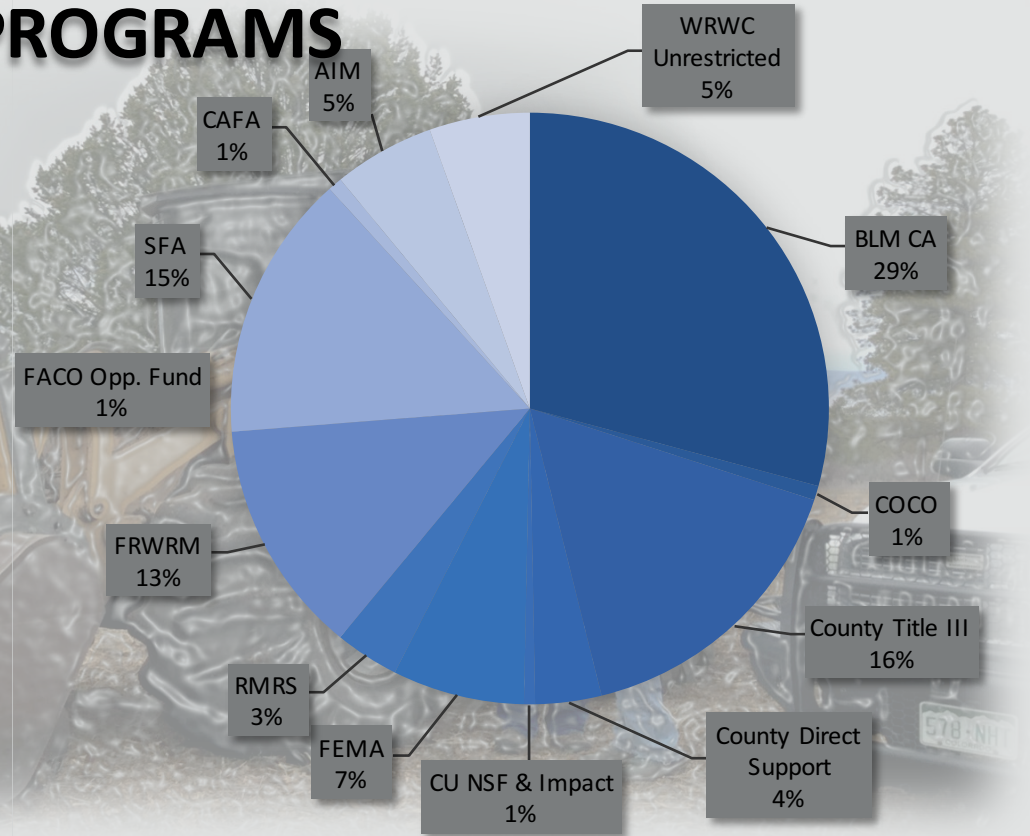


# FUNDING OUR PROGRAMS

2019 Budget Sources -  
Active Grants & Agreements



2019 Program Budget: \$652,830

2019 Program Expenses: \$619,136

2019 Awarded Grants, Agreements and Program Revenue: \$699,309

## 2019 MAJOR FUNDING SUPPORTERS

BLM Community Assistance Program	Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, Gunnison National Forest	Delta County Title III
Rocky Mountain Research Station- Wildfire Research Team (WiRe)	Ouray County General Fund	Montrose County Title III
Gunnison County Title III	University of Colorado Impact & NSF Pass-through	San Miguel County Title III
San Miguel County Sheriffs Office	Action, Implementation & Mitigation	Fire Adapted CO Opportunity Fund
Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Reduction State Fire Assistance (SFA)- Federal pass through	Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant	
Community Assistance Funds Adjacent to National Forest Lands (CAFA)- Federal pass through		

