

**TOWN OF SILT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORKSESSION
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Representative Velasco Visit

PROCEDURE: Information

RECOMMENDATION: NA

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER: As you will recall, Representative Velasco was to visit the Town for the August 26, 2024 meeting, however after the Governor called the legislature into special session to address property taxes, she needed to reschedule until September 9.

The schedule for her visit is as follows:

- 4:15 pm – Arrive Town Hall
- 4:30 pm – Tour Water Treatment Plant
- 5:00 pm – Tour Silt River Preserve
- 5:30 pm – Tour Highwater Farms
- 6:00 pm – Return to Town Hall for discussion with Town Board in a Work Session


Trustee Hanrahan will be joining me for the tours, however if others would like to also join in, you would be welcome.

PRESENTED BY: Jim Mann, Town Manager

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW [] YES [x] NO INITIALS _____

SUBMITTED BY:



Jim Mann, Town Manager

REVIEWED BY:

Lori Malsbury

Lori Malsbury, Deputy Town Clerk

**TOWN OF SILT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION AGENDA
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

EST. TIME	DISCUSSION TOPIC	PRESENTER
45 min	Representative Velasco visit	Manager Mann

REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES AGENDA – 7:00 P.M.

ESTIMATED TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PUBLIC HEARING or ACTION ITEM	STAFF PRESENTOR
	Agenda		Tab A
7:00	Call to order		Mayor Richel
	Roll call		
	Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence		
7:05	Public Comments - Persons desiring to make public comment on items not on the agenda shall activate the “raise hand” function in the meeting program. For persons who will participate in the meeting by telephone, they should send an email by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting to sheila@townofsilt.org indicating their desire to make public comment. For those attending in person, a “Sign in Sheet” is available in the Council Chambers. Each speaker will limit comments to no more than three (3) minutes, with a total time of 30 minutes allotted to public comments, pursuant to Section 2.28.020 of the Silt Municipal Code		
7:20 5 min	Consent agenda – 1. Minutes of the August 26, 2024 Board of Trustees meeting	Action Item	Tab B Mayor Richel
	Conflicts of Interest		
7:25	Agenda Changes		
7:25 10 min	Water Plant Construction Update – Dan Galvin with Garney Construction	Info Item	Tab C Manager Mann
7:35 30 min	Wildfire Risk Analysis Plan – Paula Stepp with Middle Colorado Watershed District	Info Item	Tab D Manager Mann
7:55 20 min	YouthZone Update and Request for 2025 Funding	Info Item	Tab E Town Clerk McIntyre
8:15 45 min	Executive Session – For a conference with the Town Attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on a specific legal question under CRS Section 24-6-402(4)(b) – Water System Improvement/Access		
9:00 5 min	Resolution No. 31, Series 2024, A RESOLUTION EXECUTING AN AGREEMENT WITH FREEUP STORAGE FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER SERVICE TO THE GARFIELD COUNTY ASSESSMENT PROPERTY PARCEL NUMBER 2179-101-00-018 IN THE TOWN OF SILT,	Public Hearing	Tab F Director Centeno

	GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO <i>(continuance requested by staff to September 23, 2024)</i>		
9:05 10 min	Broadband Update		Tab G Manager Mann
9:15 5 min	Administrator and Staff Reports	Info Item	Tab H Manager Mann
9:20 10 min	Updates from Board / Board Comment		
9:30	Adjournment		
<p>The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Silt Board of Trustees is Monday, September 23, 2024. Items on the agenda are approximate and intended as a guide for the Board of Trustees. "Estimated Time" is subject to change, as is the order of the agenda. For deadlines and information required to schedule an item on the agenda, please contact the Silt Town Clerk at 876-2353.</p>			

Tentative upcoming meetings / work sessions topics:

- September 23 – Distribution of Administrative Budget
- October 14 – Budget Work Session 1
- October 28 – Budget Work Session 2
- November 12 – Budget Work Session 3
- November 25 – Budget Work Session 4 (if required)
- December 9 – Adopt 2025 Budget

**TOWN OF SILT
REGULAR BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.**

The Silt Board of Trustees held their regular meeting on Monday, August 26, 2024. Mayor Richel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll call	Present	Mayor Keith Richel Mayor Pro-tem Derek Hanrahan Trustee Justin Brintnall Trustee Chris Classen Trustee Kim Ingelhart Trustee Andreia Poston Trustee Jerry Seifert
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Present were Town Manager Jim Mann, Town Clerk Sheila McIntyre, Town Treasurer Amie Tucker, Community Development Director Nicole Centeno, Public Works Director Joe Lundeen, Chief of Police Mike Kite and members of the public.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

Public Comments – There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda –

1. Minutes of the August 12, 2024, Board of Trustees meeting
2. Approval of Retail Marijuana License for Rifle Remedies, LLC dba Green Cross Silt
3. **Resolution No. 29, Series 2024**, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE GARFIELD COUNTY FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE DISTRICT AND THE PURCHASE OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE VEHICLE FOR THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO
4. **Resolution No. 30, Series 2024**, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE GARFIELD COUNTY FEDERAL MINERAL LEASE DISTRICT AND THE PHASE I GRAND AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THE TOWN OF SILT, COLORADO

Dan Meskin with Green Cross was present for his renewal approval.

Trustee Seifert made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Trustee Classen seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Conflicts of Interest – There were no conflicts of interest.

Agenda Changes – There were no agenda changes.

Water Rights Update – Water vs. Growth – Michael Erion

Michael Erion, who has served as the towns water rights consultant for over twenty years was present to provide a Water Rights 101 and go over the towns water portfolio and how it stands in terms of future growth. He proceeded to review the Town's decreed water rights for both domestic and irrigation uses, augmentation, the historic users pool with Green Mountain Reservoir, absolute and conditional water rights and the contract water in Ruedi Reservoir. Mr. Erion then reviewed the different ditches that provide water to the town as well as the Silt River Preserve irrigation and storage water rights.

Mr. Erion reviewed over the augmentation summary for future development and the EQR's required for domestic use in addition to the Colorado compact. He also provided information regarding the impact on the town for any water that is provided to out-of-town users. He stated that water that is provided outside town limits, the State requires that it be accounted for at 100% depletive, so the town must pay 100% of that to water rights. He added that this is the reason that he had suggested that the bulk water rates be increased several years ago. This scenario includes any properties served outside of town limits as well, not only bulk water.

Mr. Erion stated that he would be back once he has finalized the study and has more to present to the Board on future growth. He suggested that in the meantime to think out how to better utilize the lower Cactus Valley ditch and better enhance the raw water irrigation system.

Resolution No. 31, Series 2024, A RESOLUTION EXECUTING AN AGREEMENT WITH FREEUP STORAGE FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER SERVICE TO THE GARFIELD COUNTY ASSESSMENT PROPERTY PARCEL NUMBER 2179-101-00-018 IN THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO (staff requests continuance to September 9, 2024)

Manager Mann stated that staff was not prepared to make a recommendation tonight as they are still working through the details with FreeUp Storage to provide a package that works.

Trustee Seifert made a motion to continue the public hearing for Resolution No. 31, Series 2024, A RESOLUTION EXECUTING AN AGREEMENT WITH FREEUP STORAGE FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER SERVICE TO THE GARFIELD COUNTY ASSESSMENT PROPERTY PARCEL NUMBER 2179-101-00-018 IN THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO. Trustee Ingelhart seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 32, Series 2024, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A TYPE 1 AND FUTURE TYPE 7 FFL LICENSE FOR GUNSMITHING TO BE OPERATED AT 2013 PIONEER DRIVE, WITHIN THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS

Director Centeno reviewed her staff report explaining the application that would allow the applicant to conduct a gunsmithing business in his home as a home occupation. This request qualifies as a special use permit since this use is not defined by code. Ms. Centeno stated the applicant has also requested to add the Type 7 FFL at this time so that he would not need to come back later should he choose to move forward with the additional type.

Director Centeno stated that the applicant has huge community support as displayed at the Planning & Zoning meeting and that staff recommends approval of the Type 1 along with an expanded approval to obtain his Type 7 FFL license.

Applicant Tim Pace was present to explain what he plans on doing and answered questions. Mr. Pace stated that he would be required to keep a log of all guns that he services.

The public hearing was opened at 8:26 p.m. Eddie Saueressig spoke in favor of this operation and welcomes it to the neighborhood. Bub Donelson stated that this type of business is very important and that people normally have to travel to get these types of services. The hearing was closed at 8:29 p.m.

Mayor Pro-tem Hanrahan made a motion to approve Resolution No. 32, Series 2024, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A TYPE 1 AND FUTURE TYPE 7 FFL LICENSE FOR GUNSMITHING TO BE OPERATED AT 2013 PIONEER DRIVE, WITHIN THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO, SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS. Trustee Seifert seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Pedestrian Bridge – 7th Street Mall Concept

Manager Mann stated that staff has been moving forward on this project and that staff directed a revised concept be developed by RockSol Engineers prior to proceeding to the 30% design stage. The revised concept would involve the closure of 7th Street between Main and Front Streets, with the northern landing site of the pedestrian bridge being in the right-of-way at the south end of existing 7th Street. Front Street would need to remain open and traversable to vehicular travel.

Two conceptual plans were provided tonight with both concepts including a significant paved pedestrian mall/plaza, landscape features, areas for seating and a small event space. Adding to the discussion of the mall/plaza concept are three other factors, the Silt Water Conservancy District may be interested in moving from their current location, the Colorado River Fire District is looking to move from their current location and the Jensen property has indicated that they are interested in ceasing operations and abandoning the site which would allow for additional downtown parking spaces.

Staff is asking for feedback on whether to proceed with the 30% design utilizing the pedestrian mall/plaza concept that would create a community space in the central business district that could be used for a variety of activities, eliminate the need to displace an active business and also eliminate the need to acquire land that is slated for commercial development. Citizen Dan Meskin stated that he believes it is a great idea and that it would be nice to have some place like this for people to congregate.

There was a consensus to change the realignment of the pedestrian bridge and continue moving forward with this process.

July 2024 Financial Report

Treasurer Tucker went over the July 2024 financials.

Manager and Staff Comments

Manager Mann pointed out the Fall CML meeting is scheduled for September 26 in Grand Junction and to let him know if anyone is interested in attending. He added that there has been discussion to create a Fall Leadership forum and that the thought was to hold it at Rislende on September 25.

Director Centeno commented about the concert coming up on September 6 and that there would be other activities that evening and that On the Hook food truck would be in attendance.

Director Lundeen stated that the Sunrise water tank is back on line. Manager Mann stated that one of the wells went down but that staff is working on getting it back up and running quickly.

Updates from Board / Board Comments

The Board commented about better use of town funds sitting in accounts, the recent Effective Governance seminar and the status on various projects around town. Mayor Pro-tem Hanrahan also commented on the Social Settings for the Withdrawal Management facility in Glenwood and their challenge seems to be getting local EMS agencies to use their facility. Mayor Pro-tem Hanrahan stated that he would be contacting them to reach out to the Police Department and for usage data so that it could assist with the towns budgeting in October. It was also noted the importance of the water based on the discussion tonight, that the Board would like an update on Broadband, the wants and needs for a new website and the number of kids participating in the soccer program in Silt which started today.

Adjournment

Trustee Seifert made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Classen seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Richel adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by the Board of Trustees

Sheila M. McIntyre
Town Clerk, CMC

Keith B. Richel
Mayor



Foundation &
Backwash Tank
Concrete
Placement



Underslab
Process Pipe
Trenching &
Install



Underslab
Process Pipe
Welding & Install



Underslab
Process Pipe
Install



Yard Pipe Install



Underslab
Conduit

**TOWN OF SILT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Wildfire Risk Analysis Plan

PROCEDURE: Information Item

RECOMMENDATION: NA

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER: As you may recall, the Town joined the Middle Colorado Watershed Districts planning efforts related to Wildfire Risk Analysis and the development of a Plan. Paula Stepp, Executive Director, will attend Monday's meeting to further discuss where the effort is and what the future plans are for the group.

