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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CONSOLIDATION OF GRANT PROGRAMS RELATING**
102 **TO FOREST MANAGEMENT.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov/>.)

Current law authorizes 2 grant programs relating to forest management: One relating to wildfire risk reduction that is administered by the department of natural resources, which is financed by a one-time transfer of \$1 million from the general fund, and one relating to landscape-scale forest health that is administered by the state forest service located within Colorado State University, which is financed by

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annual transfers of \$1 million from the severance tax operational fund that ended on July 1, 2016. **Section 1** of the bill repeals the grant program administered by the department of natural resources, and **section 5** transfers it to the state forest service, renamed as the "wildfire risk reduction and forest health grant program". **Sections 3 and 4** realign the funding for the new grant program and the healthy forest and vibrant communities fund by allowing \$50,000 that had been allocated to the department of public health and environment relating to the air quality impacts of prescribed fire to be used for any authorized purpose of the healthy forests and vibrant communities fund and extending funding for the consolidated grant program for 7 years.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 36-7-406 as
3 follows:

4 **36-7-406. Repeal of part.** This part 4 is repealed, effective July
5 ~~1, 2018~~ DECEMBER 31, 2017.

6 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-31-313, **amend**
7 (6)(a) introductory portion, (6)(b), (10)(c) introductory portion, and
8 (10)(c)(VII); and **repeal** (6)(a)(I) as follows:

9 **23-31-313. Healthy forests - vibrant communities - funds**
10 **created - repeal.** (6) **Community watershed restoration.** (a) In order
11 to support communities and land managers in ~~moving from risk reduction~~
12 ~~to~~ EFFORTS TO REDUCE RISK TO PEOPLE AND PROPERTY AND IN SUPPORT OF
13 long-term ecological restoration so that the underlying condition of
14 Colorado's forests supports a variety of values, ~~particularly~~ INCLUDING
15 public water supply and high-quality wildlife habitat, the forest service
16 shall:

17 (I) ~~(A) Hire additional temporary field capacity to support the~~
18 ~~implementation and monitoring of forest restoration program grants~~
19 ~~awarded pursuant to section 23-31-310.~~

1 ~~(B) In awarding grants pursuant to section 23-31-310, the forest~~
2 ~~service shall give additional emphasis to projects that substantially~~
3 ~~leverage additional financial resources, that provide an opportunity to~~
4 ~~implement Colorado's good neighbor authority, or that have been~~
5 ~~identified through a community-based collaborative process.~~

6 (b) (I) The forest service may use up to one million dollars
7 ~~annually until July 1, 2017, from~~ OF THE UNENCUMBERED BALANCE OF the
8 WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION AND forest ~~restoration~~ HEALTH GRANT program
9 cash fund created in section 23-31-310 (8.5) for the purpose of complying
10 with this subsection (6), of which at least two hundred thousand dollars
11 shall be used to implement ~~subparagraph (IV) of paragraph (a) of this~~
12 ~~subsection (6)~~ SUBSECTION (6)(a)(IV) OF THIS SECTION.

13 (II) This ~~paragraph (b)~~ SUBSECTION (6)(b) is repealed, effective
14 ~~July 1, 2018~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2023.

15 (10) **Healthy forests and vibrant communities fund.** (c) Of the
16 ~~moneys~~ MONEY transferred to the fund pursuant to section 39-29-109.3
17 (2)(n): ~~C.R.S.:~~

18 (VII) ~~Up to fifty thousand dollars may be expended for the~~
19 ~~purposes specified in section 25-7-111 (5), C.R.S.~~ THE UNENCUMBERED
20 BALANCE MAY BE USED FOR ANY PURPOSE SPECIFIED IN THIS SUBSECTION
21 (10)(c).

22 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 39-29-109.3, **amend**
23 (2) introductory portion, (2)(k), and (2)(n) as follows:

24 **39-29-109.3. Severance tax operational fund - repeal.**
25 (2) Subject to the requirements of subsections (3) and (4) of this section,
26 if the general assembly chooses not to spend up to one hundred percent
27 of the ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the operational fund as specified in subsection

1 (1) of this section, the state treasurer shall transfer the following:

2 (k) (I) For ~~nine~~ SEVEN state fiscal years, beginning with the state
3 fiscal year commencing on July 1, ~~2008~~ 2017, one million FIFTY
4 THOUSAND dollars per year to the ~~forest restoration~~ WILDFIRE RISK
5 REDUCTION AND FOREST HEALTH GRANT program cash fund created in
6 section 23-31-310 (8.5). ~~C.R.S.~~

7 (II) This ~~paragraph (k)~~ SUBSECTION (2)(k) is repealed, effective
8 ~~July 1, 2018~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2023.

