

LLS NO. 15-0123 AMENDMENT # 1
INTERIM COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
Wildfire Matters Review Committee
BY SENATOR NICHOLSON
LLS No. 15-0123 be amended as follows:

1 Amend LLS No. 15-0123, page 2, after line 1 insert:

2 **"SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 36-7-402, **amend**
3 (3) and (4) (a) as follows:

4 **36-7-402. Definitions.** As used in this part 4, unless the context
5 otherwise requires:

6 (3) "Hazardous forest fuel reduction treatment" means treatments
7 THAT REMOVE OR REDUCE VEGETATIVE FUEL, including ~~manipulation or~~
8 ~~removal of fuel to help diminish~~ MECHANICAL, MANUAL, AND PILE
9 BURNING FIRE TREATMENTS, IN ORDER TO:

10 (a) DIMINISH the potential damage arising from a catastrophic
11 wildfire; and

12 (b) ENHANCE emergency personnel's ability to influence the
13 spread of wildfire.

14 (4) "Wildland-urban interface" or "WUI" means an area where:

15 (a) Human development is close to ~~forested public land~~ WILD
16 LAND VEGETATION; and

17 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 36-7-403, **amend** (1),
18 (2) (a), (2) (c) (II), and (2) (d) as follows:

19 **36-7-403. Wildfire risk reduction grant program - creation -**
20 **eligibility - department powers and duties - rules.** (1) There is hereby
21 created in the department the wildfire risk reduction grant program. The
22 purpose of the program is to provide funding opportunities for projects
23 implementing hazardous forest fuel reduction treatments to reduce the
24 risks associated with wildfires in the WUI throughout Colorado.

25 (2) The department shall develop and administer the program in
26 consultation with an advisory committee created in section 36-7-404. In
27 developing the program, the department shall:

28 (a) Dedicate up to twenty-five percent of the grant funds available
29 in the wildfire risk reduction fund, created in section 36-7-405, to fund
30 capacity-building efforts to provide local governments, community
31 groups, and collaborative forestry groups with the resources necessary to
32 provide site-based hazardous forest fuel reduction treatments, including
33 neighborhood slash piles and community equipment for use by
34 landowners;

35 (c) Require a grant applicant to demonstrate that:

36 (II) The proposed project includes a plan for utilizing any woody
37 material generated by the project, including traditional forest products and
38 biomass energy products. Pursuant to its authority created in section
39 23-31-315, C.R.S., the Colorado state forest service shall ~~upon request,~~
40 offer technical support to grant applicants to assist with the development

1 of the applicant's plan for utilizing forest products. The department shall
2 inform applicants of the availability of the Colorado state forest service's
3 technical support.

4 (d) Encourage a grant applicant, where feasible, to
5 (f) utilize the labor of

6 (A) youth and young adults participating in a Colorado youth
7 corps organization accredited by the Colorado youth corps association. or

8 ~~(B) The veterans green corps operated by the Colorado youth~~
9 ~~corps association; and~~

10 ~~(H) Identify whether the proposed project will take place on state~~
11 ~~or private lands adjacent to United States forest service projects in the~~
12 ~~WUI, using project maps that the department anticipates will be provided~~
13 ~~by the United States forest service. Once the department receives the~~
14 ~~maps from the United States forest service, it shall make the maps~~
15 ~~available to grant applicants. When appropriate, applicants may apply the~~
16 ~~principles of good neighbor authority, as defined in section 23-31-313 (3)~~
17 ~~(e), C.R.S., to address cross-boundary treatment needs on United States~~
18 ~~forest service lands.~~

19 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 36-7-404, **amend** (3)
20 (a) (V) as follows:

21 **36-7-404. Wildfire risk reduction grant program advisory**
22 **committee - creation - appointment - duties.** (3) (a) In consultation
23 with the department, the advisory committee shall determine eligibility
24 criteria for grant recipients. Eligible grant recipients include:

25 (V) Nonprofit groups that promote hazardous forest fuel reduction
26 treatment projects in partnership with local, state, or private entities.".

27 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

28 Page 1, line 101, strike "THE CONTINUATION OF FUNDING FOR".

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