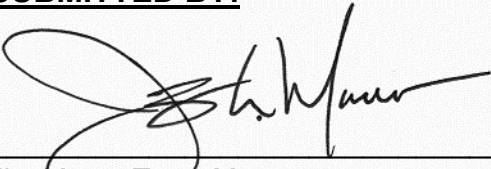
FUNDING SOURCE: General Fund

PRESENTED BY: Jim Mann, Town Manager/Paula Stepp, MCWD

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: Presentation Materials

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW [] YES [x] NO **INITIALS** _____

SUBMITTED BY:



Jim Mann, Town Manager

REVIEWED BY:

Sheila M. McIntyre
Sheila M. McIntyre, Town Clerk

MIDDLE COLORADO WATERSHED COUNCIL ANNUAL UPDATE

Silt Board of Trustees Presentation/ September 2024

Paula Stepp (MCWC) – Annual Update, Wildfire Collaborative

Bill Hoblitzell (Lotic) – Best Practices Gravel Pit Restoration

Christina Pearson (SGM) - WRAP



MIDDLE COLORADO WATERSHED PROJECT UPDATES



2024-2025 Project Highlights and 2025 Support
Colorado River Wildfire Collaborative
Post-fire Risk and Susceptibility WRAP



Best Practices Gravel Pit Restoration



Wildfire Ready Action Plan: Post-Fire Risk and
Susceptibility Analysis

2024 - 2025 MCWC PRIMARY PROJECTS

- **Colorado River Wildfire Collaborative**
- **Wildfire Ready Action Plan Risk and Susceptibility Assessment**
- **Roan Creek Fish Barrier and Infrastructure Project**
- **Silt Preserve Water Rights**
- **Glenwood Canyon Sign Replacement**
- **Best Practices Gravel Pit Restoration**
- **CPW Non-Native Fish Species Reporting App**
- **River Watch Expanded to Grand Valley High School and Parachute Creek**
- **Best Practices for Utilizing Fluvial Hazard Zones in Floodplain Management**

MCWC Annual Support Request to the Town of Silt
2025 Annual Support to Sustain MCWC Project Work – \$3,000



THE AQUATIC ENVIRONMENT EL MEDIO ACUÁTICO

Wildfire Impacts to Aquatic Ecosystems
Wildfires are common threats to flowing and static water and these types of events affect water quality and stream habitats. Through some fish and macroinvertebrate that perish during these events, their populations are reduced and will recatch only once sediments are flushed out and debris is redistributed, returning the aquatic environment to its previous state.

Impactos de incendios forestales en los ecosistemas acuáticos
Los incendios forestales son eventos naturales que pueden ser destructivos y dejarlos de existencia y puede que vuelvan a estar en calidad del agua y sus hábitats de los ecosistemas acuáticos. Las poblaciones de peces y macroinvertebrados pueden verse reducidas o eliminadas y las desechos se redistribuyen, devolviendo el medio ambiente acuático a su estado anterior.

Mountain Whitefish
A resident species in the Colorado River and associated streams in Grizzly Creek and No Name Creek is the Mountain Whitefish. These large white fish migrate and spawn in the river during spawning season. The Colorado River is the last major spawning habitat for Mountain Whitefish and the spawning season is the last week of June in Grizzly Creek. Mountain Whitefish are sensitive to temperature changes, heavy metals, and fine sediment in the water column, making them a good indicator of the overall river health.

¿Sabías que?
Mountain Whitefish are a relative of trout and share the same taxonomic family Salmonidae.

Local Sportfish
Many anglers in Silt – Silted the river with their catch.



Why Report These Species?

Some non-native fish species pose a significant threat to native fish and sportfish populations in the Middle Colorado River watershed due to predation and/or competition. In many waters, these non-native species do not align with fisheries management goals and can lead to declines in native fish populations and/or reduced fishing opportunities.

1. Scan the QR Code
2. Take a photo
3. Report the species on the app

Your actions help track these species in specific western Colorado watershed areas for management purposes.

REPORT NON-NATIVE SPECIES IN THE MIDDLE COLORADO AND ROARING FORK WATERSHEDS

Report these Non-Native Fish Using the App

Photos courtesy of Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Report these Mollusks and Crustaceans Using the App

Photos courtesy of Colorado Parks and Wildlife

SILT PRESERVE AND SILT BOAT RAMP

Update Signage at Silt Boat Ramp with additional funds from the Roaring Fork Fishing Guide Alliance

- Entrance to boat ramp area
- Staging area
- Foot traffic

Water rights on Silt Preserve to fill ponds throughout the year



NON-NATIVE SPECIES REPORTING APP

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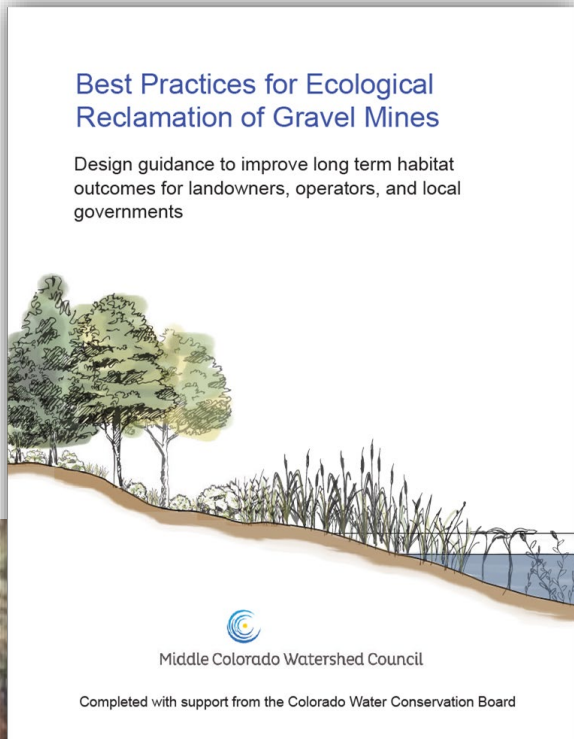
REPORTING NON-NATIVE SPECIES IN THE MIDDLE COLORADO AND ROARING FORK WATERSHEDS

- Public engagement to help Colorado Parks and Wildlife track non-native species that are detrimental to watersheds and the native species within them
- Zebra mussel veligers found in Colorado River near Cameo – unknown source



BEST PRACTICES GRAVEL PIT RESTORATION

Why did we do this and who is it for?



IWMP Actions
WQR12, AQ9

“develop a set of best practices that could be used by counties and local government when reviewing and permitting future gravel operations.”

2023 Gravel Pit
BMP Guide

A cookbook of optional design and policy practices to improve post-reclamation ecological function at current operations, as well as promote restoration at older sites.



BEST PRACTICES GRAVEL PIT RESTORATION

Findings



- Aggregate is a base resource for the local economy but over time continued river-corridor mining is a race-to-the-bottom for natural habitat health and function
- Tradeoffs between the present/future need for recoverable resource (\$) and long term viability of functional habitat phase are difficult social questions, science can't answer.
- Current state-level reclamation requirements do not produce good long term aquatic and riparian habitats.



- County-level permitting has greatly improved in Garfield County, but scientific guidance suggests reclamation outcomes (habitat values at a site) can still be much better than current reclamation produces

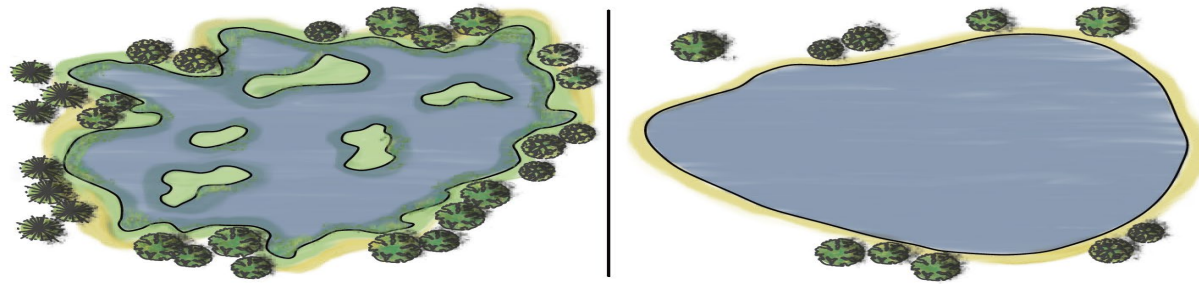
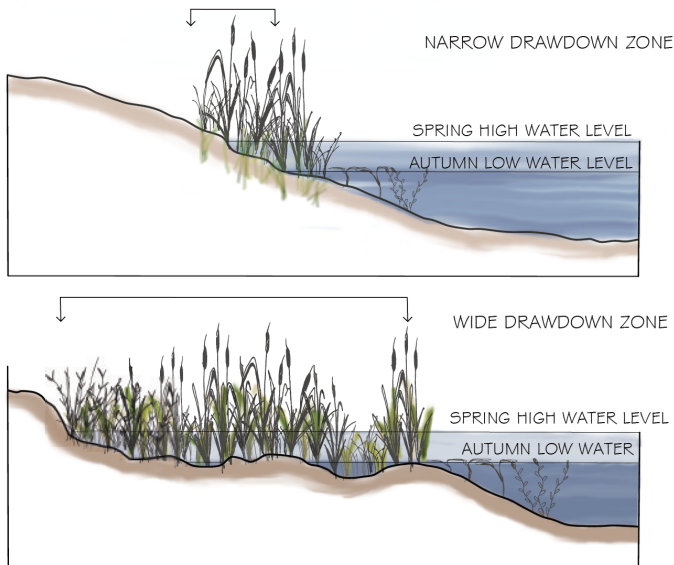


- Improved restoration at old / legacy mine ponds is a ripe avenue to explore, but needs solutions to logistical / feasibility issues like sourcing clean fill and incentivizing work
- Conserving the remaining good habitats is likely cheaper and more effective in protecting river corridors than even the best post-mining reclamation design.

BEST PRACTICES GRAVEL PIT RESTORATION

Big-Picture Highlights and Recs

- Working on improving existing legacy pits is potentially low hanging fruit
- Creating or/finding incentives for landowners to participate and sourcing clean sediment/fill can help achieve this
- Continuing to improve new permits/designs as they arrive is the proactive route for the future.
- Reducing slopes and increasing bank complexity to promote the maximum possible amount of riparian water/land fringe is the basic goal underlying designs; *deep, open water === useless barren area*



POST-GRIZZLY CREEK FIRE RAIN GAGES AND WATER QUALITY

History and Progress

The Grizzly Creek and Pine Gulch fires in 2020 and post-fire debris flow and flooding have impacted county communities for the last four years. MCWC received funding for post-fire water quality and weather monitoring.

MCWC and stakeholders are addressing whether to continue monitoring post-fire activity after 2024.

Seven rain gages were placed in Glenwood Canyon. Two of those sites could be retained at the east end and west end of the canyon for around \$10,000 each.

The additional water quality monitoring over the last four years has influenced water treatment plant operations decisions. New USGS water quality monitoring gages were located at Silt and Rulison. Current consideration is whether to continue the gage at the Rulison site to measure temperature and turbidity.



