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GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Tuesday, June 25, 2024

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PLACE: Board of County Commissioners' Meeting Room at the Gunnison County Courthouse
(REMOTE OPTION BELOW)

8:30 am

- Board Interview; 7th Judicial Community Corrections Board; Susan Coykendall

8:45 am

- Upper Gunnison River Water Conservation District Board Update

8:55 am

- Colorado River Water Conservation District Board Update

9:05 am

- HB 1177 Roundtable Update

9:15 am

- Cheatgrass Coordinator Update; Petar Simic
- Adjourn

GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING:

10:15 am

- Call to Order
- A Resolution Opting Out of the Prohibition of the Carrying of Firearms in Certain County Buildings or Portions of Buildings
- 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.

ZOOM MEETING DETAILS:

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89798905619>

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AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Board Interview; 7th Judicial Community Correction

Action Requested:

Parties to the Agreement:

Term Begins:

Term Ends:

Grant Contract #:

Summary:

Board Interview; 7th Judicial; Susan Coykendall

Fiscal Impact:

Submitted by: Holly Perry

Submitter's Email Address: hperry@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: 6/21/2024

Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda

Worksession

Time Allotted: 15

Agenda Date: 6/25/2024

From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [BOCC](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Boards and Commissions Application
Date: Monday, June 10, 2024 8:29:57 AM

[EXTERNAL SENDER - USE CAUTION]

Boards and Commissions Application

Board/Commission or position applying for: Community Corrections Board

First and Last Name susan coykendall

Address 401 N Wisconsin St

City Gunnison

Phone 9702755732

Email Address scoykendall@western.edu

Why would you like to serve on this Board or Commission? I am a psychologist and have worked at the intersection of mental health and criminal justice since 2007. I have been a DV offender treatment provider, a competency evaluator, and i've done psych evaluations for the western slope for years. I taught forensic psych at WCU and I've trained/educated half the providers in the 7th JD in some form or another. I believe that we need to look at those who are justice-involved holistically and try to put in place plans to help address their real issues in order to reduce recidivism and increase community safety.

Additional Comments I have working knowledge of almost all aspects of the criminal justice system in Western Colorado through experiences in the past 15 years.

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Agenda Item: Cheatgrass Coordinator Update; Petar Simic

Action Requested:

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Summary:

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Fiscal Impact:

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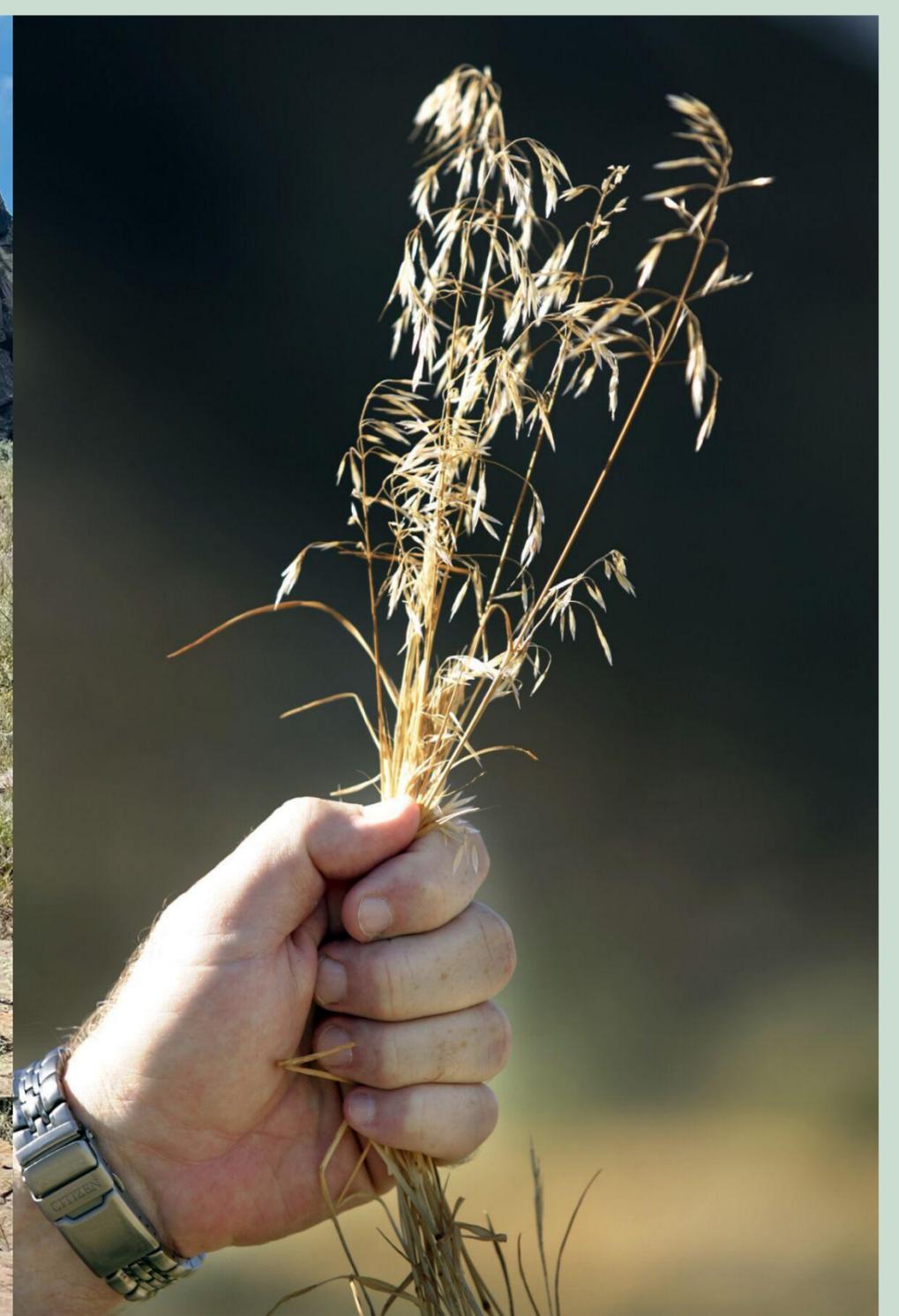
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Time Allotted: 60

Agenda Date: 6/25/2024



Cheatgrass Coordinator Update

Petar Simic, Habitat Restoration and Cheatgrass Coordinator



Agenda

- What is cheatgrass?
- Creation of Coordinator position
- What I've been up to
 - Events/education
 - Restoration work on BLM
 - Restoration work on private lands
- Future of position

Petar Simic
Habitat Restoration and Cheatgrass Coordinator
HappyHabitatsGunnison@gmail.com
248-881-6982



Cheatgrass, downy brome (*Bromus tectorum*)



- Invasive annual or winter annual grass
- Colorado List C species
 - Local and federal agencies required to implement treatment on public and private lands
- City of Gunnison List B Species
- Native to Europe, southwestern Asia, and Northern Africa
- Introduced to the U.S. through contaminated straw and seed in the mid- to late-1800's
- Cheatgrass is now in all 50 states
- Widely accepted as the greatest threat to the sagebrush steppe and sagebrush obligate species

SPRING

SUMMER

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- Grazing to capture forage value of IAG

Mature Plant

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- Seed viability 3-10 years (?) in soil

- Seed production highly variable and density dependent, but may reach 400 lb/acre!

