



CITY OF RAPID CITY

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To: Rapid City Legal and Finance Committee

Subject: 2013 WSFM State Fire Assistance Grant

The Rapid City Fire Department is asking for permission from the City of Rapid City to apply for and accept a \$223,500 grant offered by the Western States Fire Managers (WSFM) as part of their Wildland Urban Interface State Fire Assistance grant program. This grant would provide dollars necessary to mitigate heavy buildup of hazardous fuels in the Skyline Wilderness Area located in the primary wildland urban interface zone of Rapid City.

The RCFD will utilize these grant funds to supplement the programs currently in place under the Rapid City Urban Interface Management Plan and the *Survivable Space Initiative*. Current dollars allocated by the Rapid City FD for these programs will provide partial match, as well as in kind dollars which will provide the majority of match requirement of \$190,000 in labor, equipment and supply costs associated with the fuel thinning in the area.

These programs are, as you know, vital in our efforts to try and reduce the effects of severe wildland fires in our community.

Sincerely,

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