COLORADO RIVER WILDFIRE COLLABORATION

History and Progress

November 2022 – Initial Stakeholder Meeting

September 2023 –CWCB Wildfire Ready Action Plan grant awarded for risk and susceptibility analysis for Elk Creek, Rifle Creek and Battlement Mesa drainages

March 2024 – fully executed wildfire collaborative Memorandum of Understanding

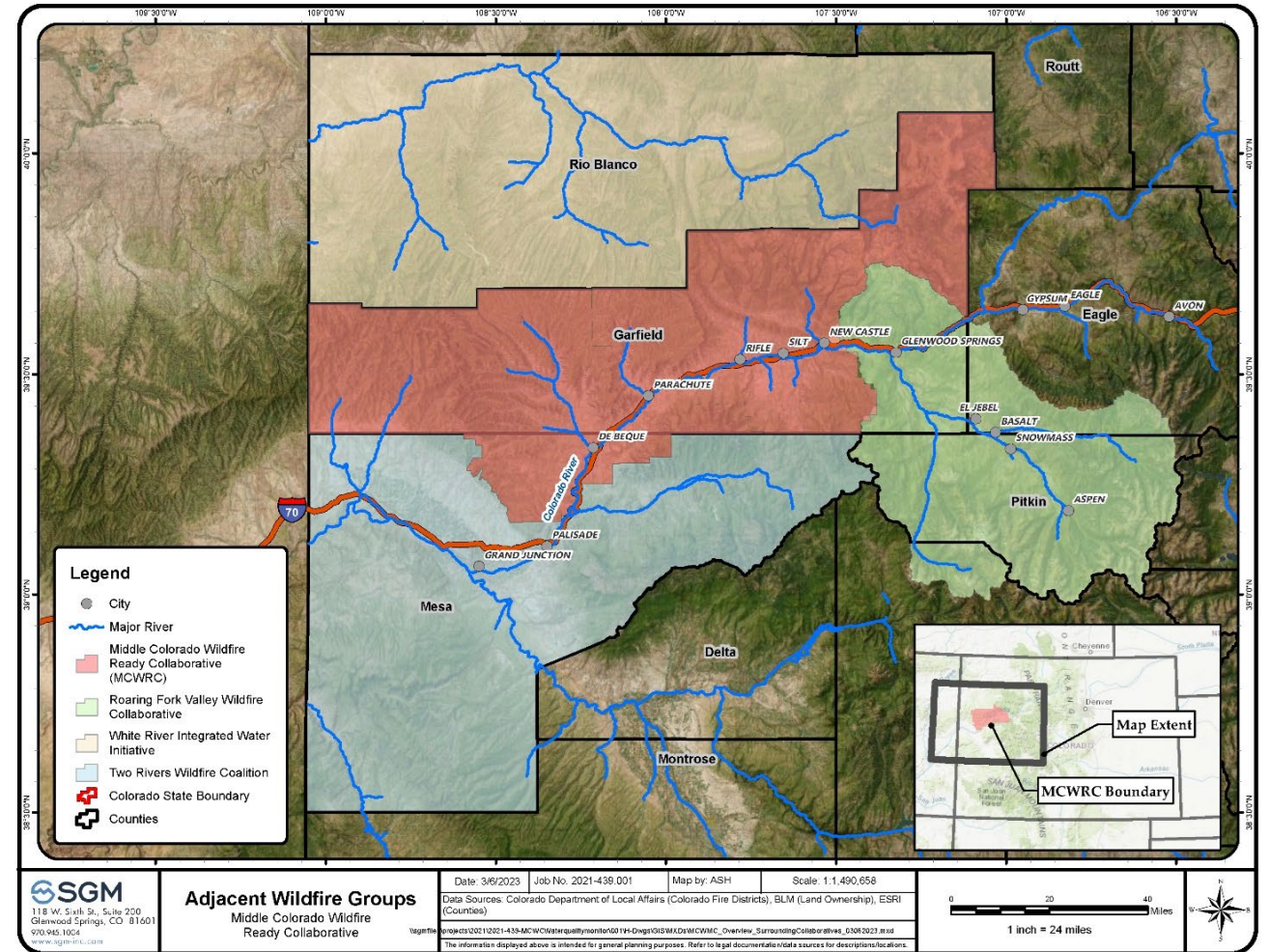
Summer 2024 – Planning for 501-3C development, cross-jurisdictional projects, and hiring a collaboration coordinator

Wildfire collaborative meetings second Tuesday of every month at 1 pm

Colorado River Wildfire Collaborative 2025 Stakeholders Budget

GOAL: Hire coordinator that will provide project management, write grants for projects and sustainability, and set up community outreach programs.

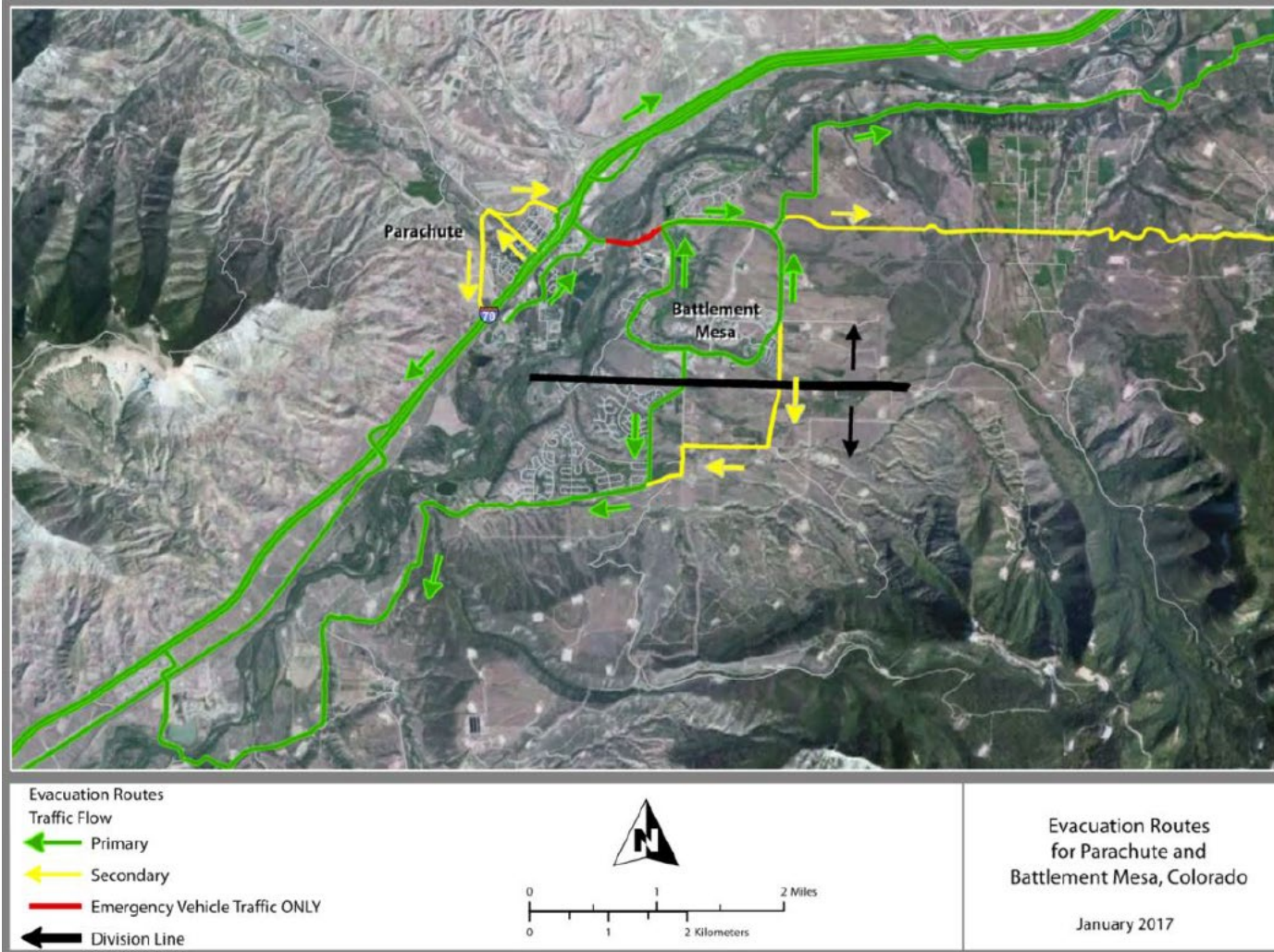
Create a 501-3C



WILDFIRE READY CWPP

Pre-Wildfire Planning and Procedures

- Prepare emergency kit and family communications plan
- Pursue household mitigation
 - Contact fire districts to conduct home assessments
- Sign up for emergency alert systems
 - GarCo911
 - Reachwell app
- Identify evacuation routes based on home location
- Neighborhood Ambassador Program. Encourage and motivate residents to take action to reduce that risk



Garfield County CWPP Evacuation Plans for Parachute and Battlement Mesa

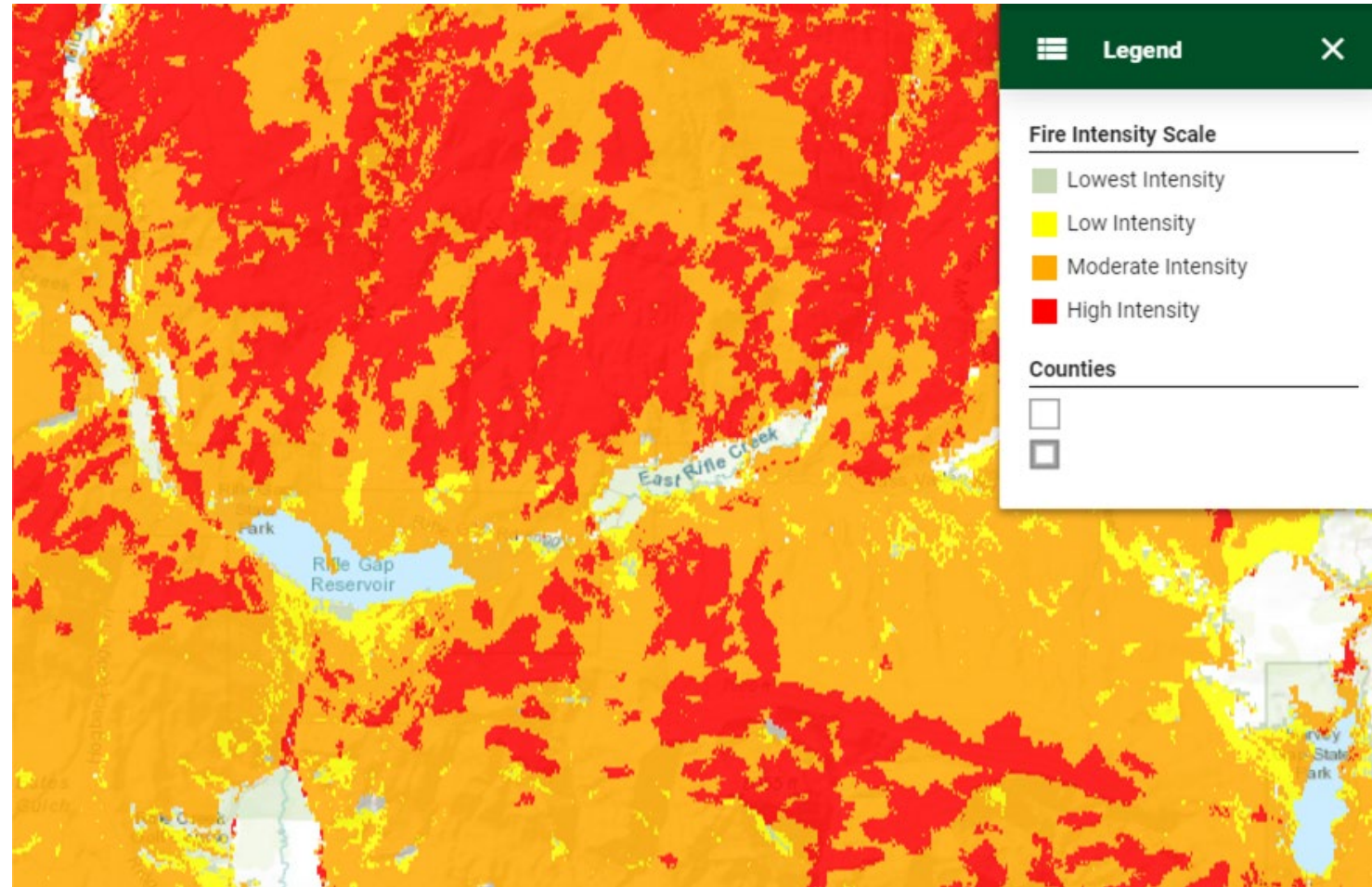
PRE-WILDFIRE MITIGATION

Benefits

- Suppression
- Forest Health
- Fuels Reduction
- Watershed Protection
- Wildlife Habitat
- Community Safety
- Critical Infrastructure
- Access: Roads, Culverts, Bridges
- Agriculture Protection

Wildfire Mitigation Cross-Jurisdictional Programs to Create Defensible Space

- Mastication
- Prescribed Burns
- Hand Tool Work
- Create Fuel Breaks
- Thinning to Reduce Flammable Vegetation



Colorado Forest Atlas <https://coloradoforestatlas.org>



CWCB: WILDFIRE READY WATERSHEDS

Mission: Assess the susceptibility of Colorado's water resources, communities, and critical infrastructure to post-wildfire impacts and advance a framework for communities to plan and implement mitigation strategies to minimize these impacts – before wildfires occur.