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AUTUMN

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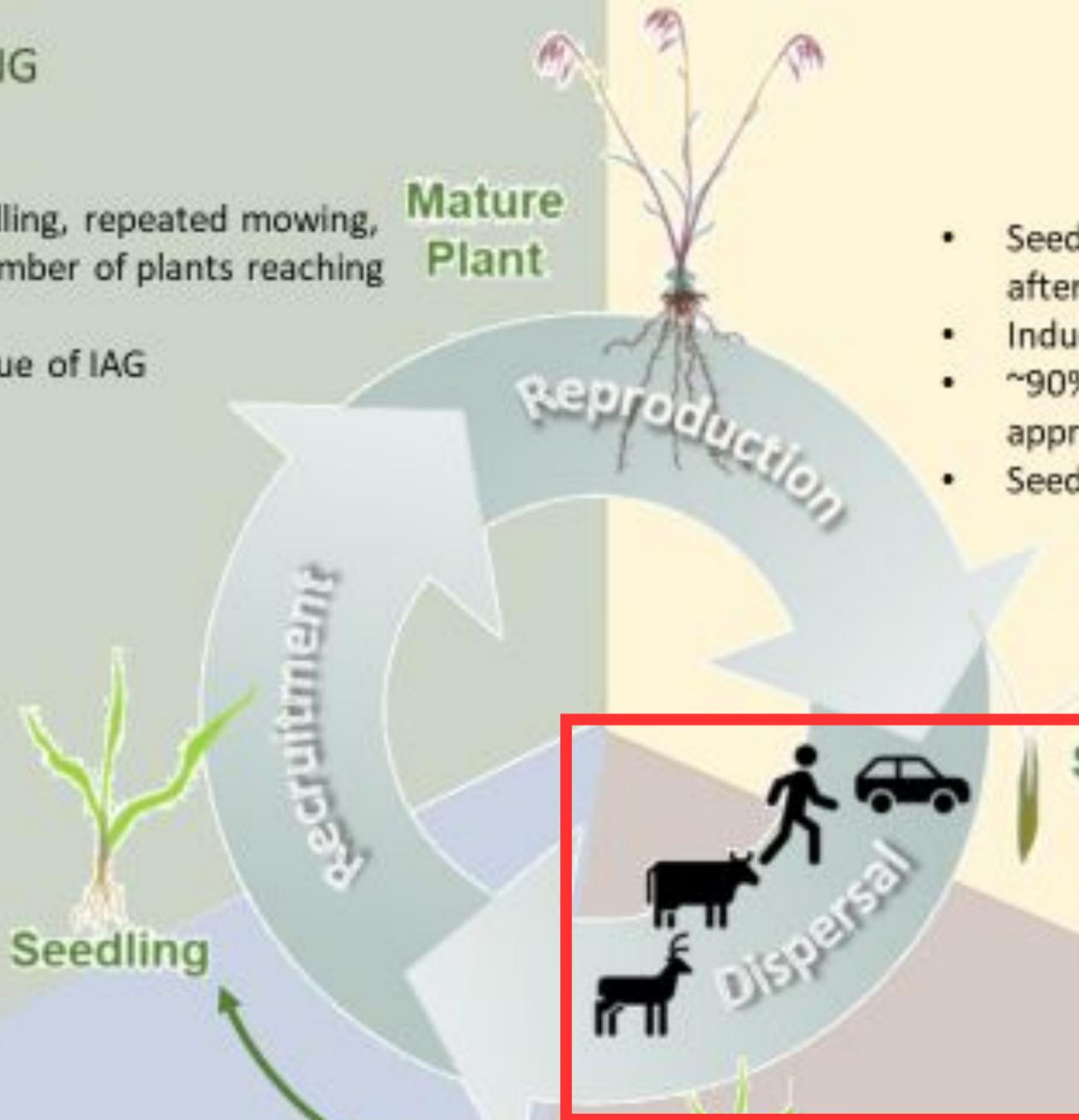
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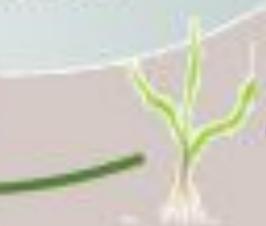
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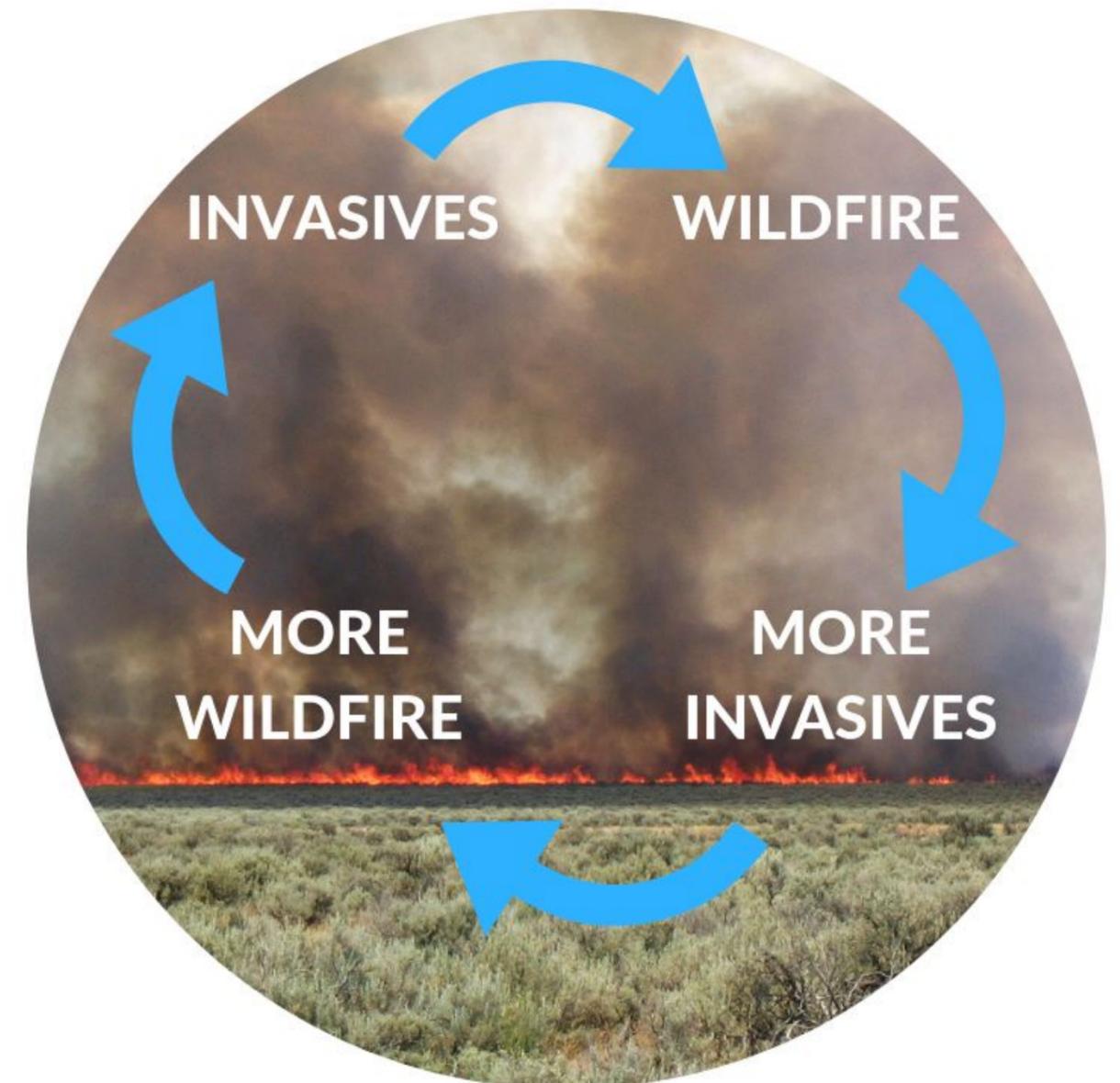
Cheatgrass, downy brome (*Bromus tectorum*)

- Post-fire, high N soils favor cheatgrass establishment
- Early senescence, fine, dry fuel in time for fire season
- Cheatgrass-fire cycle can occur
- Hard to convert cheatgrass monocultures back to native plant community



The Constantina Fire
Courtesy of Nolan Preece

INVASIVES-FIRE CYCLE



Credit: Partnering to Conserve Sagebrush Rangelands



Rabbit Valley, Colorado

Credit: University of Colorado Boulder

Cheatgrass in the Gunnison Basin

	<u>Acres of BRTE</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Percent Infestation</u>	
BLM	906.5855379	984493.3632	0.092086506	
Private Land with BRTE	351.934287	161152.9089	0.218385315	
USFS	172.2252561	10014520.24	0.001719755	*Includes USFS managed area across entire Region
CPW	36.61178049	84964.53777	0.04309066	
NPS	16.57309618	73110.42167	0.022668582	
Other	10.21216729	N/A		
Total	1494.142125			



- Widespread but sparse
- Has spread considerably in last decade
- Soil seed bank present
- Scale of infestation at the level seen in Great Basin and Wyoming would be devastating for obligates
- Drought and warming to act as disturbance
- Invades south and east-facing, rocky slopes
- Generally interspersed with native plant community

Cheatgrass can be grazed in its vegetative state but for only 2 to 3 weeks of the year

