

Western Bull Mountains Catastrophic Wildfire Fuels Reduction Modification

The Western Bull Mountains Catastrophic Wildfire Fuels Reduction TIP was submitted and approved in 2021. This modification is being requested for a boundary adjustment to the TIP boundary and to extend the expiration date to 2027. There is no increase in funding being requested.

New information and partnership activities have developed since the original TIP boundary was delineated. The previous boundary omitted the State Department of Natural Resources & Conservation (DNRC) Fire Risk Priority Areas, The Lower Musselshell Conservation District (LMCD) Greater Bull Mtn Fuels Mitigation Project Area, customers who had applications on file, who had expressed interest in the program, and it separated or split large block landowners who expressed interest during the original outreach and local workgroup phase. The new boundary would provide greater public health and human safety benefits derived from additional planning on large land units that are adjacent to an existing small acreage subdivision located on the south side of the modification. The expansion of the TIP will allow greater flexibility to work with partners in a timely and effective manner. The new boundary also includes previously omitted areas that have lower density conifer encroachment into lowland pastures and rangelands. This request will increase the planning acres by 18,358 acres or increase the total TIP to 150,502 planning acres.

This modification will continue to address all the originally identified resource concerns, Plant Productivity and Health due to forest stand overstocking and conifer encroachment. This modification will also add a practice Silvapasture practice, which was not available upon the TIP origination. The addition of 381 - Silvapasture practice will lend to greater implementation flexibility and help become more aligned with the climate resource concern considerations.

<i>Large Sample Treatment</i>			
Brush Management	Ac	202.2	\$72,287.00
Forest Stand Improvement	Ac	113.6	\$67,263.00
Silvapasture	Ac	75.0	\$33,148.00
Woody Residue Treatment	Ac	390.8	\$161,887.36
Total		781.6	\$334,585.36

<i>Medium Sample Treatment</i>			
Brush Management	Ac	31	\$72,287.00
Forest Stand Improvement	Ac	77.1	\$67,263.00
Silvapasture	Ac	20	\$33,148.00
Woody Residue Treatment	Ac	97.1	\$8,839.00
Total		225.2	\$93,861.00

<i>Small Sample Treatment</i>			
Silvapasture	Ac	10.0	\$4,420.00
Woody Residue Treatment	Ac	29.0	\$12,013.00
Forest Stand Improvement	Ac	18.7	\$11,074.00
Brush Management	Ac	7	\$2,502.36
Total		64.7	\$30,009.36

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