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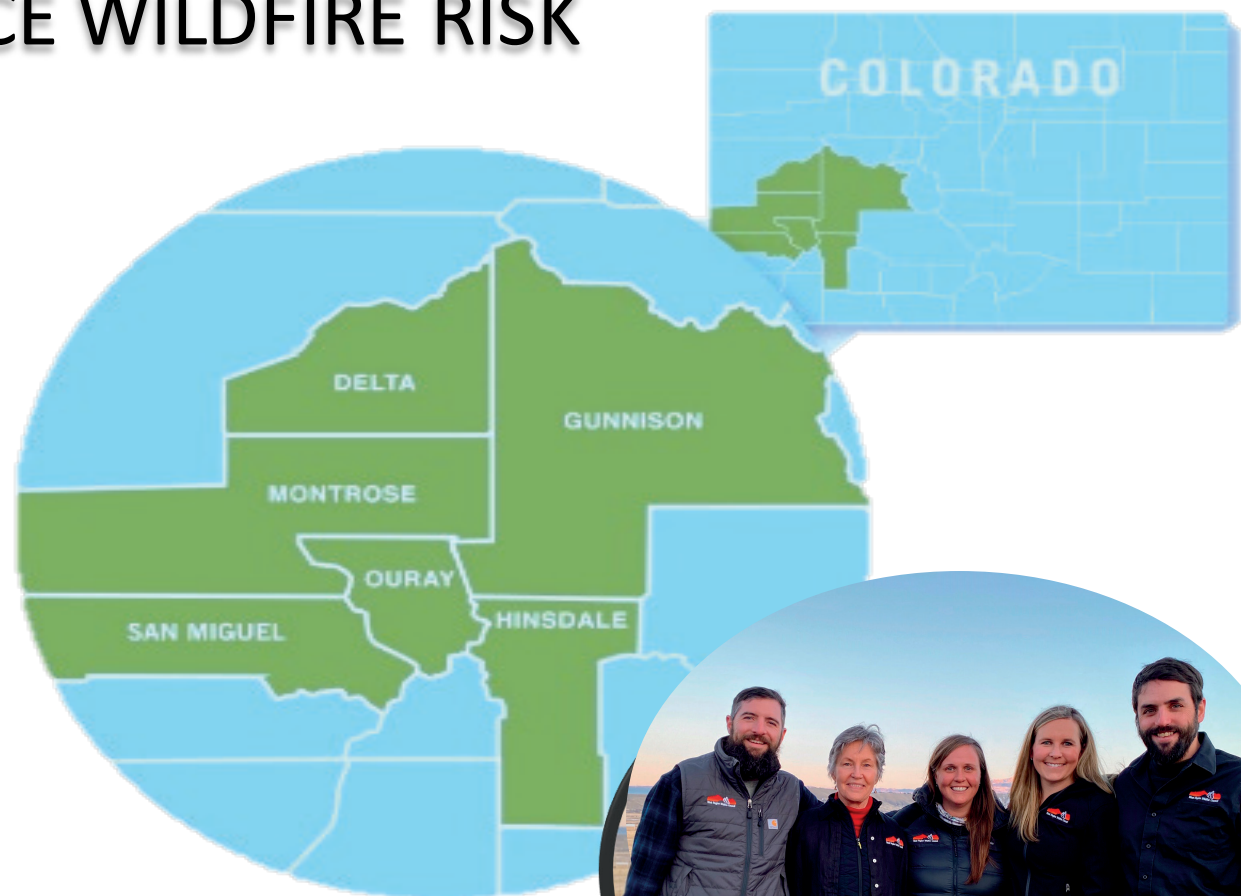
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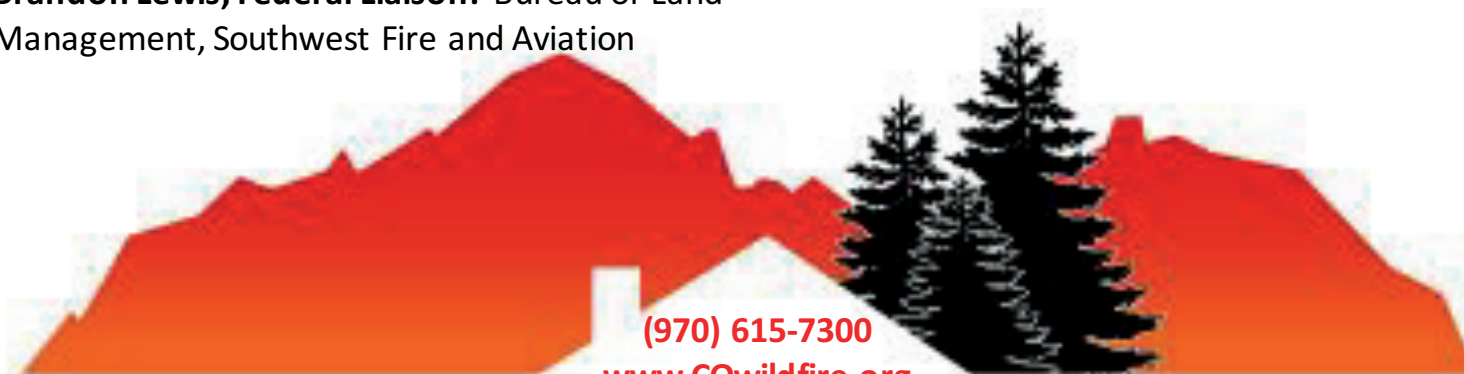
The WRWC Board of Directors is comprised of state, county and local representatives, each committed to furthering the efforts of the WRWC.