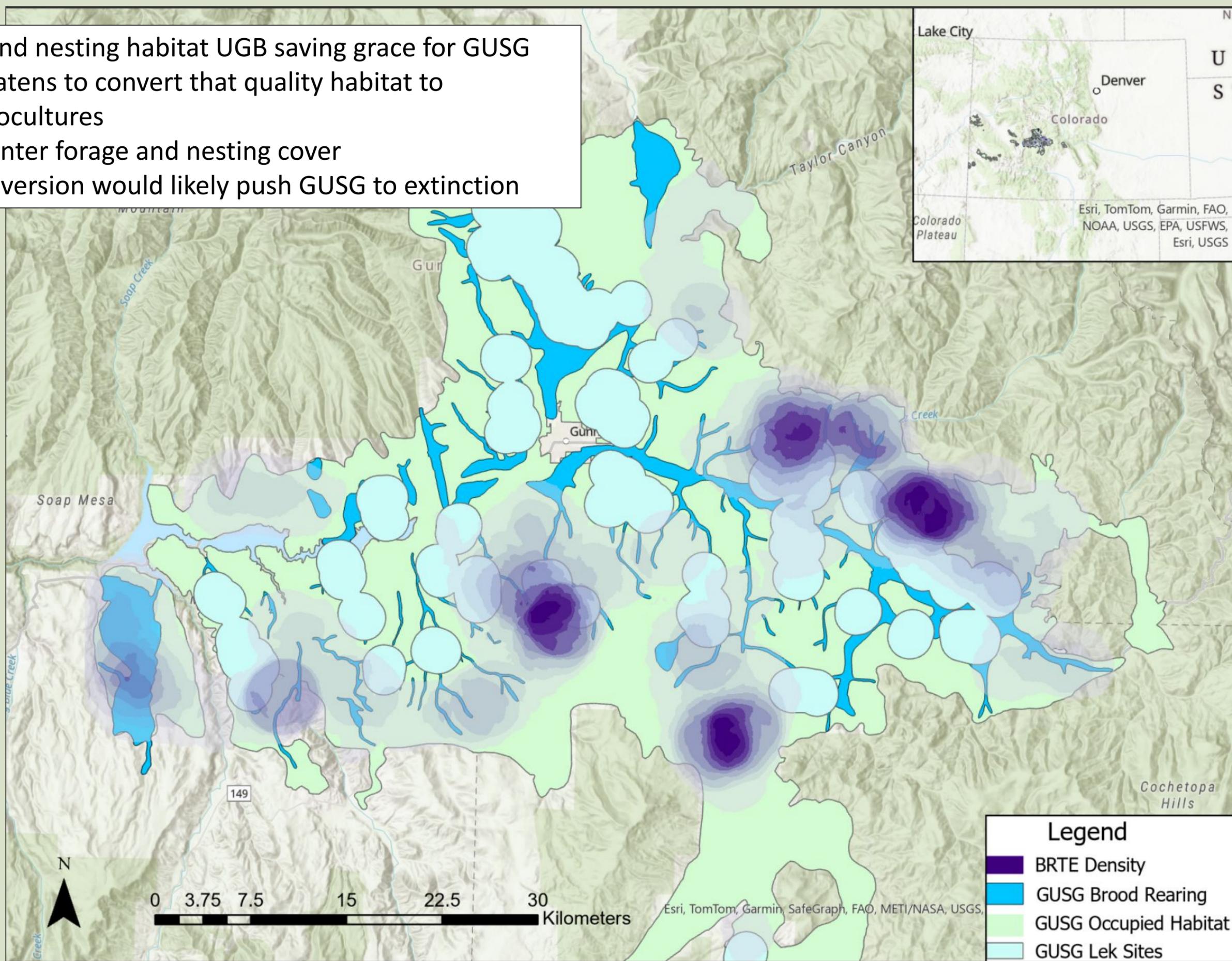
- Perennial grasses can be grazed for 3 to 4 months of the year maybe more

Cheatgrass provides almost no value to wildlife but can choke out native plant important for wildlife





- Quality winter and nesting habitat UGB saving grace for GUSG
- Cheatgrass threatens to convert that quality habitat to cheatgrass monocultures
- Affects GUSG winter forage and nesting cover
- Widespread conversion would likely push GUSG to extinction



Creation of Coordinator Position

- Cheatgrass spreading across Basin
- 2017, 1500 acre infestation discovered in Red Creek drainage
- 2021, 600 acre, cross-ownership treatment implemented in Red Creek
 - Another 600 acres in 2022
- Coordinator hired in fall of 2022



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A photograph of a man from behind, wearing a dark grey t-shirt with the text 'BEAT THE CHEAT GUNNISON, CO' and a tan baseball cap. He is standing in a covered outdoor area with other people in the background. To the right of the image is a text overlay.

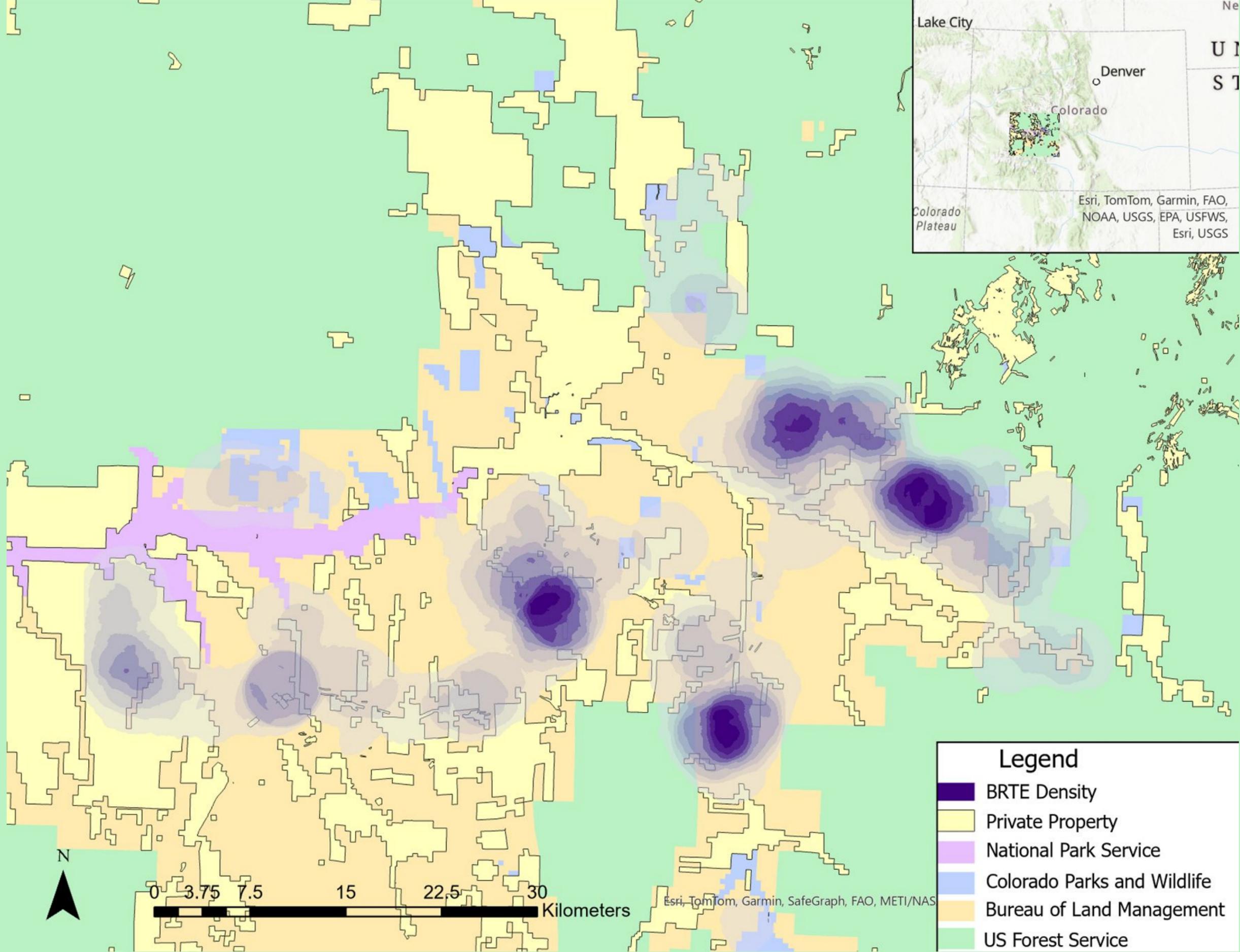
What I've been up to...