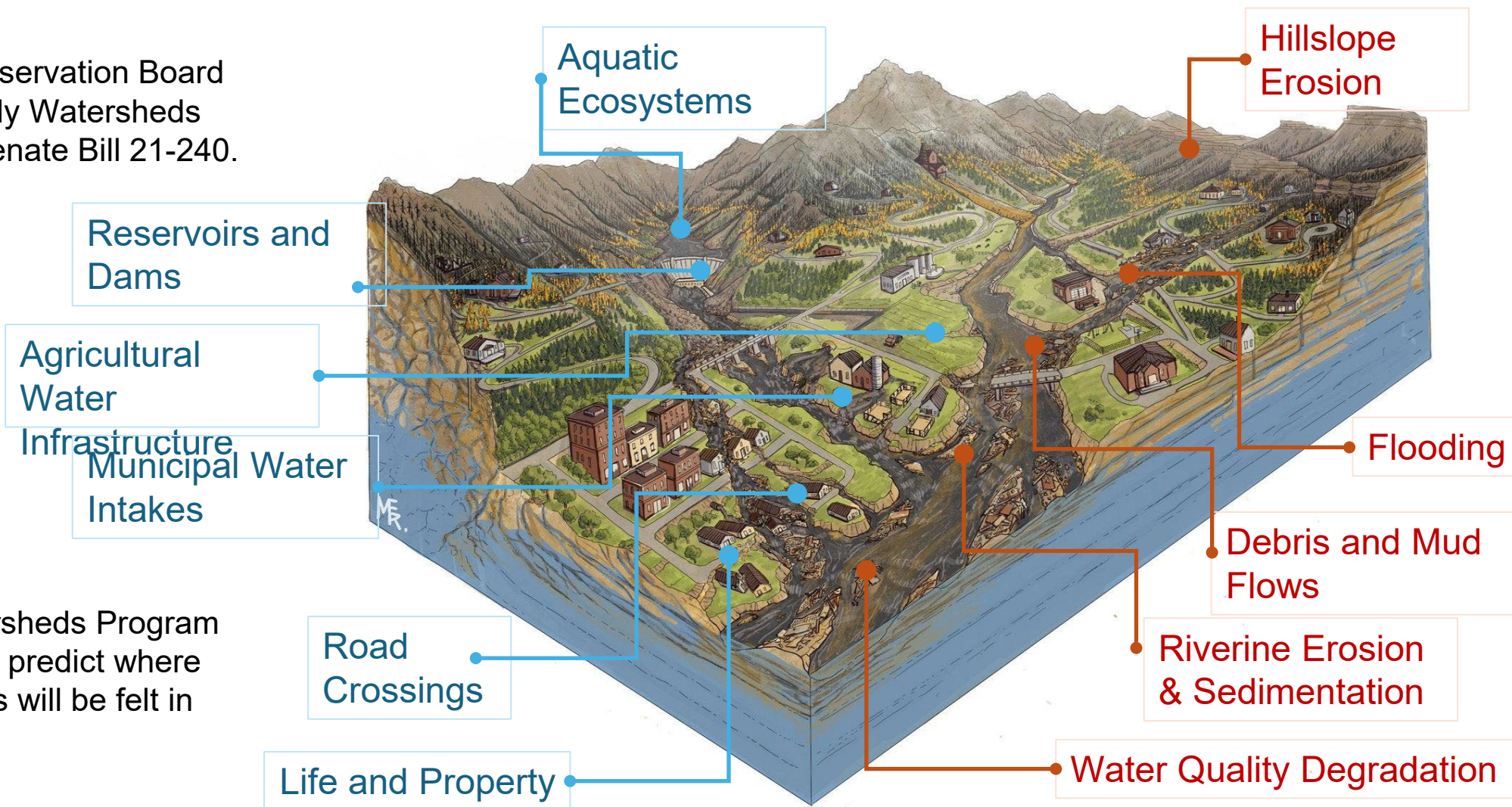


WILDFIRE READY ACTION PLAN (WRAP)

The Colorado Water Conservation Board created the Wildfire Ready Watersheds Program to implement Senate Bill 21-240.

Impacts to water supplies, infrastructure, and human life can linger for many years after the firefighting crews head home.

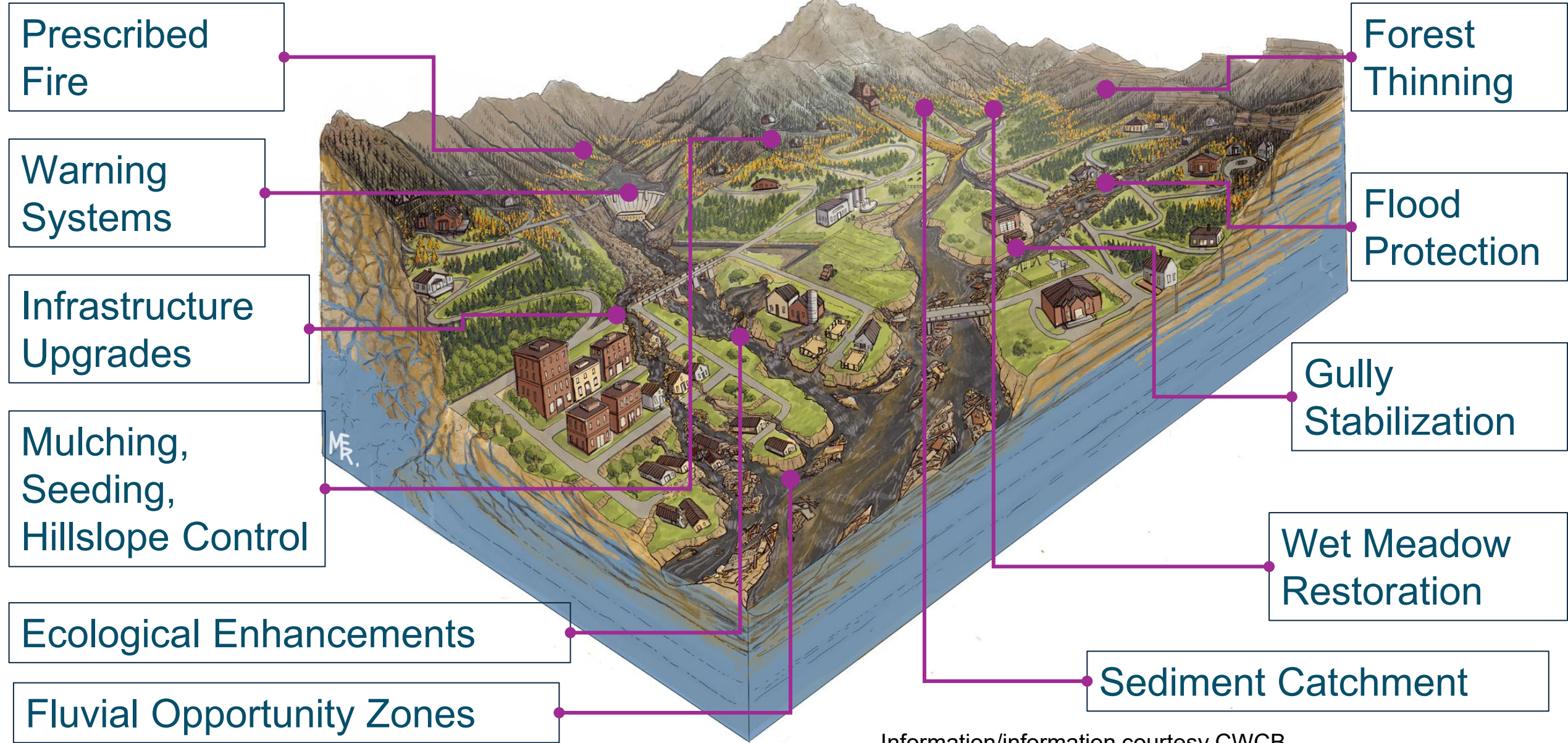
The Wildfire Ready Watersheds Program provides guidance to help predict where and what post-fire impacts will be felt in local communities.



COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN (CWPP)

How do a CWPP and a WRAP work together?

CWPP	WRAP
Focuses on wildfire (prevention and mitigation)	Focuses on post-fire (mitigation)
VARs susceptible to wildfire	VARs susceptible to post-fire hazards
Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)	County-wide focus
Fire mitigation project identification	Post-fire hazard mitigation project identification
Emphasizes communication and collaborations	Emphasizes communication and collaboration
Fire-related warning systems	Storm event related warning systems





Wildfire Ready Action Plan (WRAP)



Wildfire Ready Action Plan (WRAP)

Colorado River Wildfire Collaborative

Draft



Study Area

Within the study area, the stakeholders identified three major watersheds to develop WRAPs for:

- Elk Creek Watershed
- Rifle Creek Watershed
- Battlement Mesa Area Watersheds

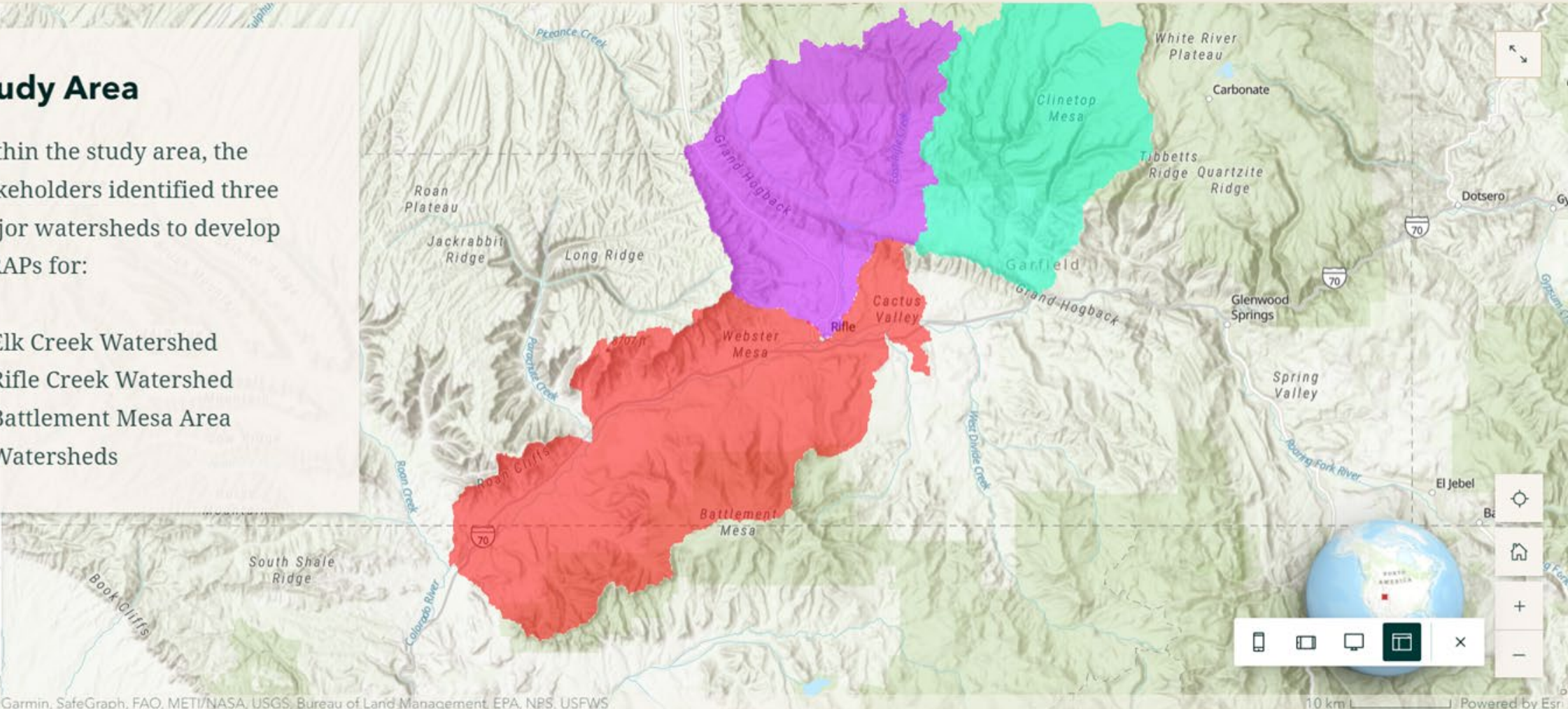
Battlement Mesa Area

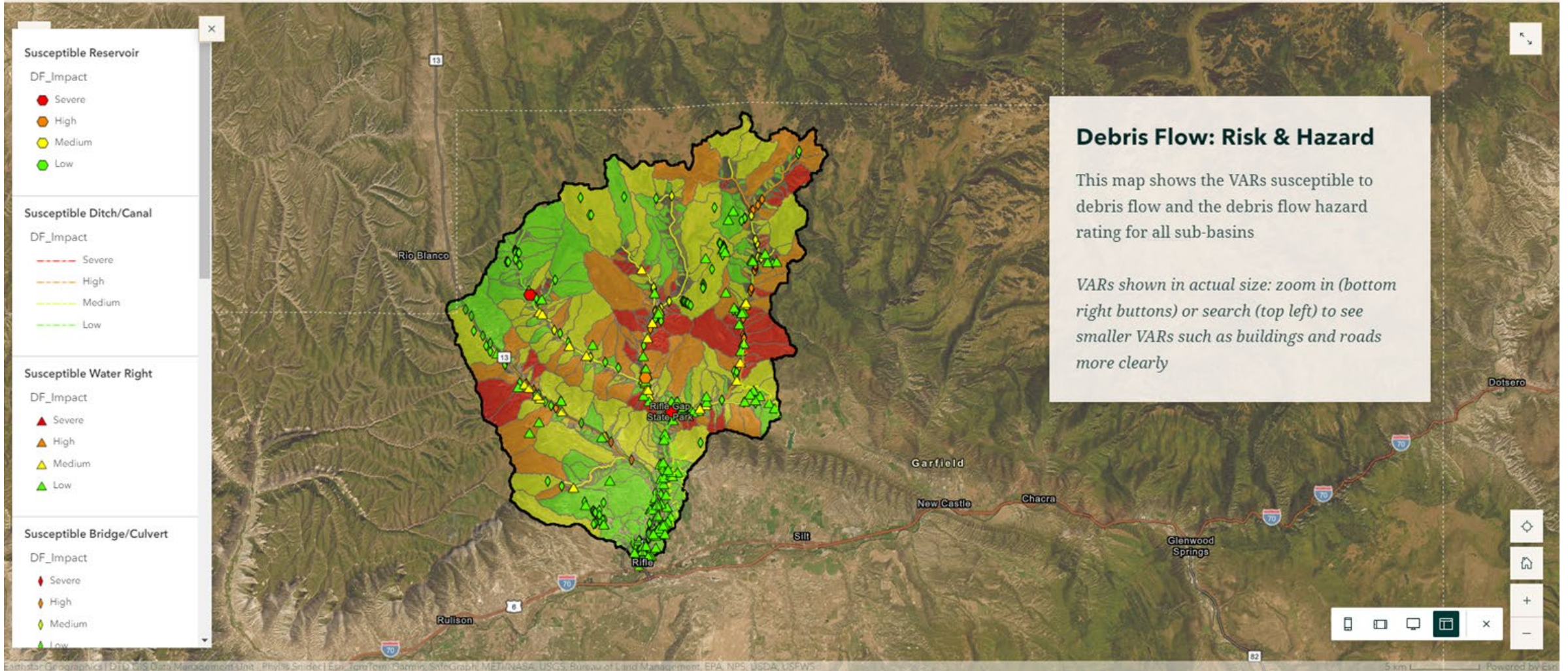


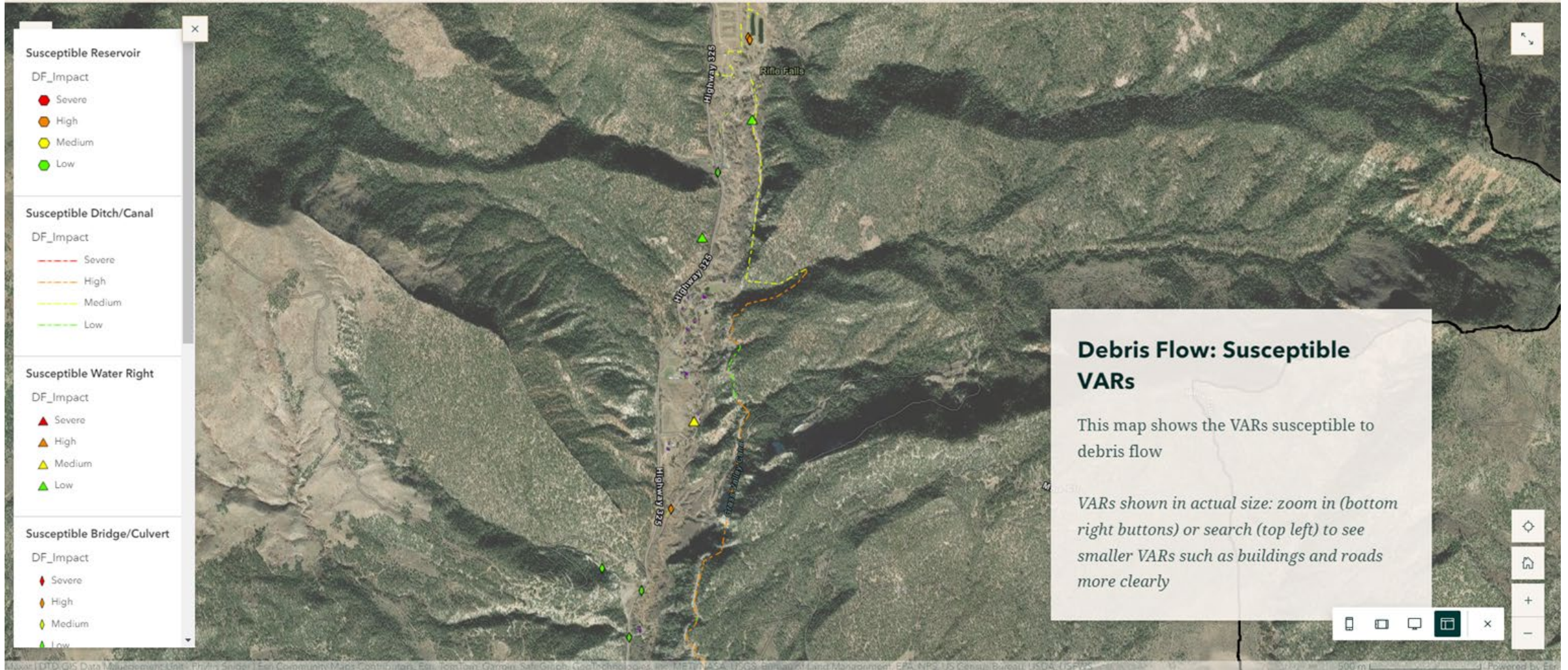
Elk Creek Watershed

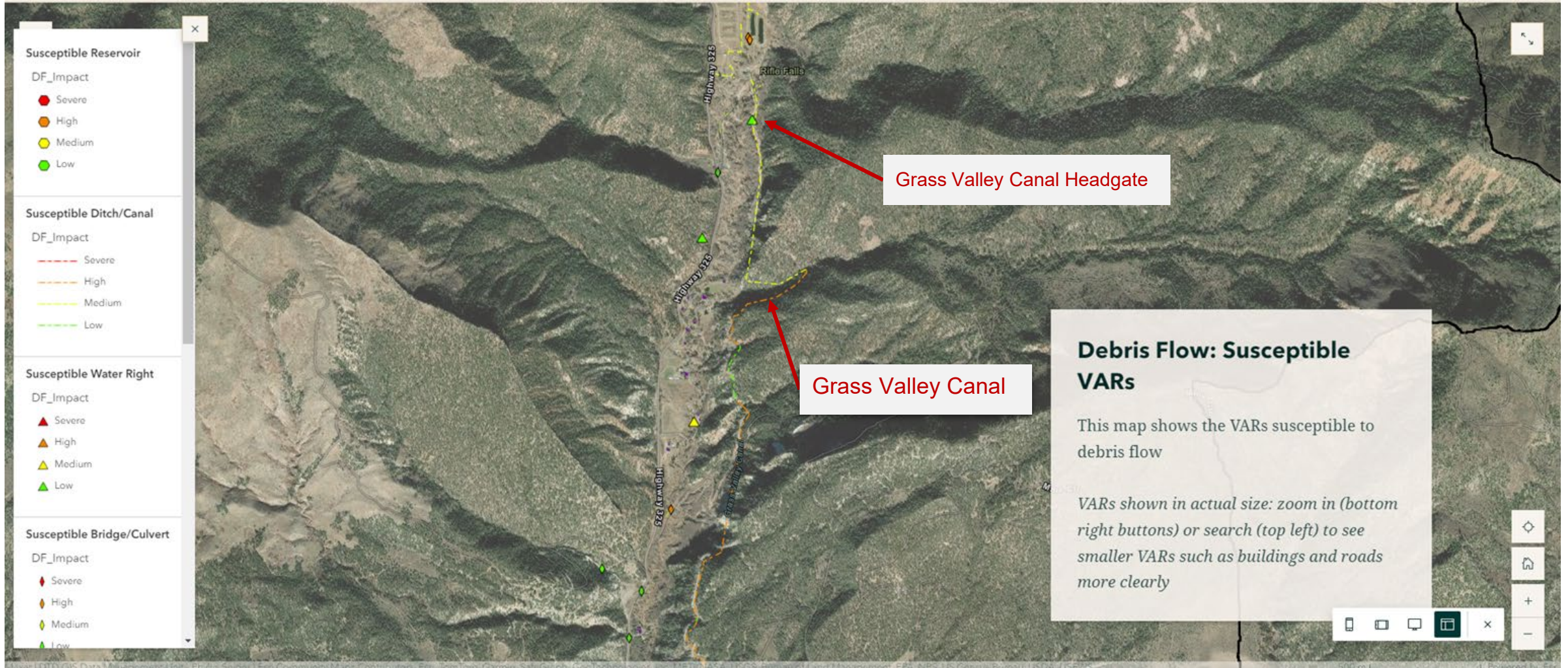


Rifle Creek Watershed



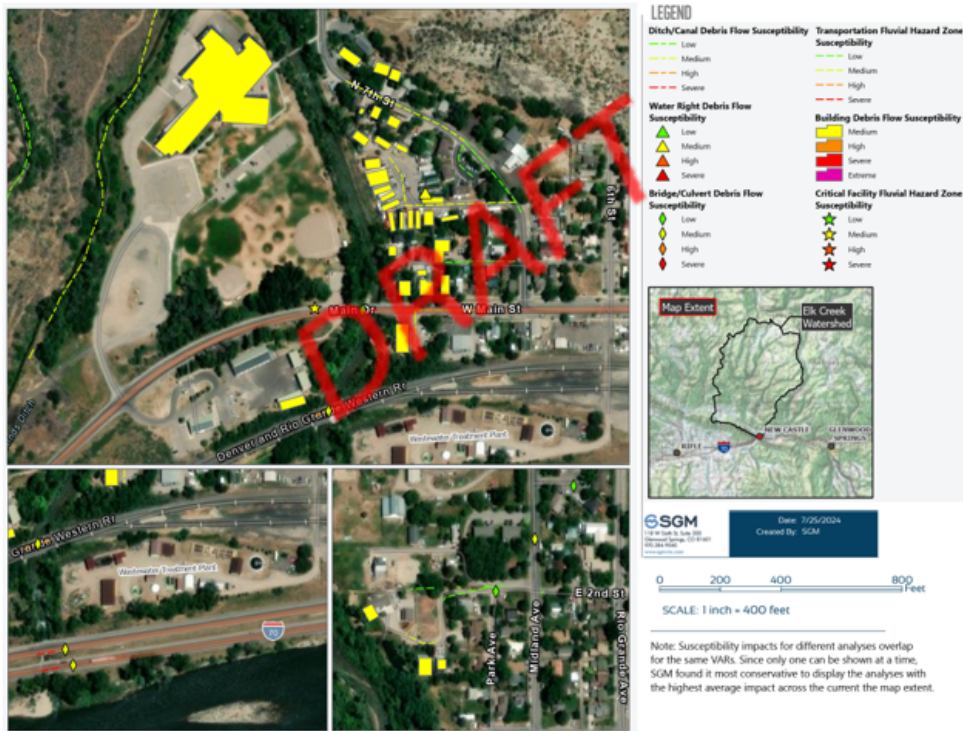






IDENTIFYING A PROJECT

As mentioned previously, the first line of defense against loss of life will always be flood risk communication and employment of a local alert system to provide advanced notice of post-fire hazards to property owners and residents. Preemptively addressing stream stability and erosion risks associated with flood and debris flow hazards could also help to mitigate risk and prevent loss of life and property. This could mean employing pre-fire streambank stabilization strategies, such as bank armoring, at eligible locations where hydraulic impact in high flow is likely to exacerbate erosion of streambanks. In a post-fire mitigation scenario, temporary diversion barriers (e.g., Hesco barriers or sandbags, k-rails) could serve a similar purpose of protecting at-risk properties and neighborhoods from significant flooding and erosion.



