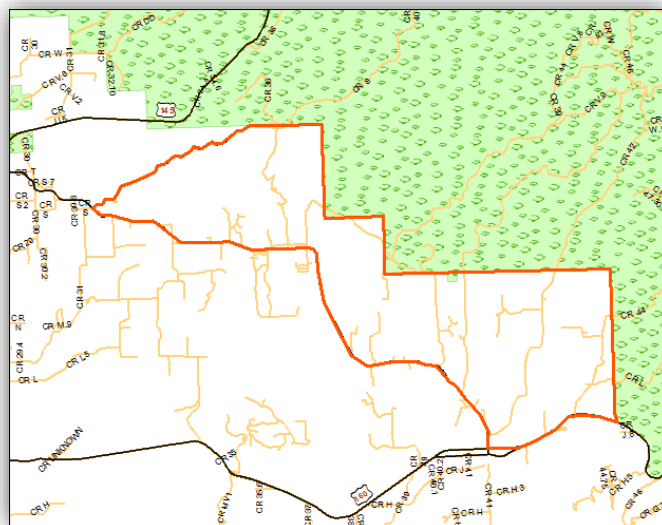


# HIGH DESERT & MANCOS CONSERVATION DISTRICTS LANDOWNERS

High Desert and Mancos Conservation Districts are partnering with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to obtain federal grant funds for landowners to create healthy forests on their land with a focus on conservation. This is a very limited time opportunity to receive forest thinning funds. All work should be completed in 2019 and with NRCS funds to be reimbursed to the landowner following project completion. This NRCS grant focuses on creating and carrying out a plan for resilient and sustainable forested land in an effort to: reduce wildfire impacts by clearing out excess fuel; reduce pest/beetle infestations; and enhance habitats for wildlife. The focus for this grant funding includes landowners with land located along the border of the forest service in Montezuma County.

An informal meeting will be held next **Thursday, August 16th, from 6-7pm** at Mancos Conservation District (604 Bauer Avenue, Mancos). The grant project and process will be explained in more detail, and representatives from High Desert and Mancos Conservation Districts and Fire-Wise of Southwest Colorado will be on hand to answer any questions.

Landowners within the targeted landscape should attend the informational meeting if possible and can also fill out the online [Interest Form](#) before **August 19th**.



*The targeted landscape for private forest projects is in the transition from piñon-juniper woodlands to ponderosa pine dominant forest up to the U.S. Forest Service border including the area east of Hwy 184 and north of Hwy 160 between County Road S (Haycamp Road) and County Road 44 (Echo Basin Road).*

## Questions?

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