9 (n) (I) For ~~three~~ SEVEN fiscal years commencing on or after July
10 1, ~~2014~~ 2017, the state treasurer shall transfer:

11 (A) One million three hundred ~~fifty-five~~ FIVE thousand dollars of
12 ~~the moneys in the account~~ to the healthy forests and vibrant communities
13 fund created in section 23-31-313 (10); ~~C.R.S.~~;

14 (B) Fifty thousand dollars ~~of the moneys in the account~~ to the
15 wildland-urban interface training fund created in section 24-33.5-1212
16 (5); ~~C.R.S.~~;

17 (C) Ninety-five thousand dollars to the wildfire preparedness fund
18 created in section 24-33.5-1227 (1). ~~C.R.S.~~

19 (II) This ~~paragraph (n)~~ SUBSECTION (2)(n) is repealed, effective
20 ~~July 1, 2018~~ SEPTEMBER 1, 2023.

21 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-31-310, **amend**
22 (1), (2), (3), (4) introductory portion, (4)(a), (4)(f)(II), (5), (6), (8.5), and
23 (9); and **add** (1.5), (4.5), (8.2), and (8.3) as follows:

24 **23-31-310. Wildfire risk reduction and forest health grant**
25 **program - legislative declaration - definitions - technical advisory**
26 **panel - repeal.** (1) **Short title.** THE SHORT TITLE OF this section ~~shall be~~
27 ~~known and may be cited as~~ IS the "~~Colorado Forest Restoration~~

1 "WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION AND FOREST HEALTH Act".

2 (1.5) **Legislative declaration.** THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY:

3 (a) FINDS THAT:

4 (I) COLORADO'S FORESTS ARE FUNDAMENTALLY IMPORTANT TO ITS
5 CITIZENS IN PROVIDING CLEAN AIR AND WATER, RECREATION AND TOURISM
6 OPPORTUNITIES, WILDLIFE HABITAT, AND WOOD PRODUCTS; AND

7 (II) DAMAGING WILDFIRES OCCUR REGULARLY IN COLORADO DUE
8 IN PART TO INADEQUATE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE APPROPRIATE DENSITIES IN
9 OUR FORESTS;

10 (b) DETERMINES THAT:

11 (I) IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE INVEST IN MEASURES THAT REDUCE THE
12 PROBABILITY OF CATASTROPHIC FIRES SPREADING UNCONTROLLABLY INTO
13 OUR COMMUNITIES IN AREAS OF THE WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE;

14 (II) INCREASING OUR EFFORTS TO THIN THE FORESTS IN COLORADO
15 WOULD KEEP OUR FORESTS HEALTHY AND HELP REDUCE RISKS ASSOCIATED
16 WITH CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRES THAT ENDANGER LIVES, PROPERTY,
17 WATERSHEDS, AND CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE; AND

18 (III) CONSOLIDATING EXISTING STATE GRANT PROGRAMS WILL
19 PROVIDE THE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO THE COLORADO STATE FOREST
20 SERVICE TO ALLOW THE AGENCY TO CONTINUE TO ADDRESS WATERSHED
21 WILDFIRE RISKS AND FOREST HEALTH CONDITIONS IN COLORADO;
22 AUGMENT ITS TECHNICAL CAPACITY TO ASSESS AND REDUCE WILDFIRE
23 RISK TO PEOPLE, PROPERTY, AND INFRASTRUCTURE; SUPPORT
24 IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLANS; ENHANCE
25 ITS TECHNICAL OUTREACH CAPABILITIES; AND PROVIDE LOANS AND
26 GRANTS FOR MARKET-BASED FOREST TREATMENT SOLUTIONS TO REDUCE
27 WILDFIRE RISK, PROTECT WATERSHEDS, AND IMPROVE FOREST HEALTH;

1 AND

2 (c) DECLARES THAT IT INTENDS TO PROVIDE AID AND GUIDANCE
3 FOR CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRE RISK MITIGATION BY AUTHORIZING A
4 COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM TO ASSIST WITH FUNDING
5 COMMUNITY-LEVEL ACTIONS ACROSS THE ENTIRE STATE THAT ARE
6 IMPLEMENTED TO PROTECT POPULATIONS AND PROPERTY IN THE
7 WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE AND TO PROMOTE FOREST HEALTH AND THE
8 UTILIZATION OF WOODY MATERIAL, INCLUDING TRADITIONAL FOREST
9 PRODUCTS AND BIOMASS ENERGY.