Project identification by area

- General project identification
- Projects specific to VAR type
- Pre- vs. Post- Fire projects

Figure 9-7. Overview of VARs in Town of New Castle Municipal Boundary. Note that impact score map symbology is intended only as a visual aid to identify some of the VARs highlighted in the study. Refer to source material for an accurate account of VAR impact scoring.

The post-fire risks posed to water infrastructure include increases in sediment yield and moderate



Middle Colorado Watershed Council

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Paula Stepp/Executive Director

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**TOWN OF SILT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
September 9, 2024**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

SUBJECT: YouthZone Update and Request for Support

PROCEDURE: (Public Hearing, Action item, Information Item) Action item

RECOMMENDATION: N/A

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER: Jami Hayes with YouthZone will be present to provide the Board with an annual update of the services they provide to the Town along with their request of support for 2025 in the amount of \$5000. YouthZone has been asked to provide detailed information on the number of clients that they serve that live within the Town limits, not just those addressed as Silt.

FUNDING SOURCE: N/A

ORDINANCE FIRST READING DATE: N/A

ORDINANCE SECOND READING DATE: N/A

RESOLUTION READING DATE: N/A

ORIGINATED BY: Jami Hayes

PRESENTED BY: Jami Hayes


DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: YouthZone presentation and request for funding for 2025

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW [] YES [x] NO **INITIALS** _____

SUBMITTED BY:

Sheila M. McIntyre
Sheila M. McIntyre, Town Clerk, CMC

REVIEWED BY:



Jim Mann, Town Manager

YouthZone

MISSION

YouthZone provides comprehensive assessment and advocacy to inspire healthy relationships between youth, families, and communities.

VISION

Hopeful Youth, Strong Families, and Safe Communities

CORE VALUES

Inspire with integrity, no judgements, stewardship, believe in possibilities,

YouthZone is proud to partner with the following organizations in serving our clients:

Colorado Division of Criminal Justice - Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment - Colorado Youth Detention Continuum - 9th Judicial District Attorney's Office - Rocky Mountain Health Plans - Roaring Fork RE1, Garfield RE2, and Garfield 16 School Districts - Pitkin, Garfield, and Rio Blanco County Governments, Sheriff's Offices, and Collaborative Management Programs - Aspen, Basalt, Carbondale, Glenwood Springs, New Castle, Paracahute, Rifle, Silt, and Snowmass Village Municipal Governments and Police

Testimonials

What experience made a difference for you at YZ?

"Hacen un buen trabajo. Me puedo expresar."

"Always nice and looking out for my best."

"YA helped me a lot with my attitude and morals."

"Always listened to what I had to say."

"They are always welcoming and understanding. It was a safe place to come to after a hard day."

"The groups taught me a lot about self care."

"There were always people here to talk to and guide you through and give you ways to overcome anything."

"They helped me by showing support and believing that one mistake doesn't define you."

Parents:

"Gracias por la ayuda a mi hija fue muy eficaz para ella y muestra familia."

YouthZone in Silt

FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

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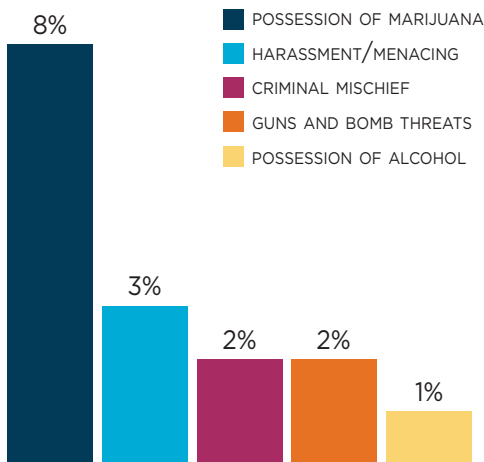
Silt clients are **33% female, 67% male**.

They are **79% Caucasian, 21% Latino**.

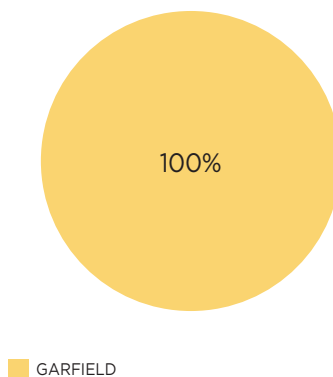
100% did not reoffend while working with YZ, and **94%** were able to **complete their contracts** successfully.

30% of clients **reported an improvement** in at least one post-survey focus area.

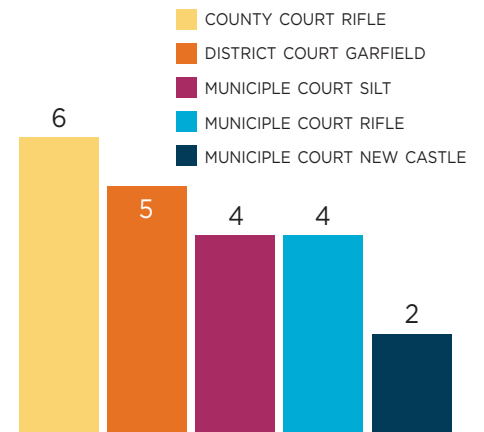
Top 5 Charges



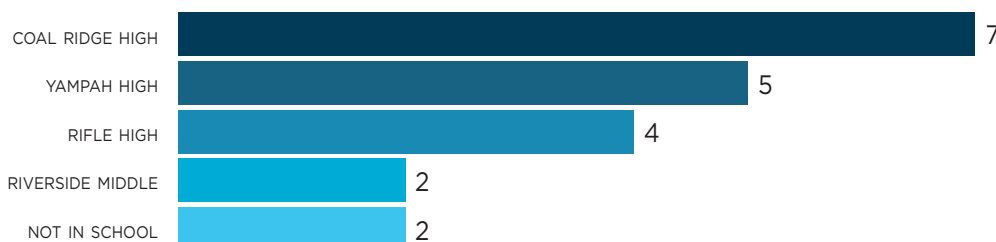
County of Residence



Top 5 Referral Sources



Top 5 Schools attended by clients





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YouthZone presentation

9th Judicial District and YouthZone



Our organization serves a very diverse and expansive region, encompassing Pitkin, Garfield, Rio Blanco, and Eagle counties.

GOALS AND OUTCOMES



- To intervene with youth who exhibit risky, disruptive or criminal juvenile behaviors, YouthZone:
 - Provides youth tools and resources to **reduce risk** and elevate success
 - Supports the entire family unit and promotes **healthier family** relationships
 - Supports **mental health** through coaching, counseling and education
 - Intervenes with **substance** use through intervention, education and counseling
 - Heals communities through **restorative processes**

**Evidence Based: Sensitive to program effectiveness, completion, and client recidivism. The screener includes 60 questions, of which seven are identifying and demographic. Staff collect quality screening answers, as well as assets and risks. The screener is at a 7th-grade reading level and takes about 15 minutes to complete.*

The YouthZone survey measures the following five domains:

- Substance Use
- Alcohol Use
- Optimism and Problem Solving
- Delinquency and Community Engagement
- Trauma





PROGRAMS & SERVICES



Youth Services

- Assessments – Youth and Family
- Youth Advocacy - Case Management
- Counseling – Individual
- Substance Use Counseling & Education
- Restorative Justice
- Victim/Offender Mediation
- Teen Groups
- Useful Public Service
- Deferred Sentencing Programs through Courts
- Diversion
- Life Skills Classes
- Youth Coaching
- CYDC Detention Screening 9th District

Parent Support

- Parent Consultation
- Parent Education
- Family Mediation

[Online Referral Form](#)

www.youthzone.com

COST & SOURCES OF INCOME

- \$200 fee per client to initiate services
- Average overall cost per youth is \$2,000 for a 3-month program
- FY24-25 budget at \$2.4m
- 73% grant-funded
- 15% earned-income
- 12% contributions



Our goals for FY24-25:

- 1) Leverage community partnerships for better outcomes and outreach. This includes coordinating with schools and law enforcement agencies to identify pre-ticket youth
- 2) Reduce barriers to access, including transportation, language, cost, and timeliness.
- 3) Improve capacity to serve youth and families in need of mental health and substance use intervention



Silt Data

Top charges

- Marijuana
- Harrassment
- Theft

22.23

- 18 all Silt Residents
- 80 Community Members Served
- 540 Total Service Hours

23.24

- 27 in 23.24 Fiscal year all silt residents
- 93 total community members served
- 810 total service hours



ORGANIZATION-WIDE DEMOGRAPHICS

- 62% male, 37% female, 1% non-binary
- 48% Caucasian; 46% Latino; 2% African American; 3% multi racial; 1% Asian American, Native American, or other
- 69% of referrals come straight from court. Common charges include:
 - Possession of marijuana
 - Possession of alcohol
 - Petty theft
 - Criminal Mischeif
 - Assault and battery
- 20% of referrals are from schools and pre-ticket law enforcement contact. This allows YouthZone to provide prevention services prior to formal engagement with the judicial system.
- 6% of referrals are parent consultations



IMPACT

- 93% of clients did not reoffend while working with YouthZone
- 93% completed their contracts successfully.
- 38% of clients who completed a post survey self-reported improvement in at least one metric
- Results of our independent evaluation indicate that YouthZone's services are statistically significant in reducing risk in all areas for all clients, regardless of demographics or charge

Support Staff



Jami Hayes, ED



Ali Naaseh-Shahry-
Development Director



Lyn Williams, Director of Ops



Naomi Pena, Administrative
and Data Specialist



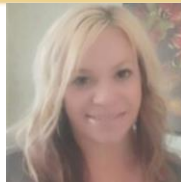
Vanessa Otero,
Administrative Assistant



Tania Beltran, Business
Manager

Direct Service Staff

**Airen Goodman,
Program Director**



**Paula Hall,
Clinical Director**



Municipal and County Court Program

**Mariah Dickson,
Court Coordinator**



**Becca Paturalski,
Youth Advocate**



**Travis Wilson,
Youth Advocate**



**Guadalupe Olivas,
Youth Advocate**



**Abigail Jurardo,
Youth Advocate**

Restorative Justice Program

**Chelsea Smith,
Restorative Justice
Coordinator**



**Pete Durrance,
Restorative Justice
Specialist**



Parent and Community Program

**Sarai Quintana,
Parent and
Community Outreach
Coordinator**



CYDC/Diversion Program

**Aida Bonilla,
Pretrial and
Diversion Specialist**



**Silvia Barragan,
Pretrial and
Diversion Specialist**



Substance Program

**Michelle Medrano,
Substance Coordinator**



**Erin Greenwald,
Substance Specialist
and Youth Advocate**



**Keri Sorenson,
Substance Specialist
and Youth Advocate**





YouthZone presentation



Key Partnerships



COLORADO
Division of Criminal Justice
Department of Public Safety



COLORADO
Department of Human Services
Office of Gun Violence Prevention



Contact:

Jami Hayes, Executive Director

970-945-9300

Ali Naaseh-Shahry, Development Director

970-930-6540

YouthZone Main Line

970-945-9300

Donations to support our work can be made at:

www.youthzone.com



youthzone
Connect and Grow

Glenwood Springs
413 9th Street
GWS, CO 81601
Ph 970-945-9300
Fx 970-945-8921

Rifle
136 E. 12th Street
Rifle, CO 81650
Ph 970-625-3141
Fx 970-625-9532

"YouthZone helped me respect myself and understand that all my choices affect people."

Jim Mann
Town Manager
231 N 7th
Silt, CO 81652

July, 2024

Dear Jim and our Silt Court Partners,

Thank you for your continued support of YouthZone and the services that we provide in your community. We continue to drive toward high-quality programming with long-standing partnerships such as this. In the last 12 months, we served almost 500 clients, 27 intakes for Silt referrals.

Over the last 12 months our referrals for Silt have come from County Court in Rifle, District Court, Municipal Court in Silt, Municipal Court in Rifle, Municipal court in New Castle and other community-based referrals.

Of these 27 clients, 100% did not reoffend while working with YouthZone, and 94% completed their contracts successfully. If these same youth remained in the court system without support and on probation, the recidivism rate would be 49%, according to data from the Division of Criminal Justice.

Contracts and service plans vary depending on the client's needs as identified through our assessment and initial intake with youth and parents. Services can include court advocacy, substance use education, mental health services, parent education, life-skills groups and community service. 40% of clients reported improvement in at least one survey area during their exit surveys, which includes drug and alcohol use, community and school engagement, optimism, problem solving, and trauma.

