continued existence of the Gunnison Sage-grouse is the increasingly rapid invasion of invasive cheatgrass. To address this threat a full-time paid coordinator is essential to oversee an inventory and mapping project to assess the distribution of cheatgrass, to coordinate treatments among a diversity of stakeholders, to build partnerships and resources, to help develop monitoring plans to assess the effectiveness of cheatgrass treatments, and to communicate the results of these efforts. I was recently made aware of a promising model of cheatgrass response in Sublette County, WY where concern about sage-grouse habitat loss spurred a county-led ambitious response team and reduced cheatgrass from 57,000 acres to less than 100 acres. We can do this!

Experts in the Gunnison Basin agree that cheatgrass is currently spreading at a rate much faster than the cumulative treatment response by all the agencies and private landowners in the valley. We are simply losing this battle and an immediate, urgent, and robust response is necessary to conserve the Gunnison Sage-grouse. Currently 85+% of the global population of Gunnison Sage-grouse (with less than 3,000 total birds in the world) reside in our basin and cheatgrass continues its invasion. Now is the time to act. Other locations in western Colorado and across the Great Basin of the western U.S. have already been largely overtaken by this weed. The grass converts relatively intact ecosystems into monocultures of

cheatgrass which has little to no habitat value for sage-grouse, other sagebrush obligate species and important wildlife such as mule deer and elk that winter in the sagebrush.

Through this letter, Sisk-a-dee pledges to be a strong and proactive partner in the fight to eradicate cheatgrass and promote a healthy sagebrush ecosystem. Sisk-a-dee's role in this project includes:

Collaborating through the Gunnison Basin Sagebrush Ecosystem Alliance, a network of professionals focused on managing cheatgrass in the Gunnison Basin, to strategize on cheatgrass control, mapping, education and communication, and research efforts.

Teaming with Western Colorado University, BLM and other agencies to plan public lands day events and to recruit an army of students for sagebrush restoration activities (wild native plant seed collections, seeding restoration sites, planting sagebrush, pulling cheatgrass).

Contributing \$500 per year toward the cheatgrass coordinator position.

I look forward to working with the Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee to protect the Gunnison Valley's landscapes and wildlife.

Sincerely,

Patrick Magee!
Director, Sisk-a-dee



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GUNNISON COUNTY STOCKGROWERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

P.O. Box 1711 ♦ Gunnison, Colorado 81230

Dear County Commissioners,

The Gunnison County Stockgrowers (GCSG) are in support of the Gunnison Basin Sage-Grouse Strategic Committee's recommendation to hire a Cheatgrass/Invasive Species Coordinator. As you are well aware the Gunnison basin is a real time working landscape. As such, any non-native, invasive species can throw off the delicate balance we all fight to preserve. We feel like a Coordinator position is necessary to get ahead of the growing Cheatgrass issue while it is less prevalent in our basin. Someone to take charge and communicate with all parties who will be involve to give this project the best chance to succeed. We as a community have worked too hard on sage grouse habitat to see an invasive species jeopardize its health. The GCSG's are conservationists at heart because we rely on the health of our landscapes to keep our businesses viable and sustainable. We look forward to helping in the efforts to mitigate cheatgrass and keep our basin healthy and productive.

Sincerely,

Jason Peterson
President, Gunnison County Stockgrowers



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Gunnison County Commissioners
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December 13, 2021

Re: Cheatgrass/Invasive Species Coordinator

Dear Commissioners:

The Colorado Wool Growers Association supports the recommendation of the Gunnison Basin Sage-Grouse Strategic Committee to hire a cheatgrass/invasive weed species coordinator.

Invasive weed species negatively impact wildlife habitat and livestock grazing on both public and private land. The longer the issue is left unaddressed, the more expensive and widespread it becomes.

We also suggest that government entities fully utilize sheep grazing as a land management tool to reduce the spread of invasive weeds and reduce fine fuel loads.

Sincerely,

Terri Lamers
President



United States Department of Agriculture

Natural Resources Conservation Service
Lamar Field Office
1501 South Main Street
Lamar, CO 81052-3823

December 15, 2021

Gunnison County Commissioners
Gunnison, Colorado

Re: Letter of Awareness – Gunnison County’s/Strategic Committee Cheatgrass Coordinator Position

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is committed to ensuring productive working lands and healthy ecosystems. NRCS supports activities that address natural resource and socio/economic concerns.

The NRCS has had a strong working relationship with producers in the Gunnison Basin and the many local, State, and Federal partners in the Gunnison Basin. NRCS recognizes the increasing spread of cheatgrass as a substantial resource concern in the Gunnison Basin and will continue to provide technical assistance to willing landowners to address this resource concerns. Additionally, NRCS would gladly support a partnership with partners in the Gunnison Basin through financial assistance programs, including the RCPP.

If you have any questions, please contact acting State Conservationist Tim Macklin

Tim Macklin
Acting State Conservationist

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In Reply Refer to:
FWS/IR05/IR07

December 16, 2021

County Commissioners
Gunnison County
200 E. Virginia Avenue
Gunnison, Colorado, 81230

Dear County Commissioners,

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) would like to express its support for the creation of a fulltime cheatgrass coordinator position in Gunnison County. As Gunnison sage-grouse (GUSG) continues to experience threats to its survival, the Gunnison Basin is an essential area that must maintain quality habitat for the bird. The Gunnison Basin population is the largest of the eight populations and has the most occupied habitat, supporting approximately 85 percent of breeding GUSG and 65 percent of the occupied habitat. Actions taken soon to control the spread of cheatgrass will impact the ability of the habitat to remain adequate for GUSG survival. Addressing the threat now, while it is early in its invasion of the Gunnison Basin, will help ensure that the spread stays manageable and does not significantly reduce available habitat for GUSG.