10 (2) **Definitions.** As used in this section, unless the context
11 otherwise requires:

12 (a) "Accredited Colorado youth corps" means a youth corps
13 organization that is accredited by the Colorado youth corps association.

14 (b) "Director" means the ~~executive~~ director of the ~~department of~~
15 ~~natural resources created in section 24-1-124, C.R.S~~ FOREST SERVICE.

16 (c) "Forest service" means the Colorado state forest service
17 identified in section 23-31-302 and the division of forestry created in
18 section 24-33-104. ~~C.R.S.~~

19 (d) ~~"Stakeholder" means county and municipal governments,~~
20 ~~educational institutions, landowners, and other interested public and~~
21 ~~private entities~~ "FUEL" MEANS LIVING AND DEAD COMBUSTIBLE
22 VEGETATION THAT CAN FEED A FIRE, INCLUDING GRASS, LEAVES, PINE
23 BOUGHS, SHRUBS, AND TREES.

24 (e) "HAZARDOUS FUEL REDUCTION TREATMENT" MEANS A
25 TREATMENT THAT REMOVES OR REDUCES VEGETATIVE FUEL, INCLUDING
26 MECHANICAL, MANUAL, BROADCAST BURNING, AND PILE BURNING FIRE
27 TREATMENTS, OR REDUCES STRUCTURAL IGNITABILITY IN ORDER TO:

1 (I) DIMINISH THE POTENTIAL DAMAGE ARISING FROM A
2 CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRE;

3 (II) ENHANCE THE ABILITY OF EMERGENCY PERSONNEL TO
4 INFLUENCE THE SPREAD OF WILDFIRE; OR

5 (III) IMPROVE LANDSCAPE-SCALE FOREST HEALTH CONDITIONS.

6 (f) "WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE" OR "WUI" MEANS AN AREA
7 WHERE:

8 (I) HUMAN DEVELOPMENT IS CLOSE TO WILDLAND VEGETATION;
9 AND

10 (II) THERE EXISTS A HIGH POTENTIAL FOR A WILDLAND FIRE.

11 (3) **Grant program.** The forest service shall issue a statewide
12 request for proposals for cost-share grants to stakeholders for
13 ~~experimental~~ WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION AND forest ~~restoration~~ HEALTH
14 projects that are designed through a collaborative community process.
15 The projects may be entirely on, or on any combination of, private,
16 federal, state, county, or municipal forest lands. The state share of an
17 individual project cost ~~shall~~ MUST not exceed ~~sixty~~ FIFTY percent of the
18 total cost of the project or exceed one million dollars per project. The
19 remaining portion of the project's funding may be in the form of cash,
20 stumpage, or in-kind contribution.

21 (4) **Eligibility requirements.** To be eligible to receive funding
22 under this section, a project ~~shall~~ MUST:

23 (a) ~~Be located in an area with an approved community wildfire~~
24 ~~protection plan as defined by the federal "Healthy Forests Restoration Act~~
25 ~~of 2003", Pub.L. 108-148~~ REDUCE THE RISK TO PEOPLE AND PROPERTY IN
26 THE WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE AND PROMOTE FOREST HEALTH;

27 (f) Include an assessment to:

1 (II) Report, upon project completion, to the forest service on ~~the~~
2 ~~positive or negative impact and including cost effectiveness of the project~~
3 THE NUMBER OF ACRES TREATED, COST PER ACRE TO TREAT, TONNAGE OF
4 MATERIAL GENERATED, NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED, AND USE OF ANY
5 FOREST PRODUCTS GENERATED; and

6 (4.5) **Eligible recipients.** ELIGIBLE GRANT RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:

7 (a) LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS, INCLUDING HOMEOWNERS'
8 ASSOCIATIONS OR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS, THAT ARE WITHIN
9 CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE WUI;

10 (b) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES WITHIN OR ADJACENT TO THE
11 WUI;

12 (c) PUBLIC OR PRIVATE UTILITIES, INCLUDING WATER PROVIDERS,
13 WITH INFRASTRUCTURE OR LAND OWNERSHIP IN AREAS OF HIGH RISK FOR
14 CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRES;

15 (d) STATE AGENCIES, SUCH AS THE STATE LAND BOARD OR THE
16 DIVISION OF PARKS AND WILDLIFE, THAT OWN LANDS OR PROPERTY IN
17 AREAS OF HIGH RISK FOR CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRES; AND

18 (e) NONPROFIT GROUPS THAT PROMOTE HAZARDOUS FUEL
19 REDUCTION TREATMENT PROJECTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL, STATE,
20 OR PRIVATE ENTITIES.