The cost of detaining and imprisoning a youth in Colorado is \$132,000 per year or \$66,000 for six months. YouthZone's cost for three to six months of diversion services is between \$2,000 and \$4,000 depending on need and length of programming. These services are possible through funds raised by key partners like you, our counties, departments of criminal justice, grants, and contributions from individuals and corporations.

We respectfully request continued support for YouthZone services in the town of Silt. Our intervention and prevention services have increased by 35% over the last year for youth and families in Silt. As a result, we are requesting a slight increase in the contribution from the town of Silt in the amount of \$5,000. We are deeply committed to healthy youth, families, and safe communities.

Thank you for your continued partnership. We look forward to continuing to provide our services for youth and families in Silt.

Jami Hayes
Executive Director
Jhayes@youthzone.com
970-945-9300

"Serving families from Aspen to Parachute with offices in Aspen...Carbondale...Glenwood Springs...Rifle."

**TOWN OF SILT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
September 9, 2024**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 31, Series 2024, A RESOLUTION EXECUTING AN AGREEMENT WITH FREE-UP STORAGE FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER SERVICE TO THE GARFIELD COUNTY ASSESSMENT PROPERTY PARCEL NUMBER 2179-101-00-018 IN THE TOWN OF SILT, GARFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEDURE: Action Item

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends a continuation of the Public Notice Action Item for the Free-Up Storage application, requesting an out of town water service.

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER: The Town is diligently working to process the application that Free-Up Storage submitted, requesting out of town water services. As soon as the Town is able to work with the applicant, on a few outstanding variables, this application will be presented at an upcoming meeting.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: I move to approve the continuation of the Free-Up Storage out of town water service request, from the September 9, 2024 agenda to either September 23, 2024 or October 15, 2024, whichever is determined to have adequate space on the agenda.

ORDINANCE FIRST READING DATE: N/A

ORDINANCE SECOND READING DATE: N/A

RESOLUTION READING DATE: Undetermined

PRESENTED BY: Nicole Centeno, Community Development Director

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED: N/A

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW [] YES [X] NO INITIALS NC

SUBMITTED BY:

REVIEWED BY:



Nicole Centeno, Community Development Director



Lori Malsbury, Deputy Town Clerk

**TOWN OF SILT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024**

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Garfield County Broadband Initiative - Update

PROCEDURE: Information Item

RECOMMENDATION: NA

SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND OF SUBJECT MATTER: As you will recall, Garfield County through a national broadband initiative has been working towards providing broadband into the rural areas of the county. A main fiberoptic trunk line has been installed within the I-70 CDOT right of way, that connects to a carrier neutral site, which is located at the public works yard.

The goal is to work with a variety of Internet Service Providers (ISPs) that will then begin to build out a system to serve the rural areas. An offshoot goal of the County has always been to support the ISPs with the hope that they would work with the incorporated areas to also provide fiber build-out.

In discussing with County Manager Jarman, there is very little to report, as we are waiting on the "...final gyrations for the Project Area Maps (PAMs) that the ISPs will use to determine their desired service areas. Manager Jarman further indicated that they will likely work with all the ISPs that have showed interest.

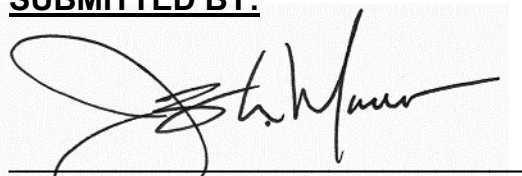
[Editorial] While the goals of this project are admirable, I can not help but wonder whether the money would have been better spent providing access to Starlink vs. hard wired infrastructure that will have limited return on its investment (other than significant government subsidies).

PRESENTED BY: Jim Mann, Town Manager

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW [] YES [x] NO **INITIALS** _____

SUBMITTED BY:



Jim Mann, Town Manager

REVIEWED BY:

Sheila M. McIntyre
Sheila M. McIntyre, Town Clerk



Date: September 9, 2024
To: Mayor Richel & Board of Trustees
From: Jim Mann, Town Manager
Subject: Manager's Report

Property Taxes/Proposed Special Legislative Session: As you may be aware the special legislative session wrapped up last week with two bills surviving and headed to the Governor's desk for signature. As of the writing of this memorandum, the Governor has yet to sign the bills, as he is waiting for the proponents of Propositions 50 and 108 to pull the ballot initiatives from the November ballot. The deadline is September 6.

HB 1003 makes the business personal property tax exemption for Agricultural Equipment used in Controlled Ag Environments (greenhouses) permanent and extends the inclusion of personal property used for planting or growing crops in a raw or unprocessed state as exempt from taxation. There will be a local government reduction in budgets for the permanence of this exemption (it was previously set to expire in 2027). This has little to no impact on the Town.

HB 1001 is the what the goal of the special session was all about. This is where the fun begins. The bill includes a limited fund for local government reimbursements for those that had a decline in assessed values, which will not impact Silt. Fire Districts are likely going to get hit hard, as there was a significant drop in oil and gas assessments – Chief Sackett indicated they had almost a 30% drop in their assessed value.

HB 1001 is a mess of a bill, with tapering assessments, different assessment rates based on who is levying the tax, and promises that this is the last – we have heard that before. Below is a summary from the fiscal note, which is about as clear of a synopsis that is out there.

- **Property tax year 2024.** For the 2024 property tax year, the bill lowers the assessment rate for the lodging property class to 27.9 percent, applied to the actual value of the property after applying a \$30,000 subtraction. In future years, assessment for the property class will be included with commercial property. This will have a limited impact to the Town.
- **Property tax year 2025.** For the 2025 property tax year, the bill lowers assessment rates for residential property, including for local government entities and school districts, and certain nonresidential property classes. These include:
 - Residential assessment rates for local government entities. For local government entities' mill levies other than school districts, the bill reduces the assessment rate for

- all residential property to 6.25 percent from 6.4 percent, unless statewide actual value growth exceeds 5 percent from 2024 to 2025, in which case the rate will decrease to 6.15 percent.
- Residential assessment rates for school districts. For school district mill levies, the bill lowers the assessment rate to 7.05 percent from 7.15 percent, unless statewide actual value growth exceeds 5 percent from 2024 to 2025, in which case the rate will decrease to 6.95 percent. The assessment rate for school district mill levies is set at the 2025 level for all future property tax years.
- Nonresidential assessment rates. For all district mill levies, most nonresidential classes – except for oil and gas, producing mines, improved commercial, and agricultural – from 29 percent to 27 percent.
- **Property tax year 2026.** For the 2026 property tax year, the bill continues to lower assessment rates for residential for local government entities, other than school districts, and for most nonresidential property classes, including:
 - Residential assessment rates for local government entities. For local government entities, the bill reduces the assessment rate for all residential property to 6.8 percent from 6.95 percent, unless statewide actual value growth exceeds 5 percent from 2024 to 2025, in which case the rate will decrease to 6.7 percent. The rate for local governmental entities is set at this level for all future property tax years. Consistent with current law under SB 24-233, the rate is applied to the actual value of the property after applying a subtraction of 10 percent of the property's actual value, up to \$70,000.
 - Nonresidential assessment rates. For all district mill levies, the bill lowers the assessment rate for most nonresidential classes – except for oil and gas, producing mines, improved commercial, and agricultural – from 29 percent to 26 percent.
- **Property tax year 2027 and after.** For the 2027 property tax year, the bill continues the lower assessment rates for residential property, and further lowers the nonresidential assessment rate for most property classes – except for oil and gas, producing mines, improved commercial, and agricultural – from 29 percent to 25 percent. The 25 percent rate is set for all future property tax years.

HB 1001 is an added layer to the property tax system that does nothing to improve the system, however it adds layers that will just further confuse the citizenry. When the above average person can not calculate their own property taxes, that is where the problems start. Add to it that assessors will now have additional math to do related to disparate assessment rates on residential properties whether they are being taxed by school districts or municipalities, simply adds to the coming headache. And finally, as I said above, while there is a promise that this is the last, you and me both know that advocacy groups and/or the legislature will not be able to keep their hands off the property tax system.

What this does amount to, is that in the future the Town will be faced with revenue questions that will need to be answered.

Home Avenue: Silt lives up to its namesake. The Home Avenue project has run into significant soils problem, that have resulted in the need to do extensive over-excavation (overex). The problem that we ran into had to do with the inability to get proper compaction on the road base, necessitating the overex of the bad soils. While the project did include an allowance for overex, the amount was certainly not adequate to cover the amount of overex that we have encountered. The budgeted amount was \$30,000, however we believe we may be in the \$150,000 to \$200,000 range for the overex. Unfortunately, there is not much we can do at this point, because we need to replace the driving surface.

In the future, Director Lundeen, Engineer Watler, and myself have concluded that in the future we must do the follow: first, we need to have Engineer Walter prepare our budgeted engineering estimates (as you know this project was already almost double what was included in the 2024 Budget document), and second, the Town is going to need to undertake geo-technical analysis prior to road projects (especially in the river valley) to have a better picture of what lies beneath.

CSAFE Seminar: Treasurer Tucker and me attended a CSAFE seminar in Grand Junction this past week. While informative, it was not necessarily what we were looking for as we start the planning process to have a full review of the Town's investment strategy and policy. Treasurer Tucker and me will continue to work towards a full review of the Town's investments.

Regional Transportation Coordinating Committee (RTCC): On September 12, from 9 am to 3 pm, RTCC is having a summit at the Frisco Community and Senior Center. It is my plan to attend the summit, however, they are looking for elected representative attendance as well and ultimately need to find two elected officials to serve on the RTCC board. The board meets quarterly. The NWCCOG invitation and announcement of the summit is attached.

CML District 11 Meeting: The Fall CML meeting of District 11 is scheduled for 5 pm on September 26 at a location TBD in Grand Junction. I am planning on attending. If any of you would like to attend, let me know and we will get you signed up.

Fall Leaders Forum: We are continuing to plan for the Fall Leaders Forum on September 25 to be held at the Rislende' Events Center.

Regional Transit Coordinating Council (RTCC) Summit

September 12, 2024
9am-3pm

Frisco Community and Senior Center

Keynote

Margaret Bowes, I70 Coalition

Panel 1

Bustang and Bustang Outrider

Transit Trivia

Panel 2

Transit and Mobility for All

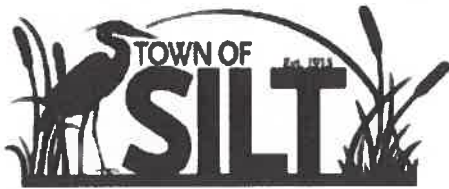
Featuring Transit organizations from
La Junta, Lone Tree, Summit County,
and Boulder County

Group Discussion and New Ideas:

- NEMT and Service Impacts
- Mountain to Rail Project

Register Here!





Date: September 3, 2024

To: Mayor, Trustees and Town Manager Mann

From: Sheila McIntyre, Town Clerk/ Municipal Court Clerk

Re: Staff report for August 2024

Town Clerk duties:

- Attended staff meetings
- Signed paychecks and A/P checks
- Misc research for various staff members
- Attended Heyday meetings, worked the event and follow up
- Meeting with Attorney Sawyer
- Met with Amie re: 2025 budget
- Customer service
- Purging of old records
- Attended TextMyGov meeting
- Prepared and sent out BOT packets, attended and followed up on work sessions/meetings, special meeting, work sessions, and transcribed minutes
- Picked up food for BOT meetings
- Attended HR sub-committee meeting
- Meeting with Jim and Nicole re: code updates
- Index filing
- Ran errands: Bank, picked up food for work session, Micro Plastics
- Prepared directives list
- Sent public notices to newspaper

Municipal Court & Police Dept. duties:

- Processed tickets, parking tickets and payments
- Prepared Appearance bonds for jail
- Prepped for and attended court
- Prepared more penalty assessment books
- Training Marcella on inputting tickets
- Prepared for court and provided notes to Prosecutor
- Processed plea deals approved by Judge
- Correspondences with Prosecuting Attorney & Judge regarding cases and plea deals
- Processed court files after court with Judges' orders
- Filing

Did you know that McDonald's was founded in September 1960 and that they have sold more than 377 billion burgers since then?



TOWN OF SILT
STAFF REPORT

Date: August 31, 2024

To: Mayor and Board of Trustees

From: Amie Tucker, Treasurer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Amie Tucker', is located to the right of the 'From:' line.

