



# CHELEY CAMPS FOX CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT



Implementing Agency:  
**Larimer Conservation District**

Funding Agencies:  
**Natural Resource Conservation Service  
Peaks to People Water Fund  
City of Loveland**

Funding Year:  
**2023**

Treatment Type:  
**Mechanical Thinning**

Watershed:  
**Big Thompson**

## Location:

**The property is located approx. 8 miles West of Loveland, Colorado. Headwaters North Fork Thompson River HUC 12 Watershed.**

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

LCD has identified 18 acres of forest restoration treatment within the Cheley Camps of Colorado property boundary. Historic forest type is Ponderosa Pine. Species composition has drastically shifted, tree densities are much higher, & average tree age class is lower than historic reference conditions for the site. The property is currently experiencing encroachment of non-fire adapted species due to the absence of wildfire as a disturbance mechanism throughout the last 100+ years. This project area requires heavy tree thinning to restore the forests to a healthy composition, structure, and ecologically functioning system

## EXPECTED OUTCOMES

**18** acres  
**Fuels Reduction and Forest Restoration**

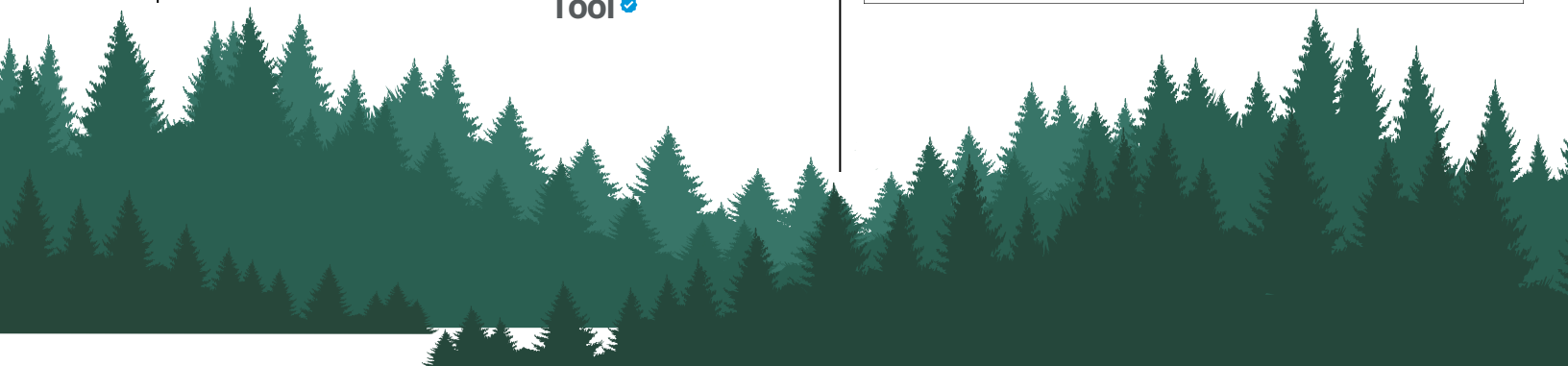
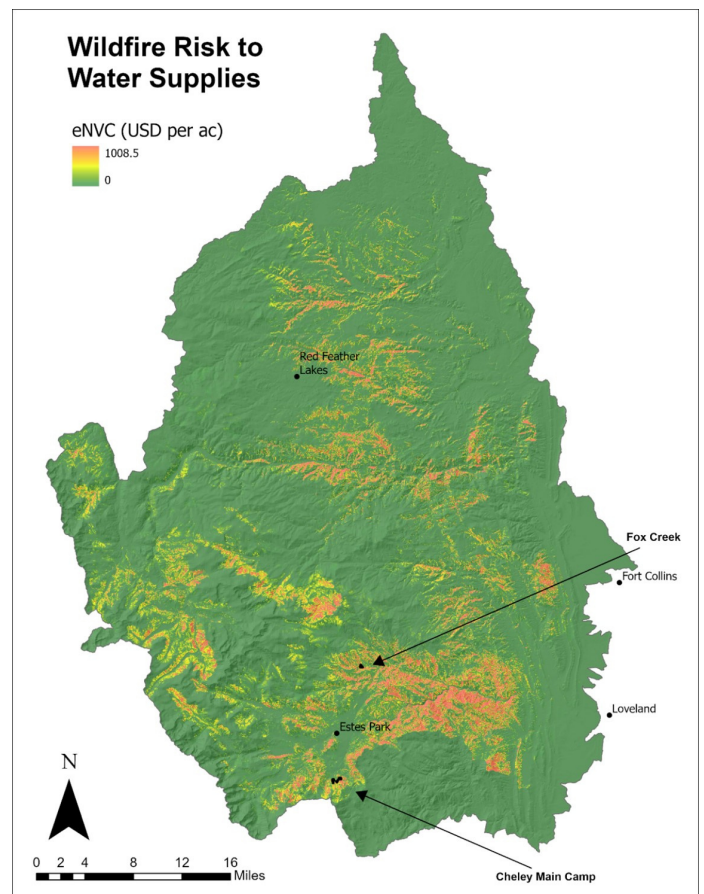
**50** homes  
**Homes Within Influence Zone of Treatments**