21 (5) **Technical advisory panel.** The director shall convene a
22 technical advisory panel to evaluate the proposals for WILDFIRE RISK
23 REDUCTION AND forest ~~restoration~~ HEALTH demonstration grants and
24 provide recommendations regarding which proposals would best meet the
25 objectives of this section. The panel shall consider eligibility criteria
26 established in ~~subsection~~ SUBSECTIONS (4) AND (4.5) of this section, a
27 project's effect on long-term forest management, AND THE number of

1 acres treated for state dollars spent and seek to use a consensus-based
2 decision-making process to develop such recommendations. A PANEL
3 MEMBER SHALL RECUSE HIMSELF OR HERSELF IF HE OR SHE HAS AN ACTUAL
4 OR POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH RESPECT TO A GRANT
5 APPLICANT. The panel ~~shall be~~ IS composed of ~~seven~~ NINE to eleven
6 members, to be appointed by the director as follows:

- 7 (a) An official to represent the department of natural resources;
- 8 (b) At least one representative from federal land management
9 agencies;
- 10 (c) At least ~~two~~ ONE independent ~~scientists~~ SCIENTIST with
11 experience in forest ecosystem restoration; ~~and~~
- 12 (d) ~~Equal representation from:~~
 - 13 ~~(H) Conservation interests~~ AN OFFICIAL TO REPRESENT THE
14 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY;
 - 15 ~~(H) (e) Local communities; and~~ AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO
16 REPRESENTS A COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT WITH JURISDICTION
17 OVER AN AREA OF THE WUI;
 - 18 ~~(HH) (f) Commodity interests~~ AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO
19 REPRESENTS THE TRADITIONAL FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY;
 - 20 (g) AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS THE BIOMASS
21 ENERGY PRODUCTS INDUSTRY;
 - 22 (h) AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WHO REPRESENTS A NONPROFIT
23 COLLABORATIVE GROUP INVOLVED WITH THE MITIGATION OF
24 CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRES IN COLORADO; AND
 - 25 (i) AT LEAST ONE MEMBER WITH EXPERTISE IN WATER AND
26 WATERSHED MANAGEMENT.

27 (6) **Proposal selection.** After consulting with the technical

1 advisory panel established in subsection (5) of this section, the forest
2 service shall select the proposals that will receive funding through this
3 section. In carrying out ~~the program and~~ approved projects to provide
4 WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION AND forest ~~restoration~~ HEALTH activities, the
5 ~~forest service and stakeholders~~ PROJECT PROPONENTS shall, whenever
6 feasible, contract with the Colorado youth corps association or an
7 accredited Colorado youth corps to provide labor.

8 (8.2) **Community watershed restoration.** (a) IN ORDER TO
9 SUPPORT COMMUNITIES AND LAND MANAGERS IN MOVING FROM RISK
10 REDUCTION TO LONG-TERM ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION SO THAT THE
11 UNDERLYING CONDITION OF COLORADO'S FORESTS SUPPORTS A VARIETY
12 OF VALUES, PARTICULARLY PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY AND HIGH-QUALITY
13 WILDLIFE HABITAT, THE FOREST SERVICE SHALL:

14 (I) HIRE ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY FIELD CAPACITY TO SUPPORT
15 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION AND FOREST HEALTH
16 PROGRAM GRANTS AWARDED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION;

17 (II) IN AWARDING GRANTS PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, GIVE
18 ADDITIONAL EMPHASIS TO PROJECTS THAT SUBSTANTIALLY LEVERAGE
19 ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES, THAT PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO
20 IMPLEMENT COLORADO'S GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY, OR THAT HAVE
21 BEEN IDENTIFIED THROUGH A COMMUNITY-BASED COLLABORATIVE
22 PROCESS.