The creation of a cheatgrass coordinator position would align with the goals of the Service's Recovery Plan and Recovery Implementation Strategy (RIS). Multiple Priority 1 Actions directly call for habitat restoration and invasive plant research and treatment. Action #2 of the RIS calls to "improve habitat quality and quantity by collaborating with Federal land managers, States, county weed control programs, and private landowners to target noxious weed prevention and removal in all populations." Multiple sub-priorities specifically call for action to prevent cheatgrass invasion both range-wide and in the Gunnison Basin population. The new position would support not only the listed species, but also other sagebrush obligate species whose habitat is threatened by invasive plants. Current workforce capacity does not meet the need to assess and combat the threat of cheatgrass—the creation of a dedicated position that can both seek granting opportunities and lead on the ground efforts could dramatically improve our ability to maintain and improve habitat for GUSG.

INTERIOR REGION 5 MISSOURI BASIN

KANSAS, MONTANA*, NEBRASKA, NORTH DAKOTA,
SOUTH DAKOTA

*PARTIAL

INTERIOR REGION 7 UPPER COLORADO RIVER BASIN

COLORADO, NEW MEXICO, UTAH, WYOMING

The Service will seek internal grants to support the funding of the position and assist in identifying grants that other partners can apply to. Possible grants include: any applicable National Fish and Wildlife Fund grants (ex: Rocky Mountain Rangelands Program), Endangered Species Act Section 6 Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund Grants (ex: Traditional Conservations Grants; assist Colorado Parks and Wildlife in their application), other Service internal funding if it becomes available, and any other external granting opportunities when they are identified.

If you have any questions, please contact Whit Blair at 970-628-7191, or at alec_blair@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

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Western Colorado Supervisor



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Parks and Wildlife

Department of Natural Resources

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December 21, 2021

Gunnison County Commissioners
200 E. Virginia Avenue
Gunnison, CO 81230

RE: Interagency Cheatgrass Coordinator

Dear Board of County Commissioners,

Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) strongly supports the Gunnison Basin Sage Grouse Strategic Committee's (GBSGSC) recent initiative to increase capacity to treat and eradicate cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*) across the Gunnison Basin. Ongoing discussions have demonstrated that there is widespread support from local government agencies and other conservation-oriented entities to increase our local control efforts. Across the west, cheatgrass has been identified as a widespread and extremely impactful issue for wildlife, landowners, and land managers. Currently, millions of acres are heavily infested and degraded because of cheatgrass and the continued expansion poses a very real threat to wildlife and domestic livestock by altering forage quantity and quality, while increasing fire intervals, and decreasing plant diversity.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife has statutory responsibility to manage all wildlife species in Colorado; this responsibility is embraced and fulfilled through CPW's mission to protect, preserve, enhance, and manage the wildlife of Colorado for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of the people of the State and its visitors. A very real threat to CPW's mission and the recovery of the federally threatened Gunnison sage-grouse (*Centrocercus minimus*) is cheatgrass. Cheatgrass has the ability to out-compete native vegetation through the proliferation of seed and alteration of soil chemistry, degrading habitat quality for sage-grouse and other wildlife. The fine fuel loads created by cheatgrass monocultures increases wildfire risk and perpetuates a cycle that favors the continued expansion and domination of cheatgrass. This cycle left unchecked, will continue to negatively impact conservation and our way of life in the West.

Some would contend that the higher elevation and relatively healthy herbaceous understories within the sagebrush-steppe community of the Gunnison Basin have helped slow cheatgrass proliferation. However, if drought conditions and warmer than average temperatures continue, cheatgrass will likely expand more rapidly if left unchecked. Colorado Parks and Wildlife would like to leverage our available resources and facilitate new partnerships with Gunnison County and local federal land management agencies to increase the efficiency and scale of cheatgrass treatments across our local landscapes. Colorado Parks and Wildlife believes that prevention is more cost-effective than restoration; that early detection, treatment, and monitoring across native plant communities is key to long-term management



and control. Finally, we support science-driven use of herbicides through systematic landscape application, and understand this will require coordination and support with federal land management agencies. Expediently navigating through NEPA processes will facilitate the use of the most effective herbicides and delivery methods such as aerial spraying.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife has several funding mechanisms that could potentially contribute to a greater cheatgrass control coalition. The first is CPW's Habitat Partnership Program (HPP), which focuses on fence and forage conflicts between big game and agriculture. The HPP certainly has a nexus with cheatgrass control, and could be a logical source of funding to help develop a coordinator position and potentially a crew of seasonal technicians. CPW's Species Conservation Trust Fund (SCTF) created by the legislature in 1998 expanded resources for threatened and endangered species. A cheatgrass eradication proposal that promotes Gunnison sage-grouse recovery while providing benefits to big game could be competitive for funding. Additionally, Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) was developed from state-sponsored lotteries for the benefit of Colorado's outdoor heritage, including wildlife, parks, rivers, trails, and open space. Great Outdoors Colorado funds the Restoration and Stewardship of Outdoor Resources and Environment (RESTORE) program, which provides grants to protect landscape conservation objectives such as maintenance of quality big game winter range and migration corridors, and intact sagebrush communities. While CPW cannot commit specific fiscal resources at this time, rest assured we will assist with any locally lead efforts to develop greater capacity for cheatgrass control.