Tasks Completed in August


- Bulk Water
- Payroll
- Retirement contributions (FPPA & CRA)
- Payroll tax payments (State & Federal)
- Petty Cash Reconciliation (General and Recreation)
- Quarterly 941's and Unemployment Reports
- Reconcile Bank Statements
- Journal Entries
- Financial Statements
- Sales Tax
- Positive Pay filing and Verification
- Grant Management
- Monthly Disbursements
- Weekly Staff Meetings
- Zoom meeting hosting for Board meetings
- Senior Programs Meeting
- I70 Pedestrian Overpass Meeting
- ClearGov Kick Off Meeting
- Verkada Security Meeting

I attended the CEBT renewal meeting in Glenwood Springs. Our health insurance is going up 13.5% this year. The HR Subcommittee met to discuss the possible next steps for the increase. Does the Town continue as is? Do we step down our coverage? Do we go to an equal flat rate for all employees? At this point, the direction is to discontinue the wellness benefit, lower the COLA and Merit raises to 3% and 2% respectively and continue our current coverage plan. Further discussion may be had once we get further into the budget cycle.



Public Works / Utilities
Department
Joe Lundeen

Memo

To: Jim Mann, Town Administrator 

From: Joe Lundeen, Public Works

Cc: File

Date: 09/04/2024

Subject: Public Works / Utilities Department Report

The following department report is a snapshot of some of the tasks and projects the Public Works staff has undertaken over the past several weeks.

Public Works

Home Ave.:

Conduits placed across roadway for future utilities

Curb Gutter and Sidewalk complete

Subgrade: found a lot of soft spots in subgrade, Town has CTL Tompson and Town engineer working on proper fix, these unforeseen subgrade problems will add to the cost of the project.

7th Street Bore Project:

All railroad documents have been submitted, Clayco Construction will start boring under railroad tracks September 9th, this portion of the project will take about a week hopefully this project will be complete by the first week of October.

Cross walk at Round-A-Bout

New crosswalk lights have been ordered they will ship September 11th, working with C-Dot to have all damaged post replaced.

Ballard Ave. Sidewalk:

Engineering is almost complete hope to start project by October 1st.

Lights at Skate Park:

Pole base has been installed public works crew will help electrician set pole the week of September 9th.

Dig Grave

Trim trees

Potholes through town

Set up and clean up for Heydays

Set up and clean up for concert

Street sweeping

Water/Wastewater

WTP & Distribution, Backflow/Cross-Connection

- The Water Storage Sunrise Tank 2 has been recoated, inspected, disinfected and put back into use.
- The Loaner Meter read interrogator malfunctioned during the water meter reads this month. As a result, we only reached 90% of meters read.
- 21 Meter repairs have been completed in August.
- We have been in contact with a representative for Dana Kepner and Xylem about correcting our issues with our current meter read system. We have also started to research a more reliable option for our meter reading system.
- One of our two Raw River Pumps went down due to silt build up in the raw wet well again. The Silt was disturbed and the line cleared to obtain use again.

- One of our two Raw Well Pumps failed and remains failed as we're unable to pull new wiring through the existing conduit to the variable frequency drive (VFD). Currently the wiring between the pumps and the VFDs are in too great of a distance for correct communications. This has been an ongoing issue and was to be addressed in the new plant build. We are hoping to install new conduit and wiring according to the specs required for the new plant. In the meantime, if we need both wells due to heavy rains/mudslides, etc. we would have to rent a 480 3 phase capable generator in order to use Well number two.
- We have experienced two of our highest drinking water production days on record this August... at just above 500,000 gallons per day.

WWTP,

The new bio-solids dewatering press (Fan Press) has been delivered along with all its components. We have also acquired the plumbing/valving parts needed to rebuild the bio-solids manifold and complete these upgrades. These changes will assist in "thickening" the bio-solids allowing us to make a drier cake (this is what the product is referred to after being pressed). Making this material dryer will save many thousands of dollars each year in disposal fees.

We have begun doing monthly "Flow Verification" on influent and effluent. This is to ensure our numbers are correct for the State and our processes. One of the digester basins is being drained down so that we can make repairs on leaking air pipes that are below the surface. Old septic sludge will be pumped while this basin is down...this is a normal maintenance practice that should be done every 10 years or so... This will be the first time this has been done since the plant opened in 2005.

Collections,

We are waiting for TOS Municipal Codes to be put in place. Once this is complete, the FOG (Fat Oils & Grease) program will be implemented. We have been getting chronic “High Level” alarms from the KOA lift station. These events are now being documented/recorded. As of this memo, no spills/overflows have occurred.

276.	GALLONS HOUSEWATER
3,955,590.	GALLONS Backwash
12,432,098.	ADJUSTED TOTAL PRODUCTION

We produced just over 12.4 million gallons of potable water.

Charging Stations:

13 Vehicles

18 sessions

\$76.14

Bulk Water:

71603 gallons of water through coin operated system

163710gallons of water through commercial systems



Community Development Department

MEMORANDUM

TO: Jim Mann, Town Administrator
FROM: Nicole Centeno, Community Development Manager
DATE: August 2024 – September 2024

Building Department

- * Zoning & Building Reviews
- * Inspections - 65 in August
- * Contractor Licensing- 13 New / 229 YTD
- * BEST Tests- 21 New / 84 YTD
- * Miscellaneous Permits – 14 New / 127 YTD
- * Excavation Permits- 0 New / 32 YTD
- * Single Family Permits – 0 New / 7 YTD
- * Commercial Building Permit- 0 New / 0 YTD
- * Stop Work Orders
- * Building Code Second Phase Implementation

Administration

- * Staff Meetings
- * LED/Community Engagement/Communication
- * Business Licenses- 129 YTD
- * Customer Service (Calls, Emails, Walk-ins)
- * Facility Rentals
- * Office/File Organization
- * P & Z Meetings and Minutes
- * Website Management
- * Social Media Management
- * Vendor's Licenses- 28 YTD
- * Housing Needs Assessment Grant
- * GarCo Grant Outreach

Recreation

- * Online Registration Portal Updates
- * Soccer Reg Open

Code Enforcement

- * Non-Compliant Business Licenses
- * Building w/out a Permit
- * Utility / Drainage Easements

Subdivisions/Work In Process

- * Stoney Ridge 2
(Pending Applicant Phasing Plan)
- * Camario Phase 2
(Site Work is permitted and under construction)
- * River Trace
(2 Buildings Received C.O.; 3 more under excavation)

Land Use/Planning & Zoning

- * Western Slope Veteran's Coalition- Abandoned
- * Laestadian Annexation- Approved, Waiting to Record
- * River Run Storage Site Plan- Pending
- * 510 West Main- Site Plan Amendment- Continued
- * Ehlers Plat Amendment- Approved P&Z & BOT
- * Rislende- Site Plan Amendment- Approved
- * Tim Pace- Special Use
- * River Trace Amended Site Plan
- * Free-Up Storage Out of Town Taps

Special Events- Current & Future Planning

- * Create Flyers and Advertise Events
- * All Event Prep (Booking Bands Etc..)
- * Party At The Pavilion
- * Movie In The Park

- * Code Enforcement Complaints
- * Weekly Code Enforcement Meetings
- * Code Research for Complaints



August 22, 2024
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Reminder - Trash Rates are Increasing



Town of Silt Trash Rates Increasing

Beginning August 1, 2024, the contracted trash rates between Mountain Waste and the town will be increasing by 4%. This means that the regular service trash rate will go from \$35.06/month to \$36.46/month and the senior rate will increase from \$31.08 to \$32.32. You will see this increase reflected on your August billing, which will go out on or before September 1, 2024. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Town Hall (970)876-2353 ext 101.

Girls Basketball Registration is Now Open!

Click on the linked button below to take you to youth sports registration to register your kiddos!

Silt Basketball
Girls Registration Now Open
Ages: 3rd/4th & 5th/6th Grade
Cost: \$65 per player
Dates: October 7th - December 7th
Practice Days, Times & Locations Will Depend On Gym Availability
Online Registration open at www.townofsilt.org
For More Information, Call Town Hall at 876-2353 ext 110
Space is Limited, Registration Closes October 1st!
Skills evaluations will take place before season practices start

Party at the Pavilion

Friday September 6th is our LAST Party at the Pavilion! Stay tuned for the band announcements and official poster! It is sure to be a blast and I hear we have some fun things in the works!

Special Call Out Section

* PLEASE READ – IMPORTANT BILLING INFORMATION & TOWN INFO

* TRASH rates are increasing! The Town's contract with Mountain Waste includes an escalation clause based on the Consumer Price Index. The reg. service trash rate will go from \$35.06/month to \$36.46/month and the senior/disabled rate will go from \$31.08 to \$32.32 on your Aug. bill due 9/15/24.

* TOWN HALL will be closed Monday Sept 2, 2024 for the Labor Day Holiday.

* SIGN UP for paperless at xpressbillpay.com and get a \$2 discount on your bill!

* JOIN US on Friday 9/6/24 for our last Party at the Pavilion! Come on by for live music, vendors, & fun!

* Victim & Witness Assistance Board Vacancy-for more info, please call Town Hall at 970-876-2353 x102.

* TOWN OF Silt has many ways to communicate with residents! Options include: our website, the 9th Street sign, Channel 10, Facebook, Town Hall, the new Veteran's Park kiosk, suggestion box at Town Hall, Instagram, newsletters, & TextMyGov - Sign up for TextMyGov/newsletters on our website.

* FRIENDLY REMINDER, bills are generated on the 1st of every month & due on or before the 15th. Please know we are not responsible for mail delivery. If payment is not received by due date, penalties will be assessed. Not receiving a bill does not exclude you from these charges. *



August 29, 2024

News You Can Use

Labor Day

Town Hall will be closed on Monday September 2nd, 2024, in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. We will re-open Tuesday September 3rd at 7am.

History of Labor Day



Labor Day, celebrated on the first Monday in September, honors the contributions and achievements of American workers. The holiday has its roots in the labor movement of the late 19th century. The first Labor Day was celebrated on September 5, 1882, in New York City, organized by the Central Labor Union.

The idea of a “workingmen’s holiday” spread, and by 1887, Oregon became the first state to make Labor Day an official public holiday. The movement gained momentum, and in 1894, following the Pullman Strike—a nationwide railroad strike that turned violent—Congress passed an act making Labor Day a federal holiday.

Today, Labor Day is not only a tribute to workers but also marks the unofficial end of summer, often celebrated with parades, barbecues, and other festivities.

Come to our Last Party at the Pavilion this Summer!



Now Hiring

We Are Hiring



Join Our Team!

The Town of Silt is hiring a Building Inspector!

The Town of Silt is looking for a Building Inspector. This position works closely with the public to issue building permits, conduct building inspections, and enforce construction codes, local zoning code, and flood plain ordinances. This position reports directly to the Community Development Director and the Town's Building Official.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES: Reviews plans submitted with permit applications for compliance to applicable codes prior to issuance of a permit. Determines valuation of proposed construction. Inspects building sites during and upon completion of construction to ensure compliance with plan submittals and local codes. Issues certificates of occupancy for completed projects. **SKILLS:** Require written and verbal communication skills; detailed organizational acumen; general construction code interpretation and understanding.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE: High School graduate, or equivalent, plus two years additional training in building and construction. Prefer three (3) years continuous experience as a Building Inspector with a municipal or independent agency. Extensive experience in the construction or building trades may be substituted.

CERTIFICATES/LICENSES/REGISTRATIONS: Must have ICC certification as a residential and commercial building inspector. ICC certification and State of Colorado Manufacturing Housing Certified Inspector or ability to obtain within six (6) months of employment.

COMPENSATION: Salary range of \$76,500 to \$101,500, with an anticipated hiring range is \$83,000 to \$93,000, dependent upon qualifications and experience. The Town offers a competitive benefit package and may assist in moving expenses.

For more information, please email nicole@townofsilt.org or visit www.townofsilt.org

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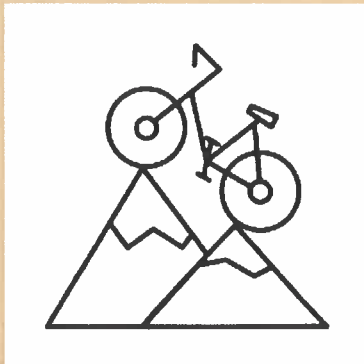
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Calling any and all trail pounders out there. The Town is contemplating submitting an application for a planning grant that would look at the feasibility of developing mountain biking trails around the Town, with the ultimate goal of planning a connection to trails that have already been established in New Castle and Rifle. If you have any interest, please reach out to Town Manager Jim Mann at 970.876.2353 x103 or via email at jmann@townofsilt.org.