- Event organization/education
- Restoration implementation on BLM
- Restoration implementation on private land

Restoration Work on BLM

- Supervising and leading inter-agency conservation crew
- Cheatgrass inventory/treatment planning and implementation
 - Coordinated the treatment of 600 acres on BLM in 2023
 - Ground truth Open Range Consulting map
- Road decommissioning
- Native plant seeding/planting
- Wet meadow restoration, LT-PBR implementation





Lake City
Denver
Colorado
Colorado Plateau
Esri, TomTom, Garmin, FAO,
NOAA, USGS, EPA, USFWS,
Esri, USGS

Legend

- BRTE Density
- Private Property
- National Park Service
- Colorado Parks and Wildlife
- Bureau of Land Management
- US Forest Service

Private Land Cheatgrass Treatments

Cheatgrass Treatment on Private Land

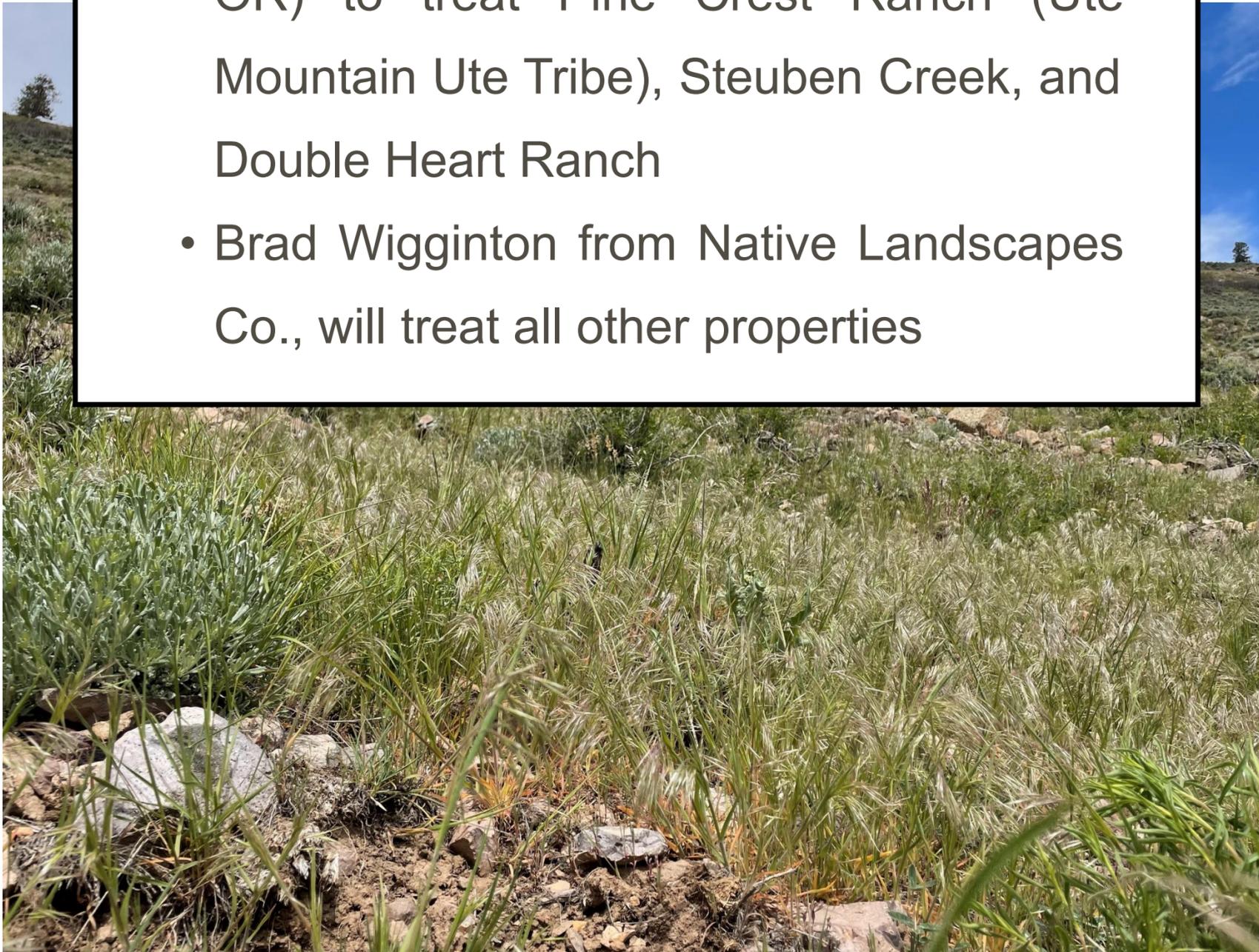
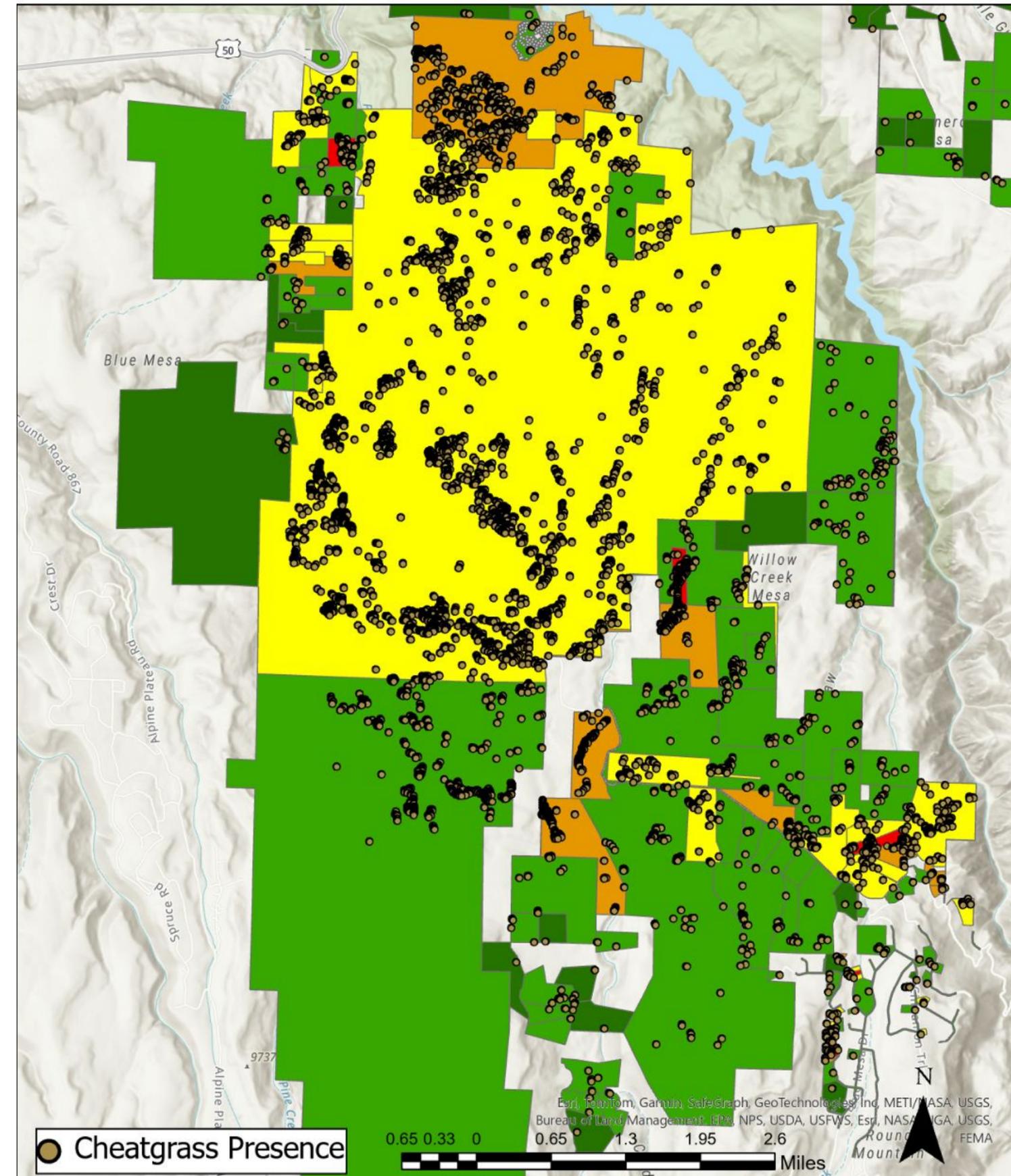
- USFWS acquired BIL funding for free cheatgrass treatment on private land
- 114 acres treated on private land in 2023
- 38 landowners participated



