



TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting Date: September 7, 2021

DATE: August 15, 2021
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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve an agreement between the United States Forest Service and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District to perform federally funded fuels reduction projects with District staff and equipment. Federal funding utilized in this agreement is not to exceed \$150,000 annually. (All Commission Districts) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

This item is to approve an agreement between Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the United States Forest Service. This agreement serves to provide federal funding for fuels mitigation work as well as to formalize the cooperative relationship between both agencies regarding fuels management. Federal funding utilized in this agreement is not to exceed \$150,000 annually.

PREVIOUS ACTION

None.

BACKGROUND

Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District currently has a Fuels Management Program consisting of twenty personnel and numerous pieces of equipment. Program focus has thus far been on energy infrastructure and private lands within Washoe County.

Project planning is currently cumbersome when crossing jurisdictional boundaries onto United States Forest Service jurisdiction and project work is limited to energy right of ways on those lands. This agreement provides funding for District staff and equipment to perform fuels management projects on Forest Service lands, formalizes the partnership between the two agencies regarding fuels mitigation work, and opens areas outside of the right of way for work to be accomplished. This in turn will provide a larger landscape scale effect regarding hazardous fuels elimination.

FISCAL IMPACT

The maximum annual cost for projects under this agreement are \$149,996. All costs will be reimbursed by the United States Forest Service. Once current year programs are determined and an estimate of the cost for Fiscal Year 2021-22 can be made, the District will return to the Board of Fire Commissioners and request a public hearing for a budget augmentation.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board approve an agreement between the United States Forest Service and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District.

POSSIBLE MOTION

If the Board agrees with Staff's recommendation a possible motion can be:

"I move to approve the agreement between the United States Forest Service and Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District to perform federally funded fuels reduction projects. with District staff and equipment. Federal funding utilized in this agreement is not to exceed \$150,000 annually."