Nathan Seward, CPW's local Wildlife Conservation Biologist, and current chair of the GBSGSC, has discussed the reallocation of \$19,200 of secured National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) funds with Paul Jones, local Wet Meadow Coordinator, and believes these funds could be used immediately to help hire a Cheatgrass Coordinator. Colorado Parks and Wildlife has also initiated conversation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Partners for Wildlife program, about future funding opportunities. At this time it is too early for commitments, but funds upwards of \$100,000 may be available as soon as summer of 2022.

Please feel free to contact Nathan Seward directly at (970) 641-7882, or at Nathan.seward@state.co.us if you have any questions or need further clarification. We very much look forward to future discussions and collaboration on this important conservation issue.

Sincerely,



Brandon Diamond, Area 16 Wildlife Manager

Cc: Kevin Blecha, Terrestrial Biologist
Nathan Seward, Conservation Biologist



File Code: 2600
Date: December 15, 2021

Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners
200 E. Virginia Avenue
Gunnison, CO 81230

Dear Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners:

The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests (GMUG) recognize the risks cheatgrass and other invasive plants pose to the Gunnison Basin population of Gunnison sage-grouse, ecosystem resiliency, the potential to increase wildfire risk, and potential economic impacts. We are pleased to be in discussion with the Gunnison Basin Sage-Grouse Strategic Committee, the Technical Subcommittee, and the Gunnison Basin Sagebrush Ecosystem Alliance (GB-SEA), to strategizing ways to scale up cross-boundary public and private lands invasive species management. Through interagency and community collaboration, we believe there's a unique opportunity to address this threat and set a good example of collaboration.

We would like to express our support and commitment to being a partner in this effort. Through discussions with the Gunnison Basin Sage-Grouse Strategic Committee and the Technical Subcommittee, we agree with hiring an invasive species coordinator. We respectfully request the Board of County Commissioners consider hiring an invasive species coordinator using the Gunnison Sage-Grouse Mitigation Fund to help kick start this effort.

The GMUG is committed to working, in partnership with the County and its partners, to help secure funding for the position. The recently passed Infrastructure Bill specifically has set aside funding to combat invasive species and has potential to be a funding opportunity for both federal agencies, local governments, and NGO's. Secure Rural Schools Title II funds have historically been a good funding source for invasive species management. The GMUG will look at all potential sources of funds to help fund the position.

If you have any questions or want to discuss further, please contact Matt Vasquez, Forest Fish & Wildlife Program Manager, at 970-210-7739 or matthew.vasquez@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

CHAD STEWART
Forest Supervisor

cc: Dayle Funka, Darren Long, Matthew Vasquez





United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park
Curecanti National Recreation Area
102 Elk Creek
Gunnison, Colorado 81230

IN REPLY REFER TO:

January, 9 2022

Gunnison County Board of Commissioners,

On behalf of Curecanti National Recreation Area, I would like to express our support of landscape scale coordination for cheatgrass control. While these efforts have already been coordinated through the Gunnison Basin Sagebrush Ecosystem Alliance, we agree with our interagency partners that a dedicated coordinator is necessary to rapidly scale up cheatgrass control.

We understand that one funding source, whether through an agency or the county would be insufficient and unreliable. NPS is committed to pursuing grant funding to support the coordinator position. In addition to our Service wide project grant cycle, we will seek funding from regional small grants, Cooperative Ecosystem Study Unit small grants, and other non-profit sources.

We are also committed to providing in-kind support from our base operations. We can provide staff time for planning and staff time and equipment to support on-the-ground spraying operations, as we have in the past.

We are committed to collaborating across boundaries to control cheatgrass on a landscape scale. Only a coordinated, landscape scale approach will adequately protect our quality sagebrush habitat from type conversion.

Sincerely,

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Deanna Greco
Superintendent
Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park
Curecanti National Recreation Area



January 4, 2022

Senator Michael Bennet's Office
261 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington DC 20510

Re: Elevating Cheatgrass Eradication Efforts in Gunnison County

Dear Senator Michael Bennet,

On behalf of Gunnison Trails, I am writing in support of Gunnison County and the Gunnison Basin Sage-Grouse Strategic Committee's (GBSGSC) efforts to fight the spread of cheatgrass here in Gunnison County. I am the Executive Director of Gunnison Trails, a non-profit trail advocacy organization located in Gunnison, Colorado. Gunnison Trails formed in 2006 to assist our local land managers with trail maintenance and stewardship work and to educate users on responsible trail-based recreation. Gunnison Trails is an active member of the Gunnison Public Lands Initiative, the Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee and the Sage-Grouse Strategic Committee.