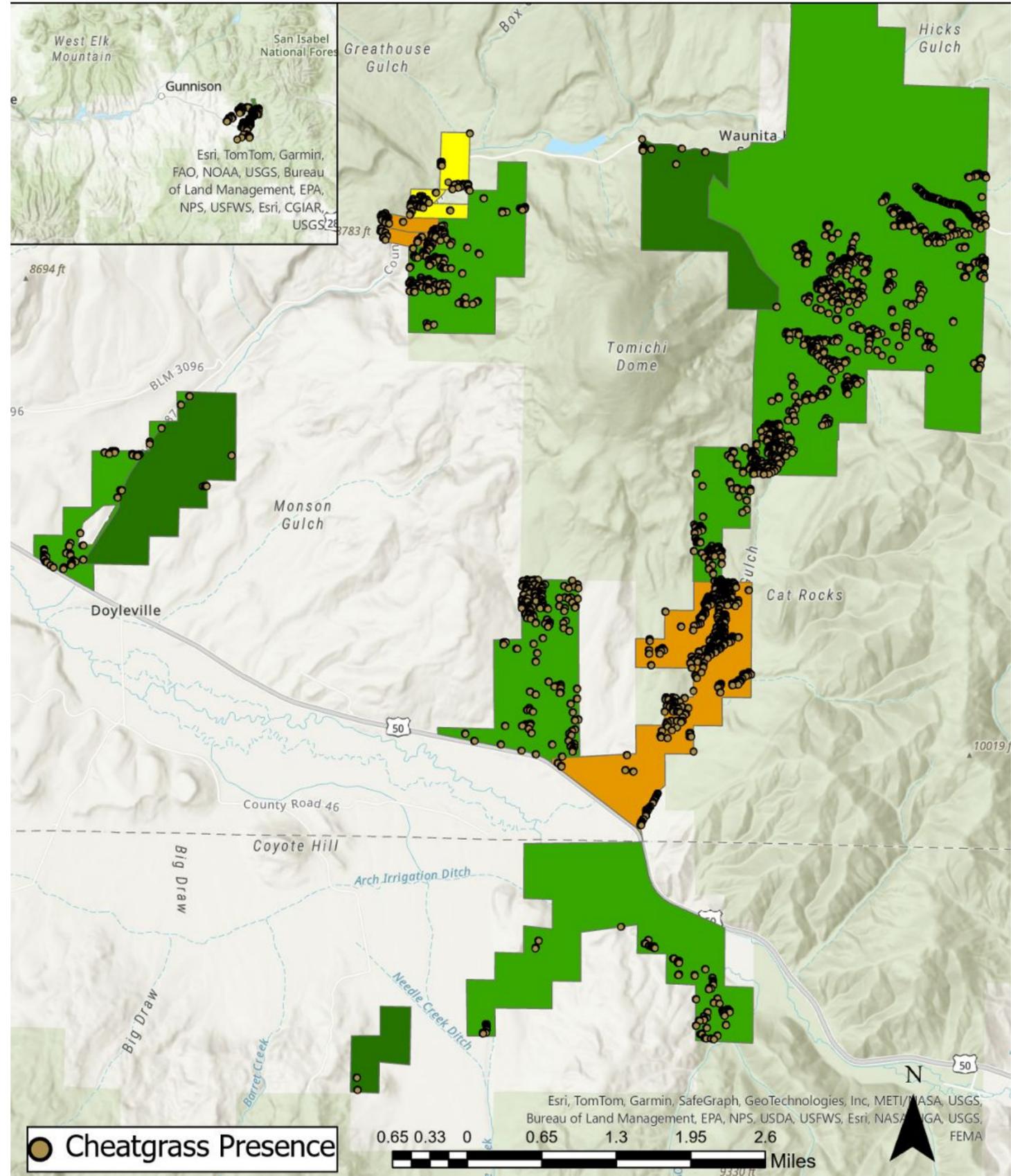
Cheatgrass Treatment on Private Land

- 48 landowners signed up for treatment in 2024
- \$68k contract with Silhouette (Medford, OR) to treat Pine Crest Ranch (Ute Mountain Ute Tribe), Steuben Creek, and Double Heart Ranch
- Brad Wigginton from Native Landscapes Co., will treat all other properties

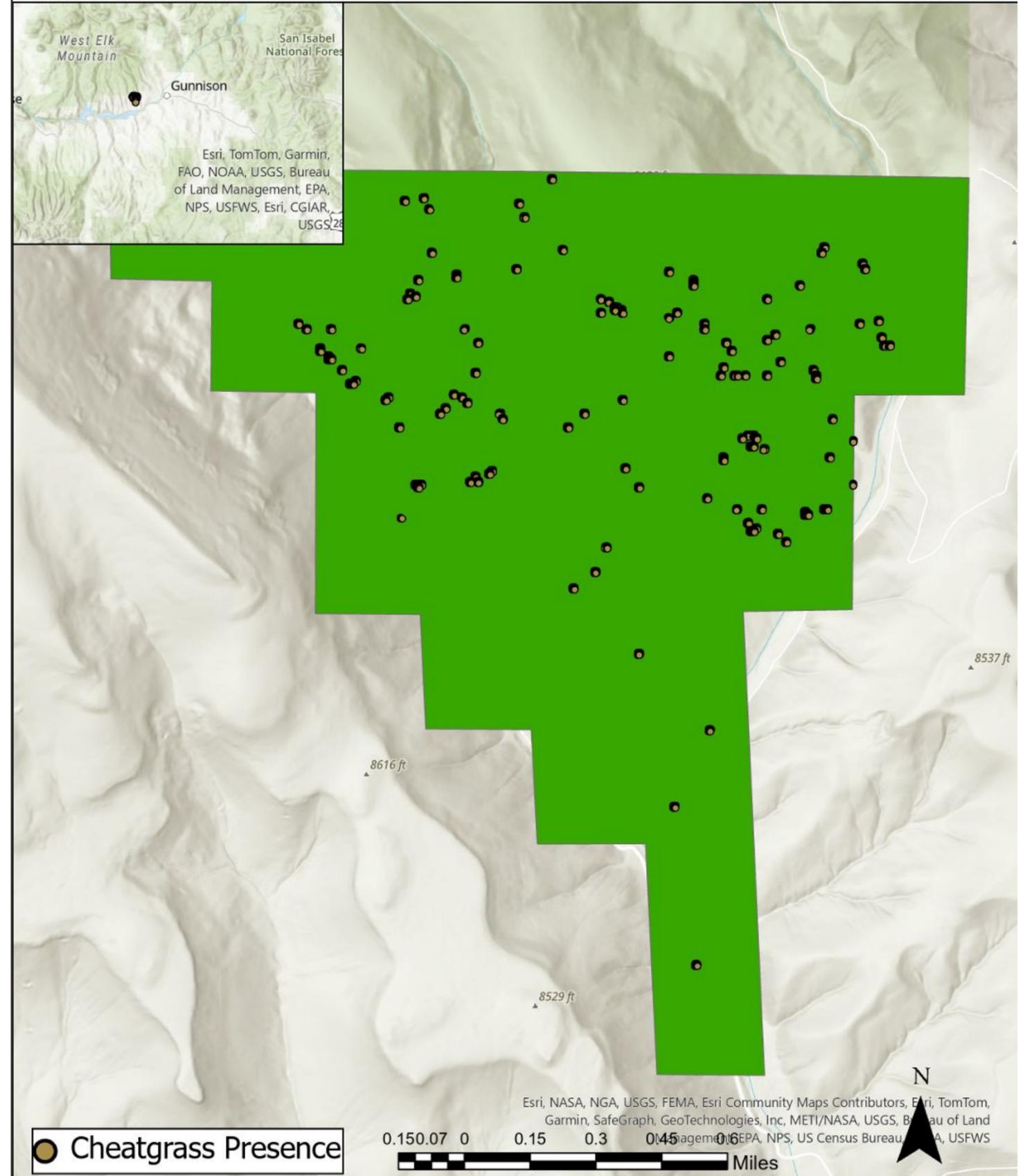
Pine Creek Treatment Area with Ownership Boundaries

