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Estes Valley Fire Education Partnership Continues

A \$15,000 National Fire Plan Community Assistance Grant continues to provide cooperative fire education opportunities for residents of communities near Rocky Mountain National Park. An interagency partnership comprised of the Colorado State Forest Service, Larimer County, the United States Forest Service - Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests, the Estes Park Volunteer Fire Department and the National Park Service - Rocky Mountain National Park, is working together to provide a unified fire education and prevention program.

The National Park Service provided grant funding to the Colorado State Forest Service, a division of Colorado State University, through the Rocky Mountain Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit. The funding will mainly be utilized to conduct coordinated community outreach programs and to develop interagency fire education publications.

The program now in its second year, helps avoid any duplication of effort and inconsistent information amongst the cooperating agencies and supports the objectives of the much larger Front Range Fuels Treatment Partnership. Local communities have also reacted positively to this educational approach. Residents of one neighborhood have recently formed the East Portal FireWise Coalition and are currently working with the interagency partners to draft a Community Wildfire Protection Plan.