**Damon Lange:** Colorado State Forest Service  
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**Jennifer Dinsmore:** San Miguel Sheriff's Office  
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# 2019 YEAR IN REVIEW



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# WORKING TOGETHER TO REDUCE WILDFIRE RISK

**5 HOA and Community Meetings**  
 WRWC presentations at meetings and local events help landowners generally understand wildfire risk and the programs WRWC offers to help them reduce their wildfire risks.

**5 West Region Wildfire Council Meetings**  
 The West Region Wildfire Council meets bi-monthly to share updates and host speakers. WRWC 2018 Year in Review; Tim Mathewson, 2019 Seasonal Fire Weather Outlook; Chris Rodriguez, After the Spring Fire in Constilla County, CO; Jamie Gomez, Ouray County Wildfire Mitigation Land Use Code; Eric Brantingham, GMUG Fuels Projects Highlights and Planning; Sam Pankratz, Forest Health Review

**122 Site Visits**  
 WRWC's free Site Visit Program helps landowners understand their specific wildfire risk and ways to reduce their risk by improving access, home hardening, and fuels reduction.

**1 County Land Use Code Section Revised**  
 Over nearly 3 years, WRWC assisted with reviewing the Wildfire Mitigation Section of the Ouray County Land Use Code and developing a comprehensive suite of recommended updates and revisions, which were adopted by the county in 2019.

