

**TOWN OF NEDERLAND  
Boulder County, Colorado**

**RESOLUTION 2015-16**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF NEDERLAND  
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION AND SUPPORT FOR U.S. FOREST SERVICE FUELS  
TREATMENT PROJECTS IN THE NEDERLAND AREA**

**WHEREAS**, the Nederland Board of Trustees recognizes the growing threat to the Nederland community from wildfires owing to decades of unnatural fire suppression, increasing numbers of homes built in the Wildland Urban Interface and increased recreational utilization of area forests; and

**WHEREAS**, the historical suppression of the naturally occurring fires upon which a healthy forest ecosystem depends has resulted in an unhealthy lodgepole pine-dominated forest that is susceptible to bark beetles and provides little forage for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, the Trustees understand that, in the absence of naturally occurring fire, the forest can be returned to a healthier condition by fuels reduction projects that include patch and clear cutting; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Nederland is committed to fulfilling the goals of the Nederland Fire Protection District Community Wildfire Protection Plan, which includes the pursuit of landscape-scale fuels reduction treatments in the forests surrounding the town, including a Big Springs fuelbreak surrounding the Big Springs neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town recognizes its dependence upon outside agencies, such as the USDA Forest Service, to implement such landscape treatments and acknowledges the immense value of recent Forest Service fuel treatments in the Nederland area in reducing the danger of wildfire to the Nederland area community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Service suspended in 2014 plans under the Lumpy-Tung Work Order for fuels reduction treatments on national forest lands in and around the Town of Nederland in response to the vociferous opposition of a minority of area residents opposed to further timber cutting, and

**WHEREAS**, those opponents did raise valid concerns regarding Forest Service contractors' adherence to the treatment prescriptions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Forest Service is about to embark upon a scoping process that will result in a new task order for the forest area in question;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
THE TOWN OF NEDERLAND, COLORADO:**

Section 1. The Board affirms its appreciation for the Town's partnership with the USDA Forest Service in improving the health of the forest ecosystem and in meeting the goals of its CWPP in improving the safety of the Nederland community through fuels reduction in the surrounding forests.

Section 2. The Trustees urge the Forest Service to move forward as expeditiously as possible with the process of arriving at a new task order that will reaffirm the objectives of the suspended Lumpy-Tung task order. The Board further asks that the Forest Service take into consideration those criticisms of recent treatments that are grounded in fact, so as to improve the effectiveness and aesthetics of future treatments.

Section 3. The Board further urges the Forest Service to make every effort to help local residents understand the objectives and value of forest fuels treatments and to keep them informed about area treatment plans and processes.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**RESOLVED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

TOWN OF NEDERLAND

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Joe Gierlach, Mayor

ATTEST:

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LauraJane Baur, Town Clerk



# Lumpy Tung Task Order - Boulder Ranger District

Arapaho Roosevelt National Forest - Map 1 of 2

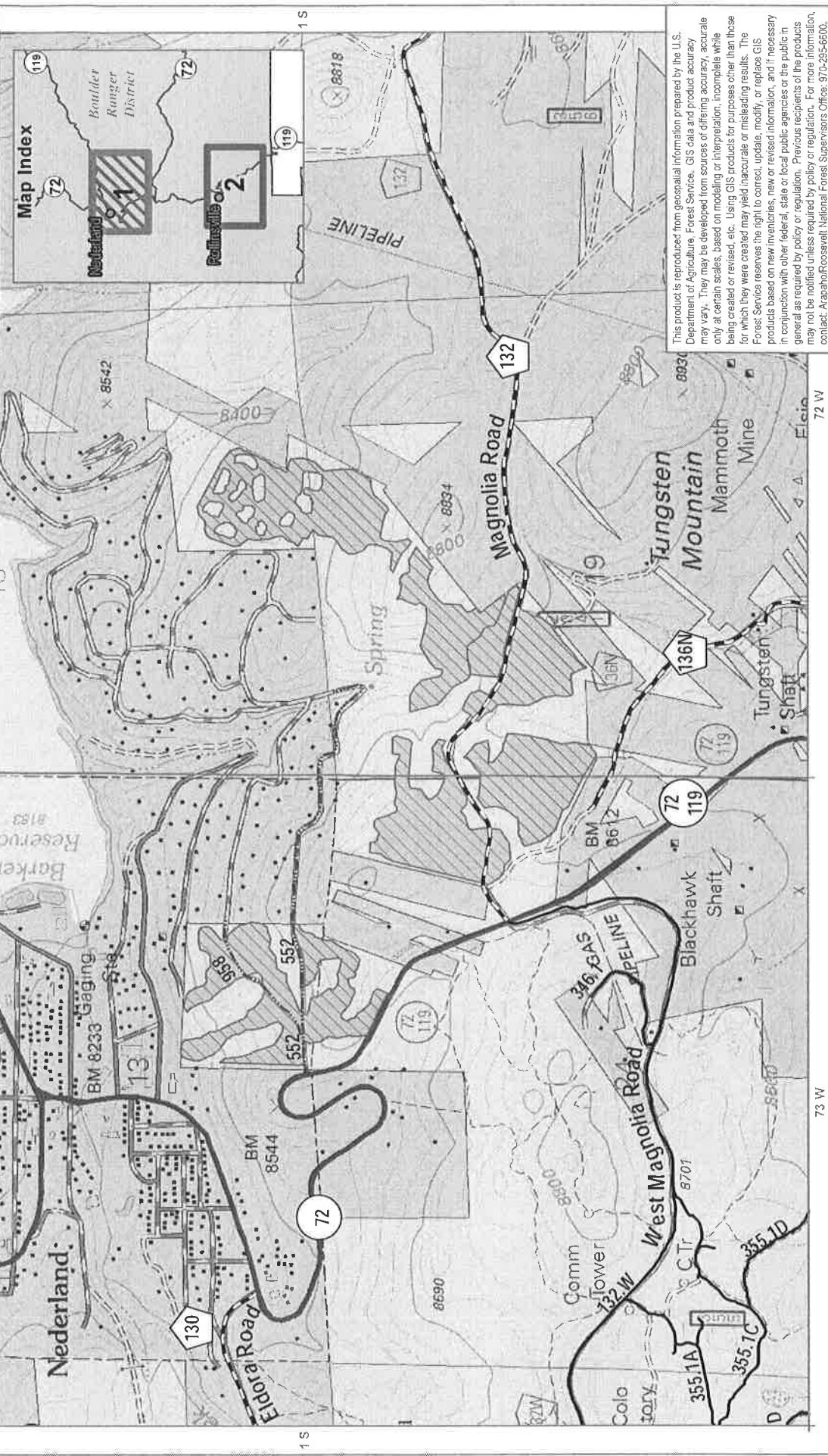


- Treatments**
- Lumpy Tung Task Order
- Land Status**
- Private
- Forest Service
- Roads Open to Public (MVUM)
- Roads**
- Undetermined Road
- County Road
- National Forest System Road
- State Highway

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