

October 18, 2022

Colorado State Forest Service

FRWRM Grant Review Committee,

I am writing on behalf of the Routt County Commissioners to express our support of the Routt County Wildfire Mitigation Council's application for the Forest Restoration & Wildfire Risk Mitigation Grant (FRWRM). This funding would continue to support the important long-term work the Council has been doing in partnership with a broad range of local stakeholders, focused on making our communities better fire adapted.

The FRWRM funds would allow continued outreach and education, and more critically, support the development and implementation of the CWPP update, currently in process. These efforts will leverage partnerships and resources to continue the critical work of engaging and educating private landowners in our communities to take action and reduce wildfire risk.

Wildfire is a constant threat in Routt County. Our greatest threat, as identified in the recently completed All Hazard Mitigation Plan. This project is urgent to the community and critical to the sustained health of our forests and watersheds. The Routt County Commissioners strongly encourage you to fully fund this request.

Sincerely,

M. Elizabeth Melton, Chair  
Routt County Board of County Commissioners

