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Anchor Point Group Awarded \$1.7 Million American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Grant

Stimulus funds foster important public/private program aimed at reducing the risk of wildfire on the Front Range.

BOULDER, Colo. — The Anchor Point Group, an internationally recognized Boulder-based wildfire consulting company, signed a \$1.7 million wildfire risk-reduction contract this month that will target fuels reduction projects along the Front Range.

The funding was made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and will be used to implement high-priority fuels reduction projects in Gilpin, Boulder, Larimer and Grand counties, covering a land base of 5,340 square miles. Project work will begin Dec. 1 and will focus on communities at high or extreme risk for a catastrophic wildfire. Work will focus on implementing hazardous fuels reduction projects already identified in the counties' Community Wildfire Protection Plans.

“Through these fuel mitigation treatments, communities with the potential for a devastating event will be safer,” said Chris White, co-founder and managing partner of the Anchor Point Group.

“I’m very happy to say we’ll be able to create real jobs for people that have been affected by cutbacks and a down economy.” stated Rod Moraga, co-founder of APG. The Anchor Point Group anticipates the creation of five jobs internally and as many as 46 temporary positions.

“We are excited to be able to provide funding that will help stimulate local economies while addressing critical forestry-related needs in Colorado,” said Jeff Jahnke, state forester and director of the Colorado State Forest Service. Public-private partnerships between government and private industry are necessary to improve and maintain the health of the nation’s forests and to protect communities located in the wildland-urban interface.

Nationally, the U.S. Forest Service received \$1.15 billion for forest project work through the 2009 Recovery Act, to distribute to states on a competitive basis. The Colorado State Forest Service received more than \$10.7 million to create and retain forestry-related jobs affiliated with projects in Colorado. The CSFS received 52 proposals totaling more than \$32 million, and awarded grants to 15 organizations and businesses. Anchor Point was Colorado’s largest award recipient.

For more than 10 years, Anchor Point has been the leading wildfire and forest management company in North America. The company provides wildfire prevention and planning services for public and private clientele, as well as ecosystem management planning, prescribed burn implementation, pre-operational attack plans and training.

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For more information about the Colorado State Forest Service ARRA grants, visit www.csfs.colostate.edu <<http://www.csfs.colostate.edu>> and click on CSFS Recovery Act information under quick links.

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