



# BASIN RECREATION

To: Snyderville Basin Special Recreation District Board Members  
From: Phares Gines, Trails and Open Space Manager  
Date: August 8, 2024  
Re: Summitt Forestry - Summit Park/Toll Canyon Forest Health and Fuels Reduction Contract

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**Background:** In 2020, the Snyderville Basin Special Recreation District (the “District”) began work on a multiyear Forest Health and Fuels Reduction project within the District-owned Summit Park and Toll Canyon Open Spaces. The purpose of this work was to improve forest health and reduce hazardous fuels in these Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) areas managed by the District. The project has successfully treated over 350 acres and produced over 3,000 piles of woody material to be disposed of with controlled burns.

**Discussion:** A 9.5-acre section of conifers remains in Toll Canyon that was not treated due to isolation from previous work. That section has now become relevant considering the efforts of Pinebrook Master Association in their open space. This stand of conifers connects directly to Pinebrook OS where they are completing fuels reduction work. District staff has coordinated with Pinebrook to utilize the same contractor (Summitt Forestry) and complete the work at the same time.

The District applied for the WRI FY25 grant this year and was awarded \$77,250.00. This work would be reimbursed through that grant.

Summitt Forestry has met performance expectations and been an effective project partner in past collaborations. District staff recommends that their contract be approved for 2024 to continue work on the Summit Park/Toll Canyon Forest Health and Fuels Reduction Project. This expense has been accounted for in the 2024 general budget.

**Proposed Motion:** To approve Summitt Forestry’s contract for 2024 at the rate of \$2850.00 per acre not to exceed a total of \$27,075.00.