As public land stewards, our organization recognizes the complexity of managing multiple uses across our public lands, especially in the face of a changing climate. We work closely with the Gunnison Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to map, treat and monitor areas of cheatgrass infestation along many of our trail networks, as well as educating users on how best to avoid further spreading the invasive weed. Last year, we hired a Western Colorado Conservation Corps. crew to treat over 35 acres of cheatgrass in the Signal Peak area to the northeast of Gunnison. The spread of cheatgrass not only threatens the sustainability of our trail networks, but also the habitat critical to our big game, the Gunnison Sage grouse and a host of other important species.

Gunnison Trails is committed to helping fight the spread of cheatgrass here in Gunnison County. We are excited that GBSGSC is pursuing a facilitator to better coordinate cheatgrass eradication efforts between public land agencies and private landowners. Much like the Gunnison Public Lands Initiative that you have so strongly championed, we hope you recognize the importance of eradicating cheatgrass from our fragile sagebrush steppe, a threatened ecosystem that supports everything from our recreation economy to the survival of our hometown bird, the Gunnison Sage grouse.

Thank you for your consideration, and for all you do for public land conservation here in Gunnison County.

Tim Kugler
Executive Director, Gunnison Trails
tim@gunnisontrails.org
703.599.1873

AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Performance Report;. Emergency Management

Action Requested: Discussion

Parties to the Agreement:

Term Begins:

Term Ends:

Grant Contract #:

Summary:

Please see the attached report.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Submitted by: Katherine Haase for Scott Morrill

Submitter's Email Address: smorrill@gunnisoncounty.org

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\mbirmie

Discharge Date: 2/4/2022

Consent Agenda

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Time Allotted: 15

Agenda Date: 2/8/2022

PERFORMANCE REPORT

for the

Emergency Management

Department



Emergency Management

Element	Summary Views	Detail Views
Strategic Results		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 people are trained in aspects of operating the EOC (average from 2014 baseline)

Emergency Management Program

Element	Summary Views	Detail Views
Scorecard	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alignment Matrix	

<p>Measures</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Percentage of respondents to the biennial Citizen Survey who indicate that emergency preparedness services offered by Gunnison County are good or excellent. • Percentage of full-time, permanent administrative-department staff members are trained in NIMS appropriate to their role. • Number of people who are trained in aspects of operating the EOC. • Percentage of administrative-department Continuity of Operations Plans that have been reviewed and updated within the previous 24 months. • Number of public service announcements provided. • Number of administrative-department Continuity of Operations Plans reviewed and updated. • Number of Emergency Operations Center (EOC) trainings provided. • Number of communication sites managed. • Number of planning, training and exercise facilitations provided. • Number of public service announcements expected to be provided. • Number of administrative-department Continuity of Operations Plans expected to be reviewed and updated. • Number of EOC trainings expected to be provided. • Number of communication sites expected to be managed. • Number of planning, training and exercise facilitations expected to be requested. • Percentage of public warning messages that are sent within 8 minutes of receiving the request. • Percentage of EOC-function requests that prompt action within 10 minutes of the request. • Number of EOC real-event activations provided. • Number of EOC real-event activations expected to be required.
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10 people are trained in aspects of operating the EOC (average from 2014 baseline)
Emergency Management

Description

Owner

Due Date

12/31/20

Collaborators

Analysis

Dec-21

Emergency Management Performance Report (Dec-21)

Gunnison County
Emergency Management Program
Friday, February 4th 2022, 2:22:50 pm

Emergency Management Program

Emergency Management Program

Program Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Emergency Management Program is to provide mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery information services to the public, County departments and first responders so that they can effectively prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Performance Narrative

Program Key Results

-  Percentage of respondents to the biennial Citizen Survey who indicate that emergency preparedness services offered by Gunnison County are good or excellent.
-  Number of local and regional contacts who participate in the Gunnison County Joint Information System.
-  Percentage of full-time, permanent administrative-department staff members are trained in NIMS appropriate to their role.
-  Number of people who are trained in aspects of operating the EOC.
-  Percentage of administrative-department Continuity of Operations Plans that have been reviewed and updated within the previous 24 months.
-  Percentage of administrative departments that, upon review and update of their Continuity of Operations Plans, confirm that all their employees can demonstrate competencies appropriate to their roles specified in their Plans.
-  Percentage of public warning messages that are sent within 8 minutes of receiving the request.
-  Percentage of EOC-function requests that prompt action within 10 minutes of the request.

Activities	Measures	Analysis
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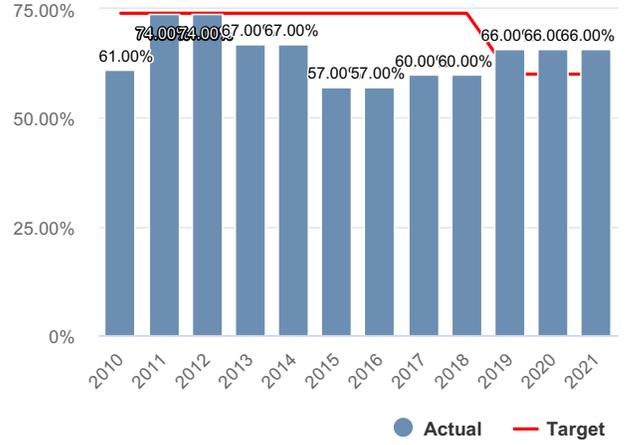
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Percentage of respondents to the biennial Citizen Survey who indicate that emergency preparedness services offered by Gunnison County are good or excellent.