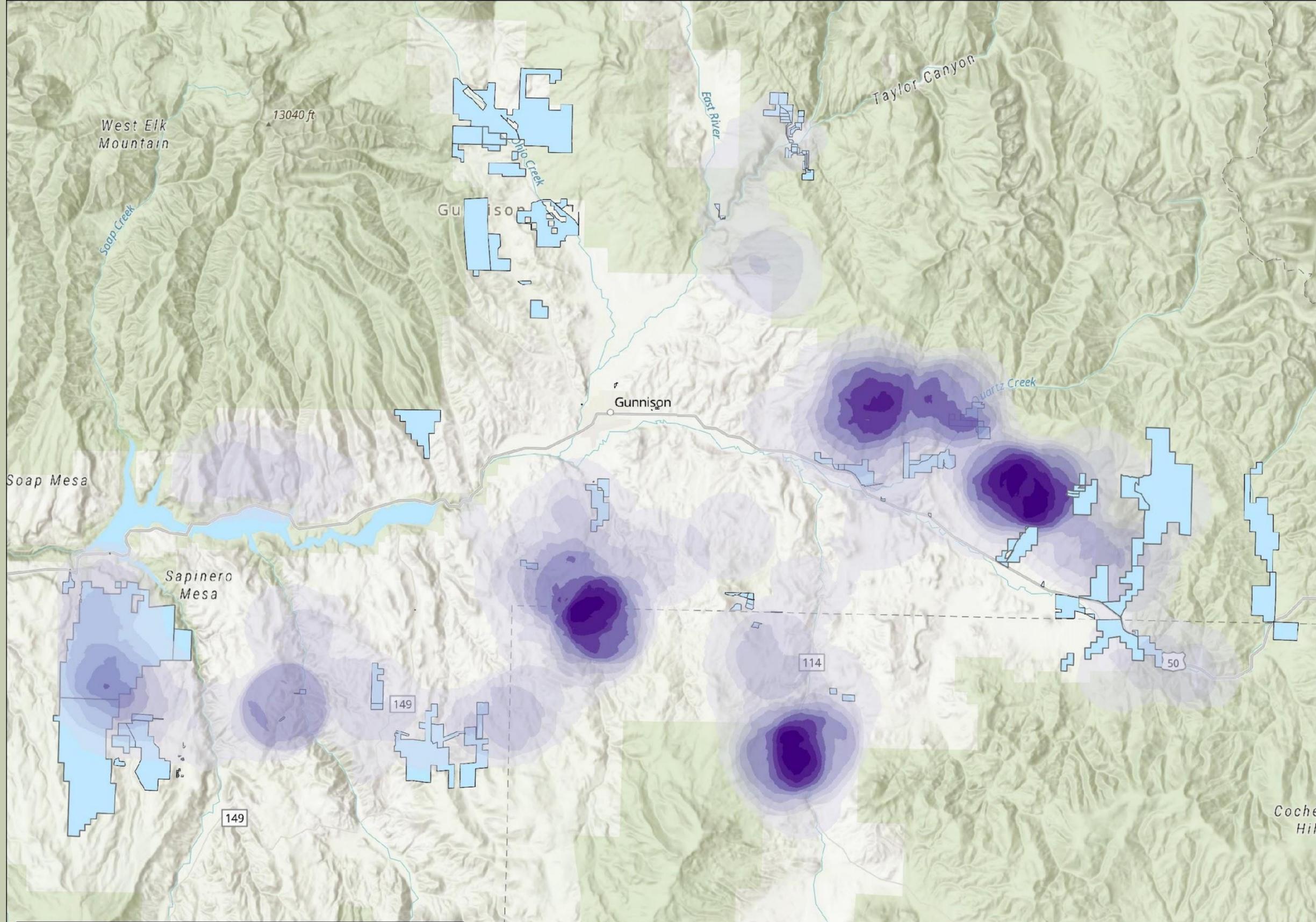


Cheatgrass Presence on Double Heart Ranch



Cheatgrass Presence in Stueben/Sun Creek





 Cheatgrass Density

 Landowners Participating in Treatment

4.5 2.25 0 4.5 9 13.5 18

Esri, TomTom, Garmin, SafeGraph, FAO, METI/NASA, USGS, Bureau of Land Management, EPA, NPS, USFWS, Esri, NASA, NOAA, USGS, FEMA

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Wet Meadow Restoration on Private Land

- LT-PBR and Zeedyk style rock structures on L&T Ranch, Cranor Ranch, Pine Crest Ranch, etc.





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AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: A Resolution Opting Out of the Prohibition of the

Action Requested: Board of County Commissioners' Signature

Parties to the Agreement:

Term Begins: N/A

Term Ends:

Grant Contract #:

Summary:

A Resolution opting out of the prohibition of the carrying of firearms in certain County buildings or portions of buildings.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Submitted by: Donita Bishop

Submitter's Email Address: dbishop@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review:

Required

Not Required

Comments:

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Comments:

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mhoyt

Discharge Date: 6/21/2024

Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes No

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirmie

Discharge Date: 6/21/2024

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Time Allotted: 30

Agenda Date: 6/25/2024

An Act

SENATE BILL 24-131

BY SENATOR(S) Jaquez Lewis and Kolker, Cutter, Fields, Sullivan, Gonzales;

also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Brown and Lindsay, Froelich, Amabile, Bacon, Boesenecker, Daugherty, deGruy Kennedy, Garcia, Hamrick, Hernandez, Herod, Jodeh, Joseph, Kipp, Lindstedt, Marvin, McCormick, Parenti, Ricks, Rutinel, Sirota, Story, Valdez, Weissman, Willford, Woodrow.

CONCERNING PROHIBITING CARRYING A FIREARM IN SENSITIVE SPACES
RECOGNIZED BY THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT AS PLACES AT
WHICH LONGSTANDING LAWS PROHIBITED CARRYING FIREARMS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly finds and declares that:

(a) The second amendment to the United States constitution protects the right of persons to keep and bear arms, and the supreme court of the United States has held that states may, consistent with the second amendment, regulate carrying firearms in sensitive places;

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

(b) Colorado currently regulates carrying firearms in specified sensitive places, including certain government buildings, schools, and public transportation facilities;

(c) The sensitive spaces described in this act are places where children and other members of the public congregate; and

(d) The sensitive spaces described in this act are sensitive places at which the state can regulate carrying firearms consistent with the second amendment.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, add 18-12-105.3 as follows:

18-12-105.3. Unlawful carrying of a firearm in government buildings - penalty - definitions. (1) A PERSON SHALL NOT KNOWINGLY CARRY A FIREARM, WHETHER LOADED OR NOT LOADED, IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS, INCLUDING THEIR ADJACENT PARKING AREAS:

(a) ON THE PROPERTY OF OR WITHIN ANY BUILDING IN WHICH:

(I) THE CHAMBERS, GALLERIES, OR OFFICES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OR EITHER HOUSE THEREOF, ARE LOCATED;

(II) A LEGISLATIVE HEARING OR MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS BEING CONDUCTED; OR

(III) THE OFFICIAL OFFICE OF ANY MEMBER, OFFICER, OR EMPLOYEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS LOCATED;

(b) UNLESS PERMITTED BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (4)(b) OF THIS SECTION, ON THE PROPERTY OR WITHIN ANY BUILDING IN WHICH:

(I) THE CHAMBERS OR GALLERIES OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S GOVERNING BODY ARE LOCATED;

(II) A MEETING OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S GOVERNING BODY IS BEING CONDUCTED; OR

(III) THE OFFICIAL OFFICE OF ANY ELECTED MEMBER OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S GOVERNING BODY OR OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF A LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS LOCATED; OR

(c) A COURTHOUSE OR ANY OTHER BUILDING OR PORTION OF A BUILDING USED FOR COURT PROCEEDINGS.

(2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

(a) A PEACE OFFICER CARRYING A FIREARM PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED IN SECTION 16-2.5-101 (2);

(b) A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES OR COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD WHEN ENGAGED IN THE LAWFUL DISCHARGE OF THE MEMBER'S OFFICIAL DUTIES;

(c) SECURITY PERSONNEL EMPLOYED OR RETAINED BY AN ENTITY THAT CONTROLS OR OPERATES A PLACE DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION AND SECURITY PERSONNEL DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-33.5-216.7 (5) WHILE ENGAGED IN THE SECURITY PERSONNEL'S OFFICIAL DUTIES;

(d) LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, DEFENSE COUNSEL PERSONNEL, AND COURT PERSONNEL CARRYING OR POSSESSING A FIREARM IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES AS PART OF THE LAWFUL AND COMMON PRACTICES OF A LEGAL PROCEEDING; AND

(e) A PERSON WHO HOLDS A VALID PERMIT TO CARRY A CONCEALED HANDGUN OR A TEMPORARY EMERGENCY PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO PART 2 OF THIS ARTICLE 12 WHO IS CARRYING A CONCEALED HANDGUN IN THE ADJACENT PARKING AREA OF A LOCATION LISTED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION.

(2.3) (a) ON AND BEFORE JANUARY 4, 2025, SUBSECTION (1)(a) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(b) THIS SUBSECTION (2.3) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 5, 2025.

(3) A PERSON COMMITS UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A FIREARM IN A GOVERNMENT BUILDING IF THE PERSON VIOLATES SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS

SECTION. UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A FIREARM IN A GOVERNMENT BUILDING IS A CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR.

(4) (a) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT FROM ENACTING AN ORDINANCE, REGULATION, OR OTHER LAW PURSUANT TO SECTION 18-12-214 OR 29-11.7-104 THAT PROHIBITS A PERSON FROM CARRYING A FIREARM IN A SPECIFIED PLACE.

(b) A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY ENACT AN ORDINANCE, REGULATION, OR OTHER LAW THAT PERMITS A PERSON TO CARRY A FIREARM AT PLACE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1)(b) OF THIS SECTION.

(5) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION PROHIBITS A PERSON FROM SECURELY STORING A FIREARM IN A VEHICLE, AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, THAT IS AT A LOCATION DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.

