

CHEROKEE PARK FOREST RESTORATION PROJECT



Implementing Agency: Larimer Conservation District

Funding Agencies:

Natural Resource Conservation Service Larimer County Emergency Services Peaks to People Water Fund

Funding Year: **2023**

Treatment Type: Mechanical Thinning

Watershed: Cache la Poudre Location:

The project is in the Livermore, CO area and sits seven miles south of the Wyoming border, or eight miles north of Red Feather Lakes, CO

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Historic forest type is largely Ponderosa Pine, interspersed with small stands of Lodgepole pine. The properties are currently experiencing encroachment of non-fire adapted species due to the absence of wildfire as a disturbance mechanism throughout the last 100+ years. Much of North Cherokee Park contains dead and downed pine trees as a result of Mountain Pine Beetles and the risk of catastrophic stand-replacing fire is extremely high. This project area requires heavy tree thinning to restore the forests to a healthy, ecologically functioning state.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Restoration

344 acres

Fuels Reduction

and Forest

Active Crown Fire Reduced

\$9,623 Conditional Reduction in Sediment Costs to Water Supplies **21** homes Homes Within Influence Zone of

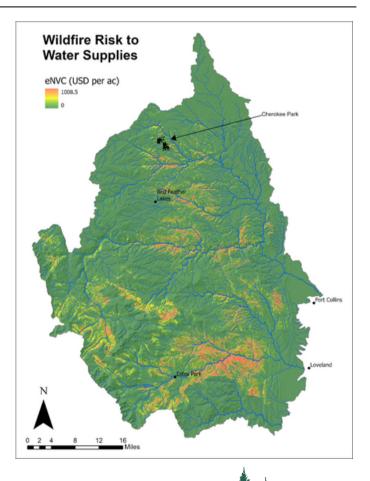
Treatments

1,453 metric tons Conditional Reduction

in Sediment Delivered To Water Supplies

3928 metric tons Conditional Reduction in Erosion

Watershed Investment Tool *









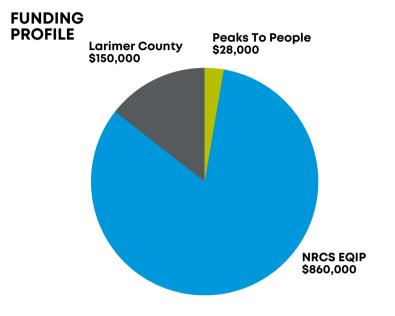
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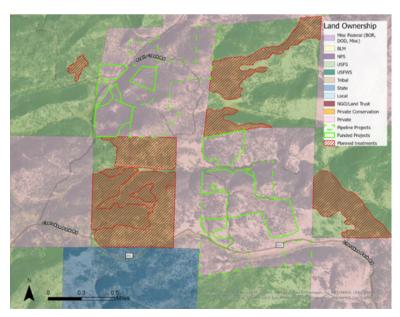
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WATER SUPPLY INFRASTRUCTURE

The Cherokee Park Project is located in a low to moderate risk area in the Trail Creek watershed that drains into the North Fork, and then mainstem, of the Cache la Poudre River. There are major municipal water diversions for the Cities of Fort Collins and Greeley on both the North Fork and mainstem of the Cache la Poudre River. Halligan and Milton Seaman Reservoirs are on the North Fork. The City of Fort Collins depends on water diverted from the mainstem at either the North Poudre Supply Canal or the Fort Collins Pipeline near Gateway Natural Area.

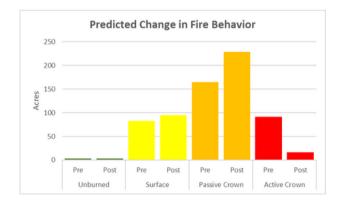


MAP



Detailed site map showing the funded project boundaries in green solid outlines and future pipeline projects in green dashed outlines, with land ownership depicted with shading and other planned projects in red.

PREDICTED CHANGE IN FIRE BEHAVIOR



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