

LOWER NORTH FORK FUELS MANAGEMENT PROJECT LONG GULCH FIREBREAK CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES FIRE CREW



Project Objective:

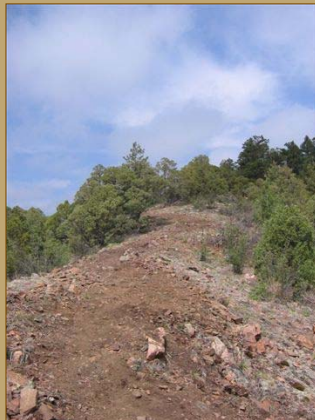
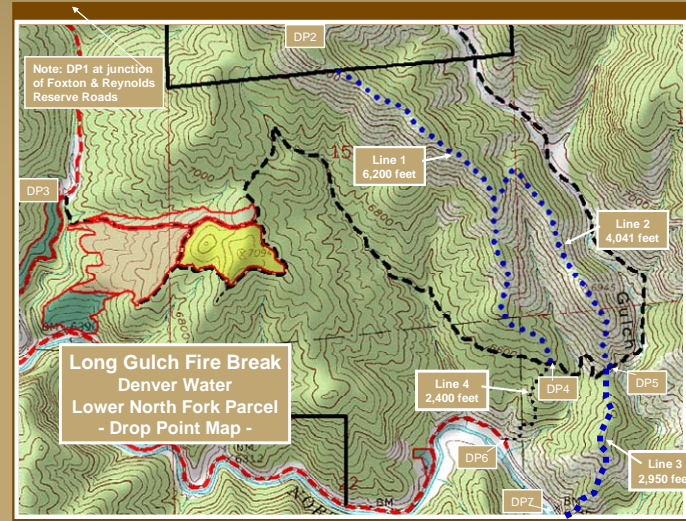
➤ Establish a permanent firebreak for fire suppression efforts and provide a holding line for future prescribed fire as part of a larger comprehensive fuels treatment plan for Denver Water's properties in the Lower North Fork

Goals:

- Watershed protection
- Create firebreak and fuelbreaks to assist with fire suppression efforts and provide holding line for future prescribed fire projects
- Forest restoration

Project Partners:
 Colorado State Forest Service
 Colorado Department of Corrections
 Denver Water
 Denver Mountain Parks
 Front Range Fuels Treatment Partnership

Other Participants:
 Elk Creek FPD
 North Fork FPD
 Jefferson County ARES
 Colorado Baptist General Convention
 American Red Cross
 Salvation Army
 Independent Contractors



Challenges:

- Steep terrain is difficult to access and treat
- Distant/dispersed location of subdivisions
- Extensive recreational use creates high fire risk

Opportunities:

- Proactive management by Denver Water
- Link to other treatments in the Lower North Fork Fuels Management Project
- Create desirable conditions for prescribed burning
- Incorporate forest restoration techniques in fuelbreak design
- Provide opportunity for correction industries fire crew and agency personnel to prepare for future fire seasons



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