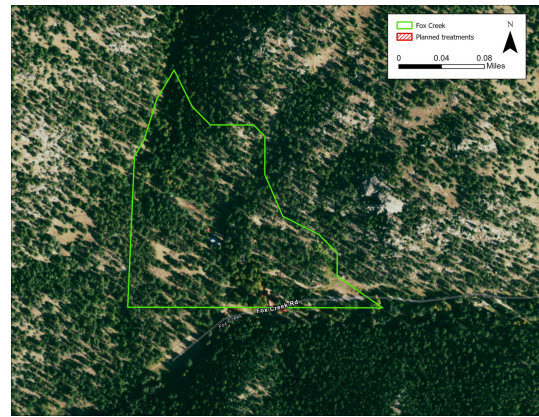
**6** acres  
**Active Crown Fire Reduced**

**164** metric tons  
**Conditional Reduction in Sediment Delivered To Water Supplies**

**\$790**  
**Conditional Reduction in Sediment Costs to Water Supplies**

**114** metric tons  
**Conditional Reduction in Erosion**





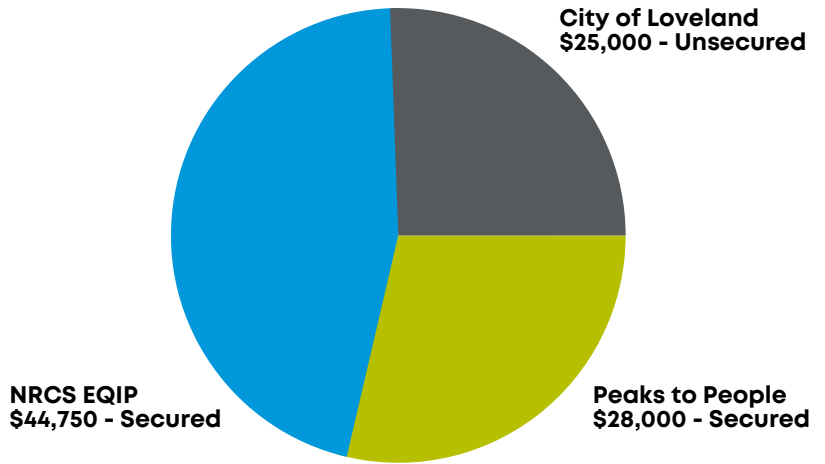
Project Map

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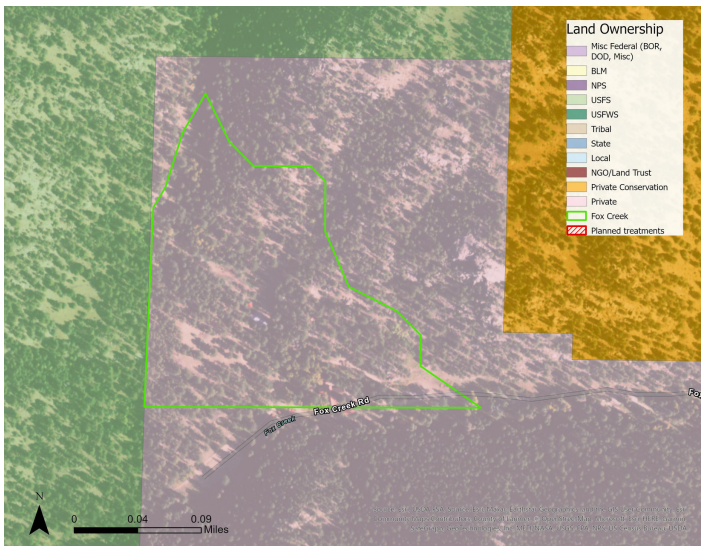
### WATER SUPPLY INFRASTRUCTURE

The Fox Creek drains into the North Fork of the Big Thompson River. This area is characterized by moderate wildfire risk to water supplies and given the small treatment size would result in relatively low potential crown fire and sediment yield reductions. The downstream values include Barnes Ditch, the Loveland Greeley Canal, the Loveland pipeline, the Dille tunnel, and George Rist ditch which are valued by the Cities of Greeley and Loveland, and Northern Water.

### FUNDING PROFILE

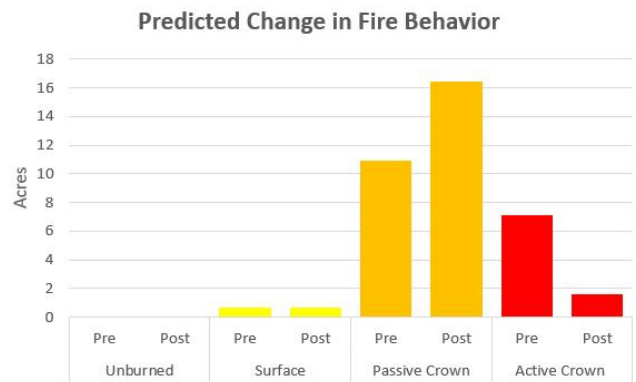


### MAP



Location of the proposed Fox creek project (green) relative to land ownership.

### PREDICTED CHANGE IN FIRE BEHAVIOR



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