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Percentage of full-time, permanent administrative-department staff members are trained in NIMS appropriate to their role.

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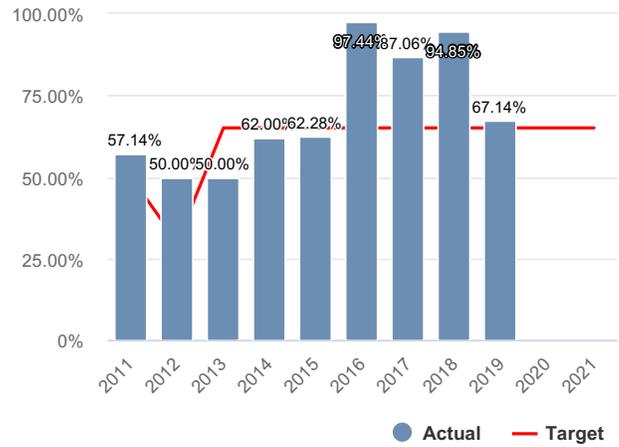
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 Scott Morrill (Emergency Management)

Collaborators

 Elizabeth Clay (Emergency Management)

Percentage of full-time, permanent administrative-department staff members are trained in NIMS appropriate to their role.



Analysis

2021

No current data on NIMS trained staff. At the start of 2019, 67% of staff had completed appropriate training.



Number of people who are trained in aspects of operating the EOC.

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Description

The number of people trained in one or more aspects of operating/managing the EOC. This includes County staff, staff from other organizations (municipalities, fire districts, GVH etc.) and volunteers. Though the annual goal is 10 people, when the pandemic hit in Q2 of 2020, many people quickly received an education in EOC operations that they may or may not have wanted. Regardless, there is now a solid cadre of people trained to work in the EOC. The goal now is to keep them all engaged.

Owner



Scott Morrill (Emergency Management)

Collaborators



Elizabeth Clay (Emergency Management)

Number of people who are trained in aspects of operating the EOC.



Analysis

2021



Percentage of administrative-department Continuity of Operations Plans that have been reviewed and updated within the previous 24 months.

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Description

Continuity of Operations Plans ensure that county departments are capable of providing critical services and function at a base line level on a bad day. This measure is dependent on Department Directors updating their plans annually. Note that beginning in 2019, we began tracking only administrative (not elected) departments.

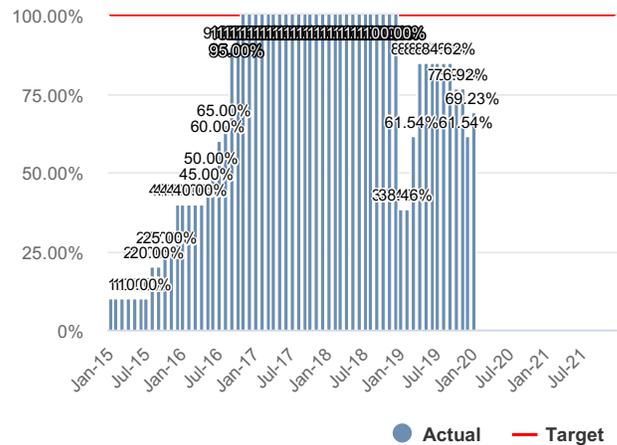
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Percentage of administrative-department Continuity of Operations Plans that have been reviewed and updated within the previous 24 months.



Analysis

Dec-21

This data has not been collected for 2021 for a variety of reasons. It should be noted that most departments implemented at least portions of their COOP's during the pandemic. Executive staff have been reminded at meetings to update their plans. Follow-up and data collection will begin again in 2022.



Number of public service announcements provided.

Emergency Management Program

Description

Public service announcements are sent for a variety of issues: disaster preparedness and mitigation info, flood insurance notifications, fire restriction messaging etc.

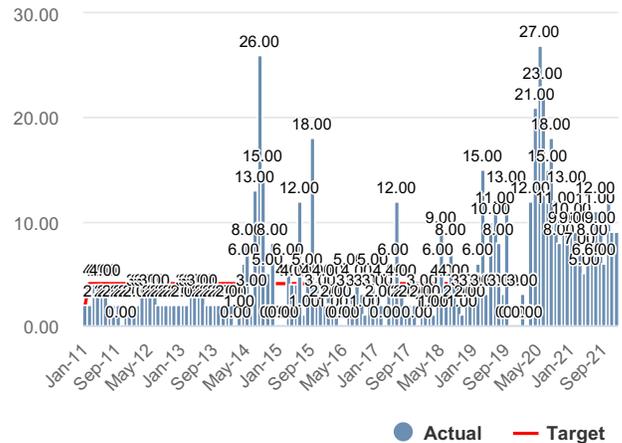
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 Elizabeth Clay (Emergency Management)

Number of public service announcements provided.



Analysis

Dec-21

For 2021, most of the PSA's had to do with COVID (PSAs shared nearly weekly), and during the summer months, numerous PSA's were sent regarding fire restrictions. PSAs were also sent in December regarding the extremely dangerous avalanche conditions during our big winter storm cycle.

