

Final Public Notice
Boulder County Wildfire Mitigation Project
Boulder County, Colorado

Notification is hereby given to the public that it is the intent of the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide funds Boulder County to reduce future wildfire hazards within the Betasso Preserve (latitude: 40.011700, longitude: -105.337900), Kossler Reservoir (latitude: 39.979700, longitude: -105.332200), Mud Lake Open Space (latitude: 39.976200, longitude: -105.515100), and parcels in Nederland (latitude: 39.958300, longitude: -105.512700). A portion of the funding would be provided by FEMA's Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program. This program assists State and local governments with implementing cost-effective hazard mitigation planning and project activities that complement a comprehensive mitigation program. .

FEMA is required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to consider all reasonable alternatives for achieving the intended purpose of the proposed project. The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce wildfire hazards within Boulder County. In the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA), the following two alternatives were considered: (1) a No Action Alternative, which considered the consequences of taking no action and (2) the Proposed Action Alternative which includes the implementation of established vegetation management procedures that would reduce the potential of ignition and/or spread of a wildfire in Boulder County.

The President of the United States has issued Executive Orders that require Federal agencies, when considering an action for funding, to focus attention on the environment and human health with respect to Floodplain Management, Executive Order 11988; Protection of Wetlands, Executive Order 11990; and Environmental Justice, Executive Order 12898. Compliance with Executive Orders, other environmental laws, and NEPA has been documented in the Draft EA. FEMA or the grant Applicant has coordinated with the appropriate agencies, including: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Colorado Division of Wildlife, Colorado Historical Society, and Colorado Division of Emergency Management to ensure compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act, and other applicable laws and regulations.

Based on agency comments and the EA process, there does not appear to be any significant adverse environmental impact on the human or natural environment associated with either alternative. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared, and if no comments are received, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be signed following the public comment period and the project will proceed.

Interested parties may submit comments, request additional information, or request a copy of the FONSI by contacting FEMA's Region VIII Office at the Denver Federal Center, P.O. Box 25267, Denver, Colorado, 80225, or by calling 303.235.4798 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mountain Time, Monday through Friday. Comments or requests

should be submitted in writing to Mr. Richard Myers, FEMA Region VIII Deputy Environmental Officer, by calling 303.235.4926, or by e-mail at richard.myers@dhs.gov .

The Draft Environmental Assessment is on repository for public viewing at the Land Use Department located at 2045 13th Street, Boulder, Colorado and can be reviewed between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (MT) Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays and between 10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (MT) on Tuesdays. The contact person is Mr. Jim Webster at (720) 564-2600 or by email at jwebster@bouldercounty.org. The Draft Environmental Assessment can also be viewed and downloaded from Boulder County's website at <http://www.bouldercounty.org/dept/landuse/pages/default.aspx>.