WATERSHED FIRE RECOVERY

Grand County
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Grand County and Northern Water are partnering and collaborating with other critical partners including Middle Park Conservation District, the Three Lakes Watershed Association, the Colorado River Water Conservation District and more than 40 other federal, state and local organizations, to ensure the most efficient and effective coordination of emergency watershed restoration efforts in areas of Grand County affected by the East Troublesome Fire of October 2020.

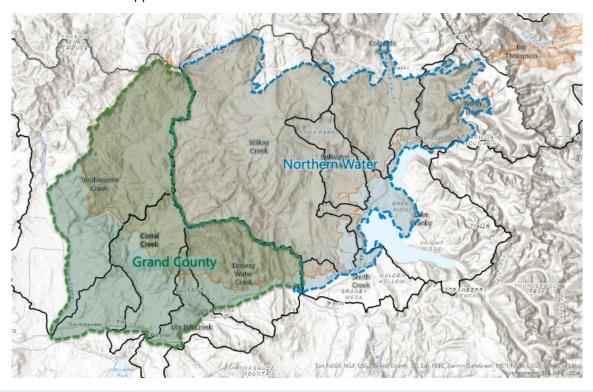
Project Planning

Following the fires, Grand County and Northern Water began working with partners on post-fire watershed restoration and planning of projects that mitigate threats to **life and property** due to post-fire flood, sediment or debris. We are conducting field surveys to identify risks associated with post-fire impacts and estimate the cost of mitigation. Field surveys will take place in February. You can expect to see teams of field personnel conducting these assessments. Private properties within and around of the burn area will be considered in these surveys. If access is required for a specific property, the landowner will be contacted. Specific mitigation projects will not be identified at this stage of the process.

Next Steps

Both Grand County and Northern Water are positioned to act as potential sponsors of post-fire emergency watershed restoration projects and are exploring funding options with various programs. In the meantime, the essential field surveys will identify risks associated with post-fire impacts so that once funding options are determined we can move forward on projects.

To maximize the use of existing resources, we envision that Grand County and Northern Water will lead emergency watershed restoration projects for specific geographic areas affected by the East Troublesome Fire and will be your point of contact for fire-related emergency watershed recovery activities on private property. Projects will not be planned or completed without landowner approval.



CONTACT

Our team is dedicated to helping you through this time of recovery and rebuilding and we are here to support you through this process. If you have any questions, please contact:

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