



# CITY OF RAPID CITY

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To: Mayor Sam Kooiker and City Council Members

From: Jeff Biegler, Parks and Recreation Director

Subject: Urban Interface Management Plan

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Staff has reviewed the Urban Interface Management Plan and recommends that the following changes be implemented. The proposed changes will:

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1. Make the Plan easier to use for IPS beetle management;
2. Increase cost share from \$100 to \$150 for Mountain Pine Beetle Trees to achieve goal of 50% of the actual cost;
3. Provide for alternate Cost Share for Mountain Pine Beetle trees, based on specific circumstances;
4. Increase cost share from \$20 to \$40 for cut and chunk;
5. Provides a mechanism to offer a cost share to landowners who do not qualify for State Grant Assistance. This provides a way to remove trees which die from IPS beetle following a state funded fuel project and allows for funding to remove brush from vacant parcels. Change will establish a procedure and set a maximum of \$2,500 per parcel or parcels 2 acres or less and \$5,000 for parcels greater than 2 acres.
6. Increase the City cost share on State funded projects from 50% to 75%, and increase the maximum from \$1,000 to \$1,500; and
7. Change terminology from survey to inspection.

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If you have any questions, please contact me.

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommended approval of the Plan revisions at their meeting on July 11, 2013. The plan has also been reviewed by Fire Department staff. Please contact me if you have any questions.