23 (b) (I) THE FOREST SERVICE MAY USE THE UNENCUMBERED
24 BALANCE OF THE WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION AND FOREST HEALTH GRANT
25 PROGRAM CASH FUND CREATED IN SUBSECTION (8.5) OF THIS SECTION FOR
26 THE PURPOSE OF COMPLYING WITH THIS SUBSECTION (8.2).

27 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (8.2)(b) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE

1 SEPTEMBER 1, 2023.

2 (8.3) (a) **Technical advisory panel.** THE FOREST SERVICE SHALL
3 DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
4 TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANEL CREATED IN SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS
5 SECTION. IN DEVELOPING THE PROGRAM, THE FOREST SERVICE SHALL:

6 (I) DEDICATE UP TO TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE MONEY
7 AVAILABLE IN THE WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION AND FOREST HEALTH GRANT
8 PROGRAM CASH FUND, CREATED IN SUBSECTION (8.5) OF THIS SECTION, TO
9 FUND CAPACITY-BUILDING EFFORTS TO PROVIDE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS,
10 COMMUNITY GROUPS, AND COLLABORATIVE FORESTRY GROUPS WITH THE
11 RESOURCES NECESSARY TO PROVIDE SITE-BASED HAZARDOUS FUEL
12 REDUCTION TREATMENTS, INCLUDING NEIGHBORHOOD SLASH PILES AND
13 COMMUNITY EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY LANDOWNERS;

14 (II) DEDICATE UP TO FIVE PERCENT OF THE MONEY AVAILABLE IN
15 THE FUND TO BE USED BY THE FOREST SERVICE TO:

16 (A) MONITOR GRANT RECIPIENTS' COMPLIANCE WITH THE GRANT
17 PROGRAM; AND

18 (B) MEASURE THE GRANT PROGRAM'S EFFECTIVENESS;

19 (III) REQUIRE A GRANT APPLICANT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT:

20 (A) THE GRANT APPLICANT HAS AVAILABLE, OR WILL HAVE
21 AVAILABLE BEFORE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT, MATCHING FUNDS
22 IN THE FORM OF A DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR MATCH OR THE VALUE OF IN-KIND
23 CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE PROJECT. A PROJECT'S MATCHING FUNDS MAY
24 COME FROM FEDERAL SOURCES OR STATE SOURCES, BUT NO MORE THAN
25 FIFTY PERCENT OF THE MATCHING FUNDS MAY COME FROM STATE
26 SOURCES; EXCEPT THAT, IF THE GRANT APPLICANT IS A STATE AGENCY,
27 MORE THAN FIFTY PERCENT OF THE MATCHING FUNDS MAY COME FROM

1 OTHER STATE SOURCES.

2 (B) THE PROPOSED PROJECT INCLUDES A PLAN FOR UTILIZING ANY
3 WOODY MATERIAL GENERATED BY THE PROJECT, INCLUDING TRADITIONAL
4 FOREST PRODUCTS AND BIOMASS ENERGY PRODUCTS. PURSUANT TO ITS
5 AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 23-31-315, THE FOREST SERVICE SHALL OFFER
6 TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO GRANT APPLICANTS TO ASSIST WITH THE
7 DEVELOPMENT OF THE APPLICANT'S PLAN FOR UTILIZING FOREST
8 PRODUCTS. THE FOREST SERVICE SHALL INFORM APPLICANTS OF THE
9 AVAILABILITY OF ITS TECHNICAL SUPPORT.

10 (IV) ENCOURAGE A GRANT APPLICANT, WHERE FEASIBLE, TO
11 UTILIZE THE LABOR OF:

12 (A) YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS PARTICIPATING IN A COLORADO
13 YOUTH CORPS ORGANIZATION ACCREDITED BY THE COLORADO YOUTH
14 CORPS ASSOCIATION; OR

15 (B) VETERANS PARTICIPATING IN AN ACCREDITED COLORADO
16 CORPS PROGRAM SERVING VETERANS;

17 (V) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANEL
18 CREATED IN SUBSECTION (5) OF THIS SECTION, ESTABLISH THE
19 INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE GRANT APPLICATION, INCLUDING A
20 DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT; AND

21 (VI) ESTABLISH A PLAN FOR ADMINISTERING THE GRANT
22 PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF:

23 (A) PERIODIC REPORTING REQUIREMENTS;

24 (B) TOOLS FOR MONITORING AND TRACKING GRANT PROJECTS;

25 AND

26 (C) MEASURES FOR ASSESSING THE PROGRESS OF GRANT PROJECTS.

