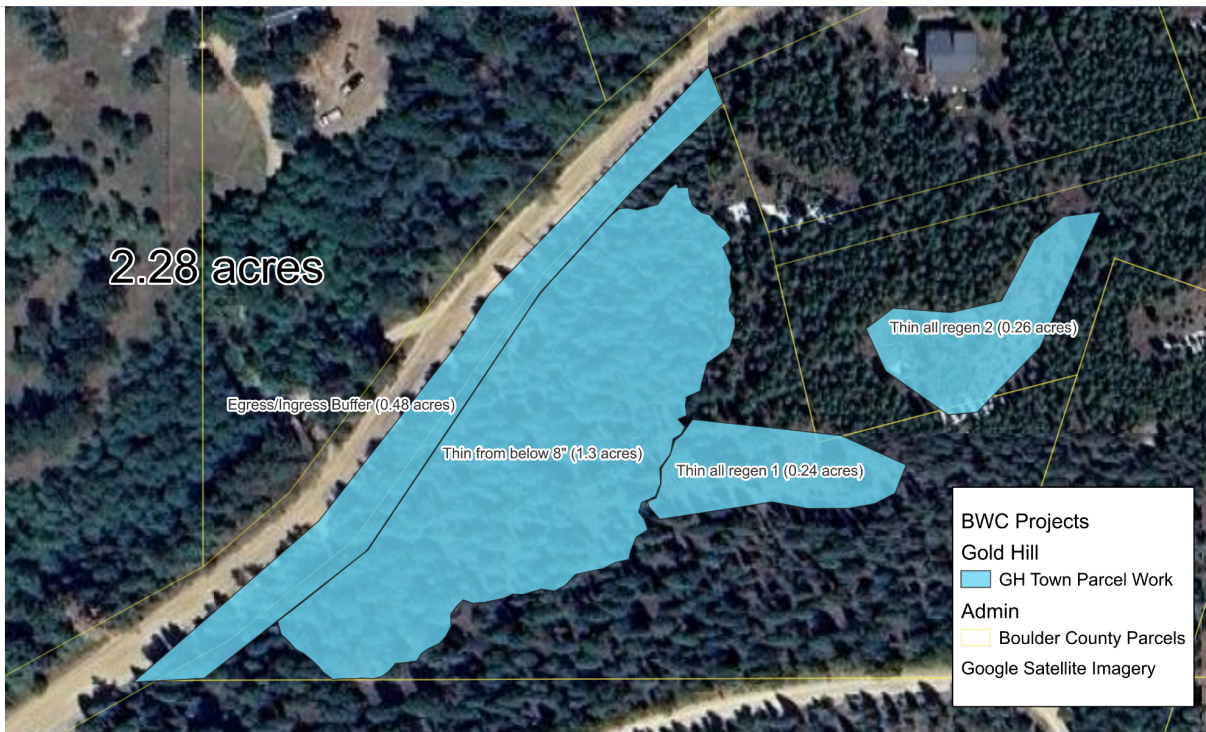


# Gold Hill Town Parcel Fuels Reduction Project Scope of Work April 1st, 2026

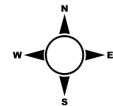
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## Gold Hill Town Parcel Fuels Reduction Project

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## Project

The Gold Hill Town Parcel Fuels Reduction Project is a small fuel-reduction forestry project consisting of **2.28 acres** of selective forest thinning within the Gold Hill town-owned parcels located southwest of the town center of Gold Hill, Colorado. This project is one facet of a larger initiative to offer more resilience and efficient egress/ingress to the town of Gold Hill in the event of a wildfire. It consists of both fuel reduction and ingress/egress improvement.

## Funding

The Boulder Watershed Collective has been collaborating with Four Mile Fire Protection District to manage and administer multiple projects in the Gold Hill area to fulfill Four Mile's 2021 Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Grant Program (FRWRM) award requirements. The project period deadline is **September 30th, 2026**. This project is one of several Four Mile is completing this year.

## Treatments

There are **4 treatment units**. Prescriptions for these units adhere to [GTR-373: Principles and Practices for the Restoration of Ponderosa Pine and Dry Mixed-Conifer Forests of the Colorado Front Range](#) and [CSFS's Fuelbreak Guidelines for Forested Subdivisions and Communities](#).

### Unit 1 - Shaded Fuel Break

The first unit is a **0.48 acre** mixed conifer [shaded fuel break](#) buffer along Gold Hill Rd. This section will focus on removal of conifers smaller than 8" DBH, leaving aspen, limber pine, and select mature conifers and ponderosa pine saplings. **No aspen is to be removed. Leave trees other than aspens (trees not to be cut) will be flagged with blue and white striped flagging.** All other conifers will be removed.

### Unit 2 - Selective Thinning

The second unit is a **1.3 acre** mixed conifer stand to be thinned from below, targeting 8" DBH and under. "Take" trees will be painted **pink**. The southwest portion of the unit is well-spaced already - needing little work, the northeast portion of the unit closer to Jeff Fishbaugh's parcel turns into dense lodgepole, where the majority of the biomass will be coming from. In the lodgepole stand, in an effort to reduce windthrow, alternating pockets of trees will be taken and left, as mature lodgepole does not respond well to individual tree thinning.

### Units 3 & 4 - Patch Cut Regen

The third and fourth areas are previously thinned swaths that contain prolific mixed conifer regen (primarily lodgepole pine) **0.24** and **0.26 acres**. These regen patches are to be patch cut save for a handful of marked "leave" trees. These areas are meant to create diversity in the stand, breaking up the even-aged forest to allow for greater structural and ecological diversity, and fire resilience.

## Operations

All treatment areas are georeferenced on the Avenza project map, to be distributed by crew leads to all 4 Mile mitigation crew members. All units have been marked with flagging to delineate prescriptions. The 1.3 acre thin-from-below treatment is bounded by **pink flagging**, while the 2

regen patch-cuts have been marked with **orange flagging**. Leave trees will be marked with blue and white striped flagging.

### **Slash**

All slash is to be chipped and removed. Colorado Mountain Ranch has requested chips where 4 Mile has dropped them before. They are a viable option until they specify otherwise. Beyond their capacity, The Boulder County Sort Yard is open for slash May 6th.

### **Firewood**

Per Boyd's request on 3/31, the town doesn't need any firewood. Please remove all bolewood from project.

### **Timeline**

Four Mile will be wrapping up Joe and Sheila's project in May, and then will be able to move to this parcel. Completion in July 2026.

### **Contact**

Jackie Barry (they/them) will be the main project contact for any questions/concerns. They will be available during business hours at **267-265-2448** as well as [Jackie@boulderwatershedcollective.org](mailto:Jackie@boulderwatershedcollective.org). If Jackie is unavailable, please contact Four Mile crew lead Eric Kennedy at 208-409-8472.