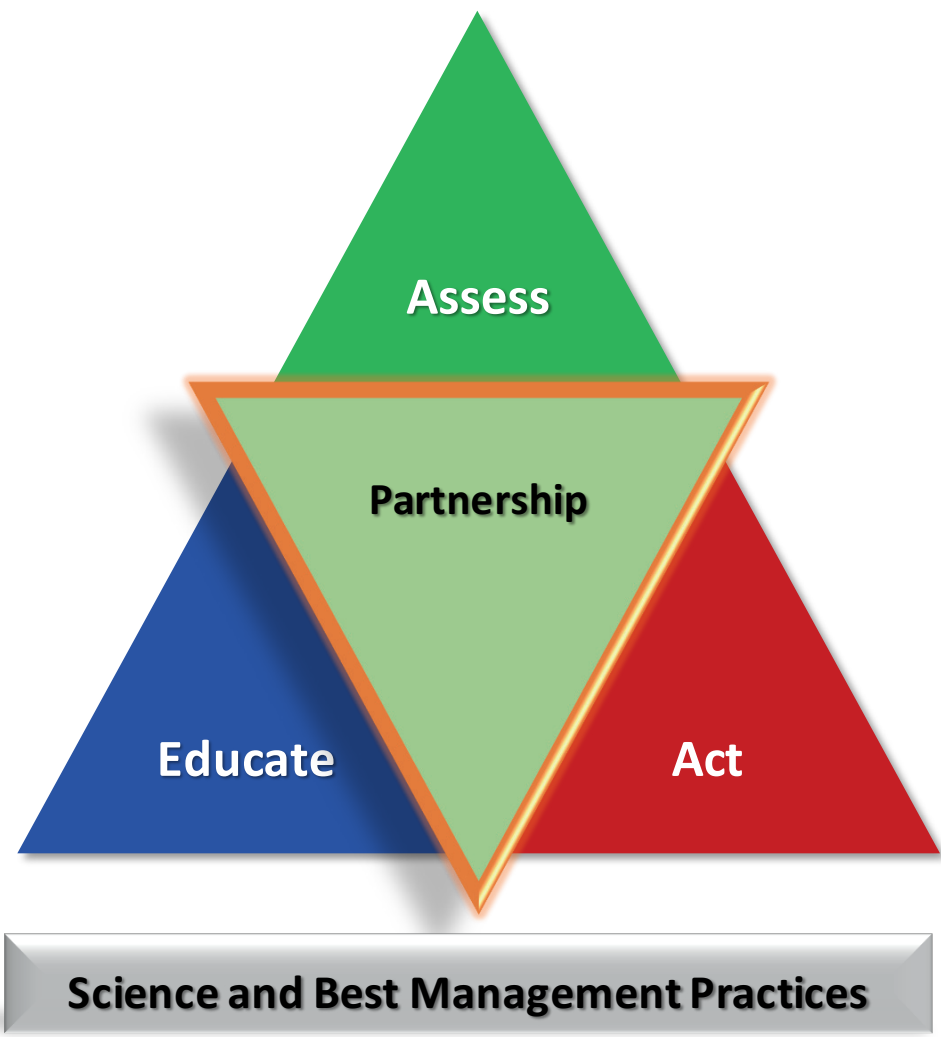
**56 Cost-Share Projects**  
 WRWC's Cost-Share Program helps landowners reduce their risk by providing technical assistance and financial incentives to reduce vegetation. WRWC and Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) specialists lay out mitigation projects based on statewide and national standards. WRWC reimburses program participants up to 75% of eligible costs once their project has met the standards and specifications in the project Scope of Work (SOW).

**8 Registered Chipping Communities / 236 Chipping Participants**  
 Through the Chipping Program, WRWC allows residents within registered communities to chip up to 5 large piles of slash for free to help reduce their wildfire risk around their home. Piles are chipped by a contractor hired by WRWC.

**10 Project Showcases for Contractors**  
 WRWC and CSFS host multi-project 'showcases' to connect the forestry contractors with participating landowners and let the contractors view the projects before submitting bids to the landowners. Showcases foster competitive bidding and maximize efficiency for contractors and staff.

**460 Cost-Share Acres Treated / 78 Homes Benefitted**  
 We are making a dent in wildfire risk with defensible space and fuel mitigation! Through the WRWC Cost-Share Program, hundreds of acres were mitigated in defensible space and landscape-level fuel reduction projects across WRWC's six-county region. As more homes and communities within the 'west region' of Colorado are better mitigated from the risks posed by futures wildfires, they become better adapted to living in wildfire prone ecosystems.

**1 Contractor Workshop**  
 WRWC and CSFS hosted a workshop for 35 contractors to help them understand the bidding process and what is required in CSFS standards for wildfire mitigation.



**Anonymous, Gunnison County**  
*"I heard about the West Region Wildfire Council and became interested in learning more about the program due to the recent rash of wildfires in Colorado. Brian came out and provided the initial visit which included inspection of the house and surrounding environment. After the visit it was determined that some additional clearing should be done on the property. We had a positive experience in working with WRWC staff, and cost share program. I would recommend it to all who live in the forests or outbacks of Colorado."*

**Dean Martinac, Ouray County**  
*"Upon the initial meeting with Courtney the experience went flawlessly. I learned many things that I did not previously know or understand. The process of mitigation went smoothly and couldn't have had a better result. It was a comfort to meet with the other staff who I would be dealing with. Everyone made this stressful project much easier, through their professionalism and true dedication to their jobs. I would recommend this cost sharing program with anyone who is interested in doing this. I would be willing to share my experience with those who are equally interested in doing mitigation on their properties."*



Site: before mitigation

Site: after mitigation