Number of administrative-department Continuity of Operations Plans reviewed and updated.
 Emergency Management Program

Description

Continuity of Operations Plans (COOPs) are an important tool for all departments, ensuring that departments can still provide necessary core services to their customers. This measure tracks the number of COOPs being updated and reviewed.

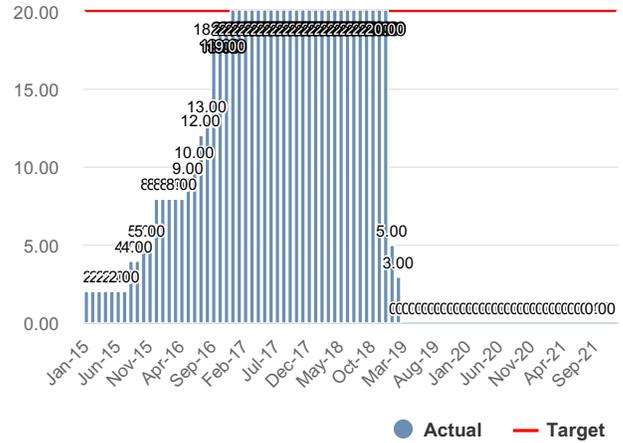
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Collaborators

 Elizabeth Clay (Emergency Management)

Number of administrative-department Continuity of Operations Plans reviewed and updated.



Analysis Dec-21

Since the on-set of the pandemic, no data has been collected for this measure. There is anecdotal evidence that departmental COOPs were updated during the pandemic, since most departments implemented at least a portion of their plan. Data will be collected for 2022.



Number of Emergency Operations Center (EOC) trainings provided.

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Description

The purpose of the EOC trainings is to ensure that staff can operate equipment and systems in the EOC, and are familiar with updates and changes to processes.

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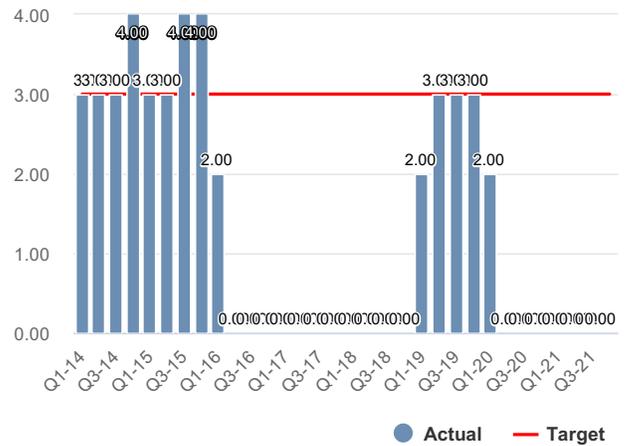
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Collaborators



Elizabeth Clay (Emergency Management)

Number of Emergency Operations Center (EOC) trainings provided.



Analysis

Q4-21

EOC trainings were cancelled Q2 of 2020, and have not restarted. We will be rolling out a schedule for 2022. However, the EOC was consistently activated for most of 2021, therefore processes, equipment, and systems in the EOC have been tested on a regular basis throughout 2021.

Number of communication sites managed.
Emergency Management Program

Description

Emergency Management is responsible for ensuring the four primary communications sites (W Mtn, Rose Ridge, Comstock Mtn and Sunlight Ridge) are maintained and operational at all times. This includes annual maintenance and repairs as well as annual reporting to site lessors.

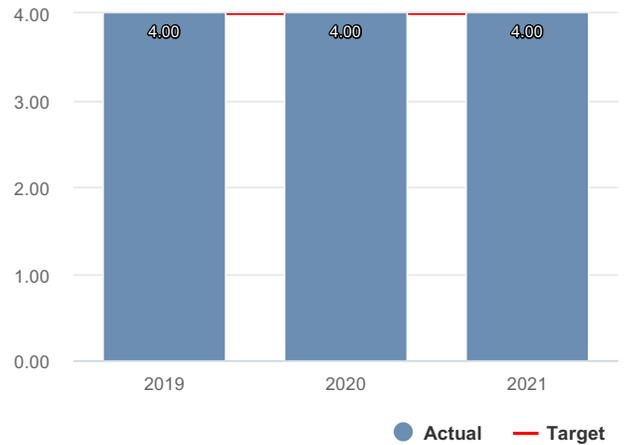
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 Scott Morrill (Emergency Management)

Collaborators

 Elizabeth Clay (Emergency Management)

Number of communication sites managed.



Analysis 2021

Number of planning, training and exercise facilitations provided.
Emergency Management Program

Description

Emergency Management plays a significant role in ensuring that appropriate trainings and exercises are conducted amongst all agencies, to test plans and processes related to incident management. This measure captures the number of training and exercise facilitation's provided, as well as the planning processes for those.

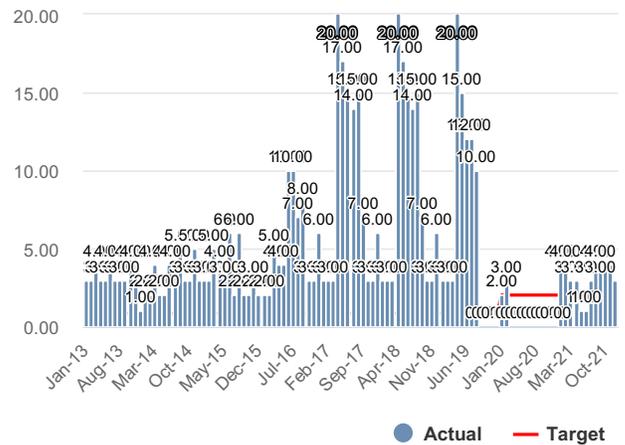
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Collaborators

 Elizabeth Clay (Emergency Management)

Number of planning, training and exercise facilitations provided.



