



BASIN RECREATION

To: Snyderville Basin Special Recreation District Board Members
From: Phares Gines, Trails and Open Space Manager
Date: August 8, 2024
Re: Alpine Forestry Fuel Reduction/Forest Health Contract Change Order

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: There will be roughly 300-350 piles of slash materials created by a project later this year in Toll Canyon along a 9.5 acres section that abuts Pinebrook HOA property where similar work is being done. The burning of these piles is weather dependent and will only be performed under the appropriate environmental conditions and during air quality clearance windows. While burning is dependent on these multiple variables, it is likely that the remaining piles can be completed in 2024.

Along with completing pile burning operations this year the District will have Alpine Forestry continue to maintain fuel breaks along fire egress roads in Toll Canyon and Summit Park. In addition, Alpine provides on-call hazard tree removal, and forestry consulting depending on the District’s needs.

The purpose of retreating the fire egress roads is to allow the roads to continue as a shaded fuel break. This retreatment will occur on a three to five-year basis depending on how much vegetation has grown back. This was started in 2023 but not completed due to the large amount of hazard tree removal.

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

Alpine Forestry has met performance expectations and been an effective project partner. Rates for the provided services will remain consistent with the existing contract. District staff recommends that this change order be approved for 2024 to continue work on the Summit Park Forest Health and Fuels Reduction Project. This expense has been accounted for in the 2024 general budget.

Proposed Motion: To approve a change order to Alpine Forestry’s contract for an amount not to exceed \$53,000.00.