(6) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

(a) "GOVERNING BODY" HAS THE SAME MEANING SET FORTH IN SECTION 29-1-102.

(b) "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS ANY CITY, COUNTY, CITY AND COUNTY, SPECIAL DISTRICT, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE, OR ANY DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, OR INSTRUMENTALITY THEREOF.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-105.5, **amend** (1)(a), (1)(b)(II), (3) introductory portion, (3)(d.5), and (3)(h); **repeal** (3)(d); and **add** (1)(a.5), (3)(i), (3)(j), and (4) as follows:

18-12-105.5. Unlawfully carrying a weapon - unlawful possession of weapons - school, college, or university grounds - definition. (1) (a) A person shall not knowingly and unlawfully and without legal authority carry, bring, or have in the person's possession a deadly weapon as defined in section 18-1-901 (3)(e) THAT IS NOT A FIREARM in or on the real estate and all improvements erected thereon of any public or private elementary, middle, junior high, high, or vocational school or any public or private college, university, or seminary; except for the purpose of presenting an authorized public demonstration or exhibition pursuant to instruction in conjunction with an organized school or class, for the purpose

of carrying out the necessary duties and functions of an employee of an educational institution that require the use of a deadly weapon THAT IS NOT A FIREARM, or for the purpose of participation in an authorized extracurricular activity or on an athletic team.

(a.5) A PERSON SHALL NOT KNOWINGLY CARRY A FIREARM, EITHER OPENLY OR CONCEALED, IN OR ON THE REAL ESTATE AND ALL IMPROVEMENTS ERECTED THEREON OF ANY LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTER; PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, JUNIOR HIGH, HIGH, OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL; OR ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OR SEMINARY; EXCEPT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESENTING AN AUTHORIZED PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION OR EXHIBITION PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN ORGANIZED SCHOOL OR CLASS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT THE NECESSARY DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF AN EMPLOYEE OF AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION THAT REQUIRE THE USE OF A FIREARM, OR FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATION IN AN AUTHORIZED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY OR ON AN ATHLETIC TEAM.

(b) (II) A person who violates ~~subsection (1)(a)~~ SUBSECTION (1)(a.5) of this section commits a ~~class 5 felony if the weapon involved is a firearm, as defined in section 18-1-901~~ CLASS 1 MISDEMEANOR.

(3) It ~~shall not be~~ IS NOT an offense under this section if:

(d) ~~The person, at the time of carrying a concealed weapon, held a valid written permit to carry a concealed weapon issued pursuant to section 18-12-105.1, as said section existed prior to its repeal; except that it shall be an offense under this section if the person was carrying a concealed handgun in violation of the provisions of section 18-12-214 (3); or~~

(d.5) The weapon involved was a handgun, and the person held a valid permit to carry a concealed handgun or a temporary emergency permit issued pursuant to part 2 of this article, ~~except that it shall be an offense under this section if the person was carrying a concealed handgun in violation of the provisions of~~ ARTICLE 12, AND THE PERSON IS CARRYING THE CONCEALED HANDGUN:

(I) ON THE REAL PROPERTY, OR INTO ANY IMPROVEMENTS ERECTED THEREON, OF A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, JUNIOR HIGH, OR HIGH SCHOOL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY GRANTED PURSUANT TO

section 18-12-214 (3); or

(II) IN A PARKING AREA OF A LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTER OR A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OR SEMINARY; OR

(h) The person has possession of the weapon for use in an educational program approved by a school, which program includes, but ~~shall not be~~ IS NOT limited to, any course designed for the repair or maintenance of weapons; OR

(i) THE WEAPON INVOLVED IS A FIREARM; THE PERSON CARRYING THE FIREARM IS EMPLOYED OR RETAINED AS SECURITY PERSONNEL BY A LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTER OR A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY, OR SEMINARY; AND THE PERSON IS CARRYING THE FIREARM WHILE ENGAGED IN THE PERSON'S OFFICIAL DUTIES AS SECURITY PERSONNEL; OR

(j) A LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTER IS ON THE SAME REAL ESTATE AS ANOTHER BUILDING OR IMPROVEMENT THAT IS NOT A SCHOOL AND THAT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND THE PERSON IS CARRYING A FIREARM ON AN AREA OF REAL ESTATE OR ANY IMPROVEMENT THEREON THAT IS NOT DESIGNATED AS A LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTER.

(4) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES, "LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTER" MEANS A CHILD CARE CENTER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26.5-5-303 (3), THAT IS LICENSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD OR IS EXEMPT FROM LICENSING PURSUANT TO SECTION 26.5-5-304 (1)(b), AND THAT OPERATES WITH STATED EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES. "LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTER" DOES NOT INCLUDE A FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 26.5-5-303 (7).

SECTION 4. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 1-13-724, **amend** (1)(a)(III), (1)(b)(I), (3)(a), (3)(b), and (3)(c) as follows:

1-13-724. Unlawfully carrying a firearm at a polling location or drop box - exception - legislative declaration. (1) (a) The general assembly finds and declares that:

(III) ~~Openly-carried~~ Firearms in or near a polling location or drop

box may intimidate, threaten, or coerce voters, affecting Coloradans' exercise of their voting rights; and

(b) The general assembly further declares that:

(I) Regulating ~~openly~~ carried firearms at polling locations and drop boxes is substantially related to the general assembly's interest in ensuring all Colorado voters have the right to vote in an environment that is safe FROM GUN VIOLENCE and free from intimidation;

(3) (a) It is unlawful for any person to ~~openly~~ carry a firearm, as defined in section 18-1-901 (3)(h), within any polling location, or within one hundred feet of a drop box or any building in which a polling location is located, as publicly posted by the designated election official, on the day of any election or during the time when voting is permitted for any election. The designated election official responsible for any central count facility, polling location, or drop box involved in that election cycle shall visibly place a sign notifying persons of the one-hundred-foot no ~~open~~ carry zone for firearms required pursuant to this section.

(b) It is unlawful for any person to ~~openly~~ carry a firearm, as defined in section 18-1-901 (3)(h), within a central count facility, or within one hundred feet of any building in which a central count facility is located, during any ongoing election administration activity related to an active election conducted by the designated election official, as publicly posted by the designated election official.

(c) This ~~subsection (1)~~ SUBSECTION (3) does not apply to:

(I) A person who ~~openly~~ carries a firearm that the person owns on the person's private property that is within the one-hundred-foot buffer zone or while traveling directly between the person's private property and a place outside the one-hundred-foot buffer zone; ~~or~~

(II) A uniformed security guard employed by a contract security agency, as defined in section 24-33.5-415.4, acting within the scope of the authority granted by and in the performance of a contractual agreement for the provision of security services with a person or entity that owns or controls the facility, building, or location subject to this section; OR

(III) SECURITY PERSONNEL DESCRIBED IN SECTION 24-33.5-216.7(5) WHILE ENGAGED IN THE SECURITY PERSONNEL'S OFFICIAL DUTIES.

SECTION 5. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-105, **amend** (1) introductory portion, (1)(c), and (2) introductory portion; and **add** (2)(b.5) as follows:

18-12-105. Unlawfully carrying a concealed weapon - unlawful possession of weapons. (1) A person commits a class 1 misdemeanor if ~~such~~ THE person knowingly and unlawfully:

(c) Without legal authority, carries, brings, or has in ~~such~~ THE person's possession ~~a firearm~~ or any explosive, incendiary, or other dangerous device on the property of or within any building in which the chambers, galleries, or offices of the general assembly, or either house thereof, are located, or in which a legislative hearing or meeting is being or is to be conducted, or in which the official office of any member, officer, or employee of the general assembly is located.

(2) It ~~shall not be~~ IS NOT an offense PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION if the defendant was:

(b.5) CARRYING A CONCEALED FIREARM AT A SPECIFIC LOCATION IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 1-13-724, 18-12-105.3, OR 18-12-105.5; OR

SECTION 6. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-12-214, **amend** (3.5) as follows:

18-12-214. Authority granted by permit - carrying restrictions - local authority. (3.5) A permit issued pursuant to this part 2 does not authorize a person to carry a concealed handgun:

(a) Onto the real property, or into any improvements erected thereon, of a LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTER, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 18-12-105.5, OR A public OR PRIVATE college, or university, ~~if the carrying of concealed handguns is prohibited by the governing board of the college or university~~ OR SEMINARY IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 18-12-105.5;

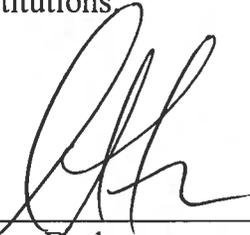
(b) IN A GOVERNMENT BUILDING IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 18-12-105.3; OR

(c) AT A POLLING LOCATION, DROP BOX, OR CENTRAL COUNT FACILITY, IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 1-13-724.