Analysis Dec-21

The pandemic put a stop to exercises and trainings, which is reflected for 2020. For 2021, there were numerous planning meetings and continual ICS training related to COVID, and those are included in this data.



Number of public service announcements expected to be provided.

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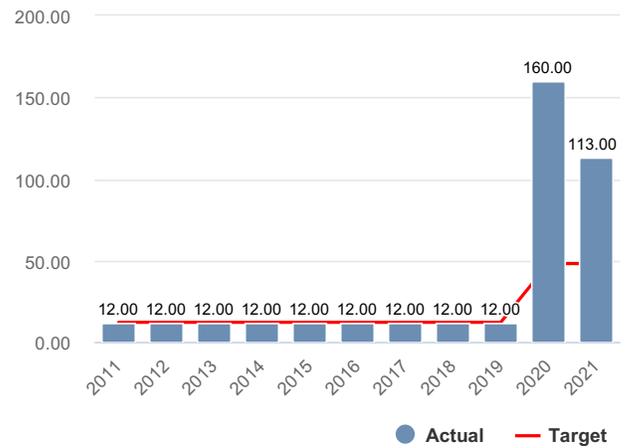
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Collaborators



Elizabeth Clay (Emergency Management)

Number of public service announcements expected to be provided.



Analysis

2021

 **Number of administrative-department Continuity of Operations Plans expected to be reviewed and updated.**
Emergency Management Program

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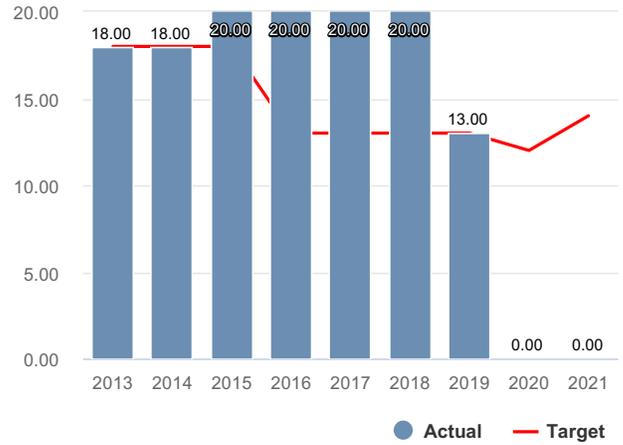
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Collaborators

 Elizabeth Clay (Emergency Management)

Number of administrative-department Continuity of Operations Plans expected to be reviewed and updated.



Analysis 2021

Same analysis comments as previous COOP metrics.



Number of EOC trainings expected to be provided. Emergency Management Program

Description

Owner

 Scott Morrill (Emergency Management)

Collaborators

 Elizabeth Clay (Emergency Management)

Number of EOC trainings expected to be provided.



Analysis 2021

Though the data shows this measure is on target, it should be noted that no EOC trainings took place in 2021, other than the on-the-job training many staff received in response to COVID.



Number of communication sites expected to be managed.

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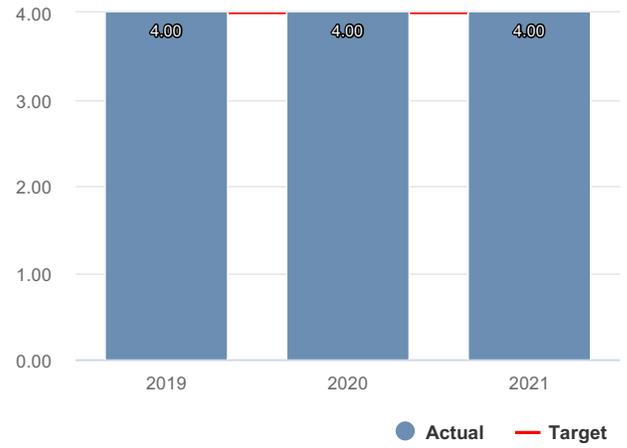
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Elizabeth Clay (Emergency Management)

Number of communication sites expected to be managed.



Analysis

2021



Number of planning, training and exercise facilitations expected to be requested.

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Scott Morrill (Emergency Management)

Number of planning, training and exercise facilitations expected to be requested.

Collaborators



Elizabeth Clay (Emergency Management)



Analysis

2021



Percentage of public warning messages that are sent within 8 minutes of receiving the request.

Emergency Management Program

Description

A critical task in the EOC is sending public warning / notifications when requested by the Incident Commander. These warnings / notifications often have life / safety implications, so it is important that they are sent as soon as possible.