27 (b) ANNUALLY AND IN A FINAL REPORT TO BE PRESENTED BEFORE

1 THE END OF THE REGULAR SESSION IN 2018, THE FOREST SERVICE SHALL
2 REPORT TO THE AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK, AND NATURAL RESOURCES
3 COMMITTEE IN THE COLORADO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE
4 AGRICULTURE, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND ENERGY COMMITTEE IN THE
5 COLORADO SENATE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, REGARDING THE
6 PROGRESS OF THE GRANT PROGRAM, INCLUDING INFORMATION
7 CONCERNING THE:

- 8 (I) NUMBER OF ACRES TREATED;
- 9 (II) COST PER ACRE TO TREAT;
- 10 (III) TONNAGE OF MATERIAL GENERATED;
- 11 (IV) NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED; AND
- 12 (V) USE OF ANY FOREST PRODUCTS GENERATED.

13 (c) ON AND AFTER THE REPEAL OF PART 4 OF ARTICLE 7 OF TITLE
14 36, THE FOREST SERVICE SHALL ADMINISTER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION
15 ALL GRANTS MADE PURSUANT TO THAT PART 4 BEFORE ITS REPEAL.

16 (8.5) **Wildfire risk reduction and forest health grant program**
17 **cash fund.** (a) There is hereby created in the state treasury the WILDFIRE
18 RISK REDUCTION AND forest ~~restoration~~ HEALTH GRANT program cash
19 fund. The department of higher education shall administer the fund,
20 which consists of:

21 (I) All ~~moneys~~ MONEY transferred by the treasurer as specified in
22 section 39-29-109.3 (2)(k); ~~C.R.S.~~ AND

23 (II) ALL MONEY THAT WAS IN THE WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION FUND
24 CREATED IN SECTION 36-7-405 PRIOR TO THE REPEAL OF THAT FUND. AS
25 SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2017, THE STATE TREASURER
26 SHALL TRANSFER THE UNENCUMBERED FUND BALANCE OF THE WILDFIRE
27 RISK REDUCTION FUND AS OF MONTH-END CLOSE ON DECEMBER 31, 2017,

1 TO THE WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION AND FOREST HEALTH GRANT PROGRAM
2 CASH FUND.

3 (b) All ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the fund ~~are~~ IS continuously
4 appropriated to the department of higher education for allocation to the
5 board of governors of the Colorado state university system for the ~~forest~~
6 ~~restoration~~ WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION AND FOREST HEALTH GRANT
7 program specified in this section. All ~~moneys~~ MONEY in the fund at the
8 end of each fiscal year ~~remain~~ REMAINS in the fund and ~~do~~ DOES not
9 revert to the general fund or any other fund. THE STATE TREASURER
10 SHALL CREDIT ALL INTEREST AND INCOME DERIVED FROM THE DEPOSIT
11 AND INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE FUND TO THE FUND.

12 (9) **Repeal.** This section is repealed, effective September 1, ~~2017~~
13 2022. Prior to such repeal, the department of regulatory agencies shall
14 review the technical advisory panel as provided in section 2-3-1203.
15 ~~C.R.S.~~

16 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 2-3-1203, **amend**
17 (13)(a) introductory portion; **repeal** (5); and **add** (13)(a)(IV) as follows:

18 **2-3-1203. Sunset review of advisory committees - legislative**
19 **declaration - definition - repeal.** (5) ~~(a) The following statutory~~
20 ~~authorizations for the designated advisory committees will repeal on~~
21 ~~September 1, 2017:~~

22 ~~(1) The technical advisory panel convened in section 23-31-310;~~
23 ~~C.R.S.~~

24 ~~(b) This subsection (5) is repealed, effective September 1, 2019:~~

25 (13) (a) The following ~~dates are the dates on which the~~ statutory
26 ~~authorization~~ AUTHORIZATIONS for the designated advisory committees
27 ~~is~~ ARE scheduled for repeal ON September 1, 2022:

1 (IV) THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY PANEL CONVENEED IN SECTION
2 23-31-310.

3 **SECTION 6. Effective date - applicability.** This act takes effect
4 July 1, 2017, and applies to conduct occurring on or after said date.

5 **SECTION 7. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
6 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
7 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.