



# CITY OF RAPID CITY

## RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA 57701

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### Rapid City Fire Department

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The Rapid City Fire Department is requesting permission to apply for and accept Western States Fire Managers Grant funding for a Wildfire Mitigation Project. The project area includes approximately 65 acres on Spring Brook Acres Common property within Rapid City's wildland-urban interface areas that are at high risk of destruction from wildfire.

The proposed project will aid both Rapid City and the Springbrook Acres subdivision reduce the potential for loss of life and property within this wildland-urban interface area by reducing the amount of vegetative fuels and lessen the probability of multiple structure ignitions in the nearby development from fire brand production in the event of an approaching wildfire, which will quickly overwhelm available resources. It will create a safer environment during a wildfire for the nearby homeowner and commercial properties that face destruction in the event of a large stand replacement wildfire. The present fuel loading in all wildland urban areas of the city is conducive of large fire development.

The estimate for the proposed wildfire hazardous fuel reduction activities is approximately \$176,000. If this grant is awarded, WSFM will provide 50% of the project costs (\$88,000), Springbrook Acres has committed to \$50,000 in both hard and in kind match funds, and the City, through the Survivable Space Initiative's Urban Interface Management plan's forestry budget will provide in kind match through personnel use.

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