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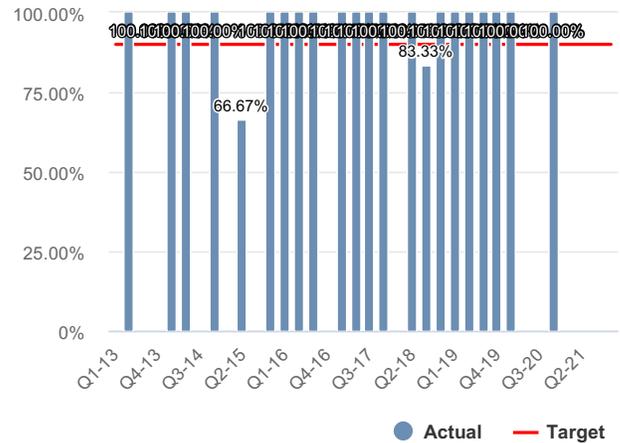
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Collaborators



Elizabeth Clay (Emergency Management)

Percentage of public warning messages that are sent within 8 minutes of receiving the request.



Analysis Q4-21

Emergency Management did not receive any requests to send public warning/notification messages in 2021, and as such did not send any. It should be noted that early in 2021, Emergency Management trained Dispatchers in the Gunnison Regional Communications Center on the use of our current public warning/notification system - Code Red. Since that training, the Dispatchers have sent several public warnings/notifications based on requests from the Incident Commanders. Since beginning this job in 2004, I had continually tried to move the public warning/notification function out of Emergency Management and into the GRCC. It is standard best practice across the nation that initial public warnings/notifications comes out of a Dispatch center. Previous GRCC leadership was not open to this. A change in GRCC leadership as well as the forming of the Gunnison / Hinsdale Combined Emergency Telephone Service Authority as a formal legal entity which oversees the GRCC, resulted in the change.



Percentage of EOC-function requests that prompt action within 10 minutes of the request.

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Description

This measure is derived from the number of documented requests (public warning/notification, resource orders etc.) received in the EOC during an incident.

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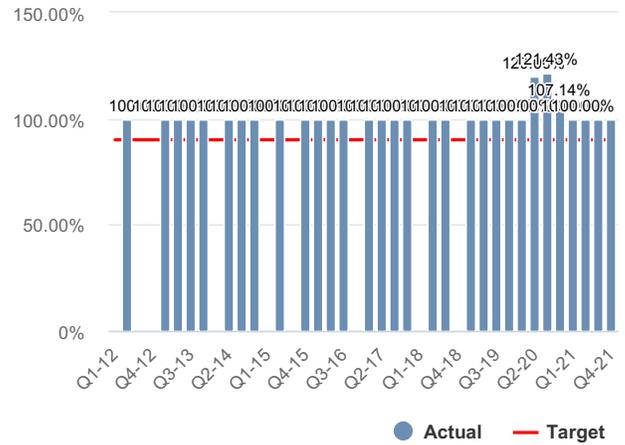
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Percentage of EOC-function requests that prompt action within 10 minutes of the request.



Analysis

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For 2021, all EOC function action requests were COVID related. There were many that were not tracked, and the numbers reflect only major requests.



Number of EOC real-event activations provided.
Emergency Management Program

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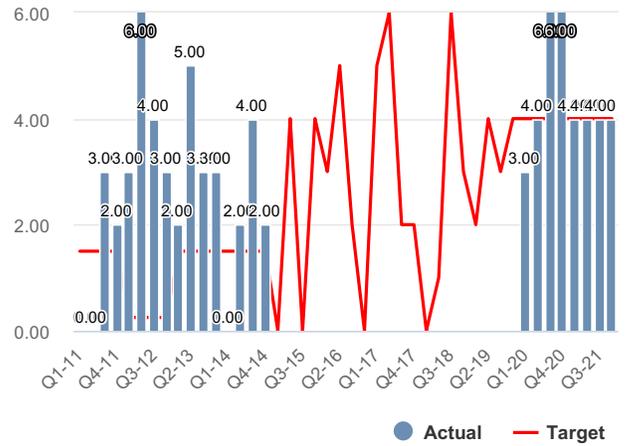
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Number of EOC real-event activations provided.



Analysis Q4-21

For 2021, the EOC was activated at least one day a week for COVID response. The data below reflects one activation per week. COVID was the most significant incident we activated for in 2021. Other EOC activations include us facilitating an After Action Review for the car over the edge of Hwy 92 and a brief activation for the Sibly fire near Crested Butte South.



Number of EOC real-event activations expected to be required.

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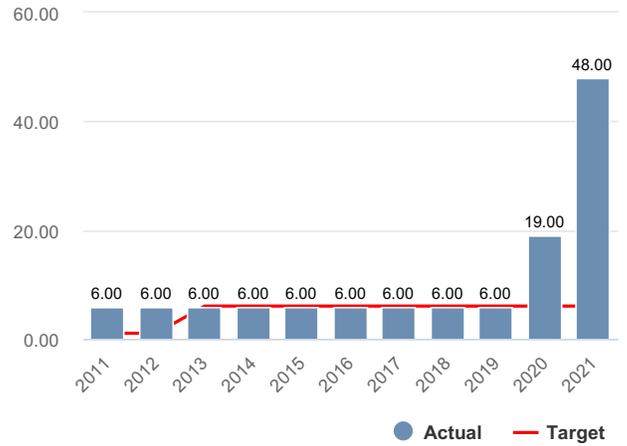
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Number of EOC real-event activations expected to be required.



Analysis

2021

For 2021, the data below reflects one activation per week for COVID response. COVID is the only incident the EOC was activated for in 2021.