

## Peaks to People Project Selection Process

Projects are proposed for funding through the [Watershed Health Outcomes Tracker](#). We recommend you send a shapefile of your treatment units to us prior to proposing a project for our funding so that we can evaluate it against our priorities and give you initial feedback on its suitability for our funding. If it seems unlikely to be funded by us, we recommend you still enter the project in the tracker for consideration by other funders.

### Project Selection Process

1. Submit shapefiles of treatment units and proposed methods for each unit to Peaks to People Water Fund. Peaks to People will evaluate the project to determine if it fits with priorities identified in our Watershed Investment Tool. Peaks to People will calculate anticipated performance measures for the project, listed below.

Active Crown Fire Reduced	Expected/Conditional reduction in sediment costs to water supplies (\$)
Benefit-Cost Ratio of treatment (Risk Reduction/Treatment Cost)	Conditional Reduction in Homes Lost (n)
Benefit-Cost Ratio of treatment (Risk Reduction/Treatment Cost) Matching Funds	Conditional Reduction in Loss Value (\$)
Expected/Conditional reduction in erosion (metric tons)	Crucial wildlife habitat protected from wildfire (acres)
Expected/Conditional reduction in sediment delivered to streams (metric tons)	Parks and open space protected from wildfire (acres)
Expected/Conditional reduction in sediment delivered to water supplies (metric tons)	Trails protected from wildfire (miles)

2. Enter project in the Peaks to People Watershed Health Outcomes Tracker. See guidance for creating an account and entering a project.
3. If your project is selected for further consideration we will request a treatment plan for our review.

### Project Selection Considerations

Peaks to People will consult with other funders and the Stakeholder Committee to evaluate projects. The following are factors that will be considered in project selection.

#### *Project Fit for Program*

- Is the project within the Cache la Poudre or Big Thompson watersheds?
- Does the project fit with priorities identified in the \$100,000,000 treatment plan from the Watershed Investment Tool? This optimal treatment plan represents the most cost-effective projects with the greatest risk reduction to water supplies.
- Does the project have the potential to substantially alter fire behavior?
- How many acres is the project? Does the project build upon existing or planned work nearby? Preference will be given to larger projects.
- What are the anticipated performance measures both water related and co-benefits?
- Is the project treatment plan consistent with Peaks to People's forest management and monitoring guidelines?

#### *Feasibility and Timeline*

- Does the project proposer have buy-in from all landowners to complete the project?
- Does the project have appropriate access for needed equipment?
- What partners are involved in the project?
- What funds are already committed to the project?
- Is the budget for the project adequate?
- Can the project be completed by the end of 2020?