SECTION 7. Effective date - applicability. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, and applies to offenses committed on or after said date.

SECTION 8. Safety clause. The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for

the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions



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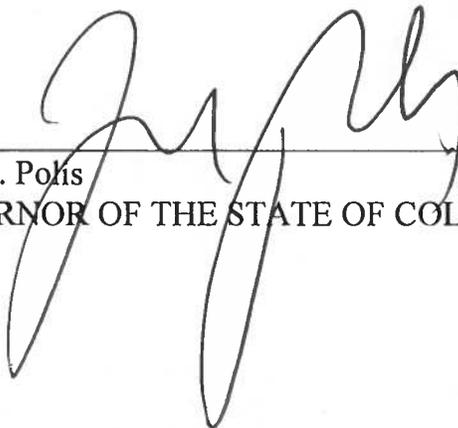


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CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE
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APPROVED Friday May 31st 2024 at 12:15 pm
(Date and Time)



Jared S. Polis
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GUNNISON COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-____**

**A RESOLUTION OPTING OUT OF THE PROHIBITION OF THE CARRYING OF
FIREARMS IN CERTAIN COUNTY BUILDINGS OR PORTIONS OF BUILDINGS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute Section 18-9-117(b), the Board has the authority to control, manage and supervise the buildings and property, and to adopt such orders, rules or regulations as are reasonably necessary for the administration, protection and maintenance of such buildings and property;

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2024, the Colorado General Assembly passed Senate Bill 24-131, which prohibits the carrying of firearms in certain public buildings effective July 1, 2024;

WHEREAS, the Colorado Governor signed Senate Bill 24-131 into law on May 31, 2024;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute Section 18-12-105.3(4)(b), as amended by Colorado Senate Bill 24-131, the Board may opt out of the prohibitions contained in Colorado Revised Statute Section 18-12-105.3(1)(b) by adopting a regulation or other law to that effect;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 24-131 purports to prohibit firearms only in certain “sensitive spaces” and not all County buildings or public spaces owned, controlled, or overseen by Gunnison County;

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the Meeting Room of the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners, located in the Gunnison County Courthouse, constitutes “the chambers or galleries of [the County’s] local governing body” under C.R.S. § 18-12-105.3(b)(I), as amended by Senate Bill 24-131;

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the Office of the Gunnison County Manager, also located in the Gunnison County Courthouse, is “the official office of [the County’s] chief executive officer” under C.R.S. § 18-12-105.3(b)(III), as amended by Senate Bill 24-131;

WHEREAS, the Board interprets Colorado Senate Bill 24-131 to only require it to affirmatively opt out in relation to the County Courthouse, and that the recent legislation does not affect current County policy with regard to any other County building, including but not limited to the Office of the Gunnison County Sheriff, the Gunnison County Airport, and the Fred R. Field Western Heritage Center; and

WHEREAS, due to the recent passage of Senate Bill 24-131, the Board desires to maintain the current *status quo* with regard to firearms in County buildings while it and County staff further evaluate, with public engagement and consultation with the judicial

branch and the Gunnison County Sheriff, the societal, public safety, building security, financial, and legal impacts of whether to continue to allow the carrying of firearms in the County Courthouse and other County buildings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

1. Persons are permitted to carry firearms on the property of and within the Gunnison County Courthouse, located at 200 East Virginia Avenue in Gunnison, Colorado ("Courthouse"), except those portions of the Gunnison County Courthouse set forth in Exhibit "A", attached to Gunnison County Policy No. 5.2.1 and also attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference ("Courthouse Judicial Sections").

2. For the avoidance of doubt, the carrying of firearms in the Courthouse Judicial Sections is prohibited pursuant to C.R.S. § 18-12-105.3(c).

3. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to afford any person or entity any cause of action against the County or any of its officials, officers, employees, agents or attorneys, nor create any intended or incident third-party beneficiaries.

4. No statement or writing by any Board member, whether in a meeting of the Board or not, shall purport to amend, alter, supplement or override the express terms of this Resolution, and no such statement or writing may be relied upon by any person in relation to this Resolution.

5. If any section, subsection, paragraph, clause or other provision of this Resolution for any reason is held to be invalid or unenforceable, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, subsection, paragraph, clause or other provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution, the intent being that the same are severable.

6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval, and shall remain in effect unless and until repealed or amended by subsequent Resolution.

INTRODUCED by Commissioner _____, seconded by
Commissioner _____, and adopted this ____ day of
_____, 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO

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Elizabeth Smith, Vice Chairperson

Laura Puckett Daniels, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Deputy County Clerk

Fire Hose Connection Point

KNOX BOX

GUNNISON COUNTY COURTHOUSE

FIRST FLOOR

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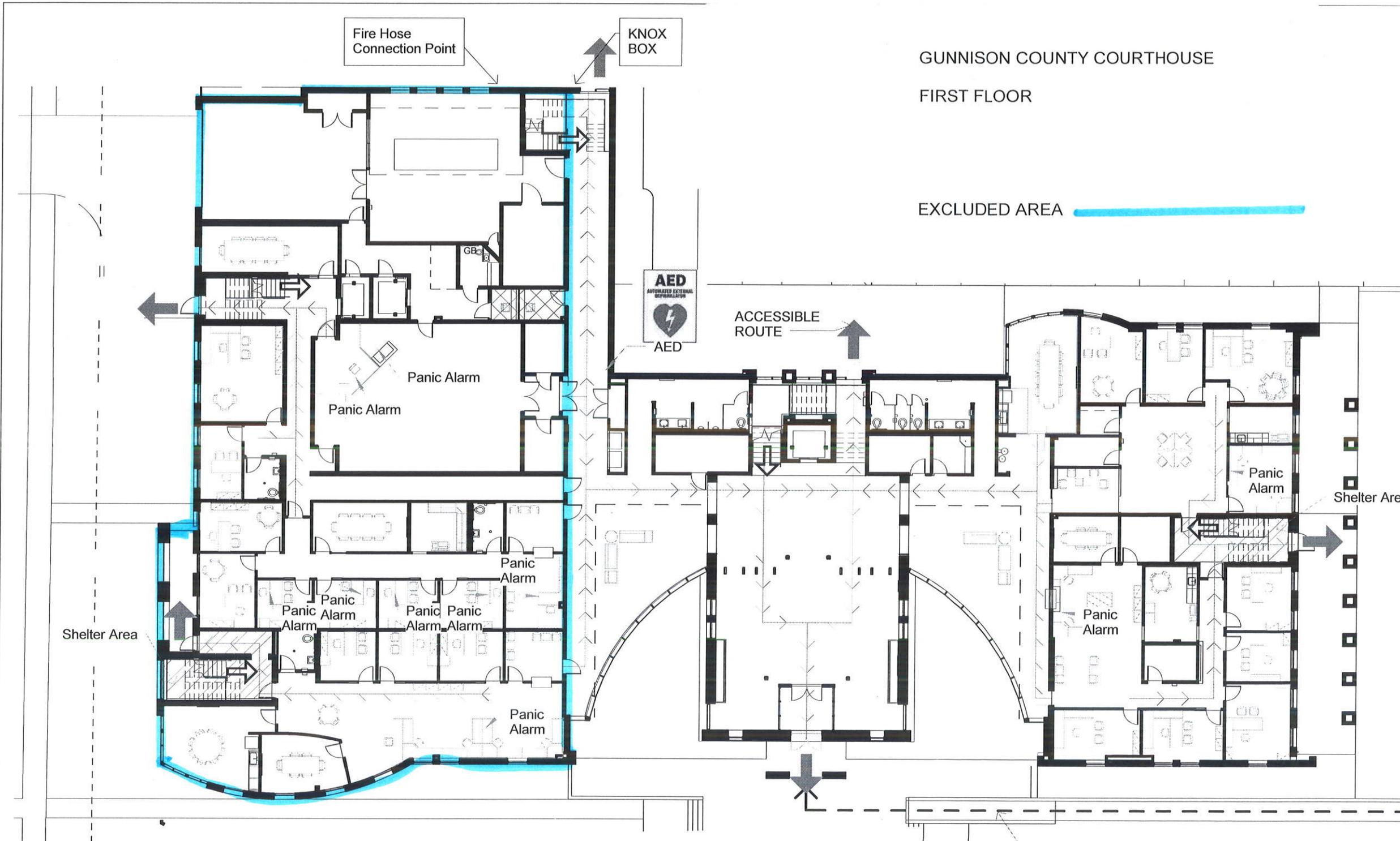
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