

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 shapefile of treatment units and proposed methods for each unit to Peaks to People Water Fund. Please note whether the shapefile depicts the likely extent of on-the-ground treatment or a general planning area that is larger than the anticipated treatment units. 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.

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| Expected/Conditional reduction in sediment costs to water supplies (\$) | Conditional Reduction in Homes Lost (n) |
| Expected/Conditional reduction in erosion (metric tons) | Conditional Reduction in Loss Value (\$) |
| Expected/Conditional reduction in sediment delivered to streams (metric tons) | Crucial wildlife habitat protected from wildfire (acres) |
| Expected/Conditional reduction in sediment delivered to water supplies (metric tons) | Parks and open space protected from wildfire (acres) |
| Active Crown Fire Reduced | 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? Projects in both watersheds will be considered, but priority will be given to projects that help meet our goals for our Big Thompson Initiative.
- Does the project fit with priorities identified in the priority treatment plans from the Watershed Investment Tool? This optimal treatment plan represents the most cost-effective locations to reduce wildfire risk to water supplies. Click here to view the Big Thompson [map](#) and the both watersheds [map](#). Shape files and Kmz files are available by request.
- 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 benefits to water resources and other values? How does the project cost-effectiveness at achieving these benefits compare to other proposed projects?
- 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?