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To: Rapid City Legal and Finance Committee

Subject: BLM WUI Community Assistance Grant

The Rapid City Fire Department is asking for permission from the City of Rapid City to apply for and accept a grant in the amount of up to \$250,000 offered by the Bureau of Land Management as part of their Wildland Urban Interface Community Assistance grant program. This grant would provide dollars necessary to provide job training and employment opportunities for local area Veterans, which will in extend fuel reduction projects and MPB assessments/stem eliminations within the City Limits.

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*. The grant parameters do encourage match funds to be provided, although specific percentages are not specified. Sources with the BLM have concurred that current dollars allocated by Rapid City for these programs, as well as in kind match dollars, will suffice for part of the match requirement. Homeowner contributions, typically in the 50% cost share range, will also satisfy the encouraged match requirements of the grant.

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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