

<b>Western Governor's Association 10-Year Comprehensive Strategy Goals</b>	<b>La Plata County</b> •Population – 42,506 •Average income - \$41,159 •Average home value - \$183,900 •11.8% seasonal homes •NFP grant dollars for 2001 and 2002 - \$97,432	<b>Jefferson County</b> •Population – 527,056 •Average Income - \$57,339 •Average home value - \$187,900 •.7% seasonal homes •NFP grant dollars for 2001 and 2002 - \$1,022,579	<b>Mesa County</b> •Population – 116,255 •Average Income - \$35,864 •Average home value - \$118,900 •1% seasonal homes •NFP grant dollars for 2001 and 2002 - \$245,745	<b>Boulder County</b> •Population – 297,000 •Average Income – \$55,861 •Average home value - \$241,900 •1.7% seasonal homes •NFP grant dollars for 2001 and 2002 - \$367,667
<b>Improve Fire Protection and Suppression</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ County Durango Fire and Rescue Authority (DFRA) has cooperative arrangement with USFS</li> <li>▪ DFRA and CO State Forestry (CSFS) has worked one-on-one with homeowners since 1993</li> <li>▪ County purchased reverse 911 system for emergency notification</li> <li>▪ USFS/BLM funded web site to inform the public about wildfire and rehabilitation efforts</li> <li>▪ Wildfire Prevention and Education month April 2003.</li> <li>▪ County and CSFS sponsored Community Wildfire Information Series in local newspapers</li> <li>▪ CSFS prepared defensible space demonstration plots</li> <li>▪ USFS and BLM merged together in San Juan Public Lands Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ County passed stricter building ordinances and defensible space ordinances</li> <li>▪ County uses Emergency Preparedness Network, which can reach 2,300 homes in 30 seconds</li> <li>▪ County hired a Wildfire Mitigation Specialist in 2001</li> <li>▪ CSFS does wildfire mitigation programs for homeowners associations (fee for service)</li> <li>▪ State Farm Insurance works with CSFS to identify most at risk homes and makes recommendations to homeowners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Coordinated wildfire response with USFS, BLM, NPS, CSFS and county</li> <li>▪ Memorandum of Understanding created a formal partnership with American Red Cross, the National Fire Protection Association and Wildland Fire Management Agencies to educate homeowners</li> <li>▪ County purchased a reverse 911 system for emergency notifications</li> <li>▪ ARC increases public awareness through workdays, demonstration sites and education materials</li> <li>▪ County uses polygon approach to categorize areas for suppression activity</li> <li>▪ ARC hired Wildfire Mitigation Specialist to oversee education and outreach efforts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ County requires Wildfire Mitigation Plan for all new buildings</li> <li>▪ County agencies, CSFS, USFS, NPS and ARC developed an interagency approach to fire mitigation through the Boulder Count Wildfire Mitigation Group (BCWMG)</li> <li>▪ Boulder Firefighters Association meets monthly to share information among all wildfire personnel.</li> <li>▪ Cherryvale Fire District will do defensible space and prescribed fire for property owners at no cost</li> <li>▪ County hired Wildfire Mitigation Specialist in 1994</li> <li>▪ Red Cross, CSFS, the Student Conservation Assoc. and Boulder County work together to educate homeowners</li> <li>▪ Rocky Mountain Helitack, a Type III helicopter support for wildfire</li> </ul>
<b>Reduce Hazardous Fuels</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ USFS and BLM prioritized needed fuel reduction projects prior to 2000</li> <li>▪ USFS and CSFS use Good Neighbor Agreements in dealing with cross-boundary wildfire issues</li> <li>▪ County uses polygon classification system to prioritize area for treatment</li> <li>▪ CSFS targets whole subdivisions to award state fire assistance grants</li> <li>▪ USFS and BLM use clever NEPA innovations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ County provided slash disposal at a reduced cost for residents</li> <li>▪ County Office of Emergency Management operates its own hazardous fuels reduction program</li> <li>▪ USFS/CSFS coordinate Front Range Fuels Treatment Partnership to address WUI problems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CSFS Wildfire Mitigation Specialist coordinates cross boundary prescribed fire projects</li> <li>▪ County has regulations that call for defensible space in new subdivisions</li> <li>▪ BLM has been very successful with prescribed fire to reduce fuels</li> <li>▪ CSFS uses cost share program to create fuel breaks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ BCWMG developed The Wildfire Hazard and Mitigation System to identify local wildfire risks</li> <li>▪ County, City, CSFS and USFS manage Winiger Rider Ecosystem Management Project, a 40,000 acre project across boundaries</li> <li>▪ CSFS works one-on-one with homeowners to determine landscape treatment</li> <li>▪ CSFS works with USFS to coordinate their work with property owners</li> <li>▪ City of Boulder and Boulder County Open Space have their own hazardous fuel reduction programs</li> </ul>

WGA Goals (cont.)	La Plata County (cont.)	Jefferson County (cont.)	Mesa County (cont.)	Boulder County (cont.)
<p><b>Restore Community Ecosystems</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ USFS using stewardship contracting for restoration projects in Beavers Meadow Restoration Project</li> <li>▪ Ponderosa Pine Partnership in neighboring Montezuma County seeks to restore 8,000 acres of land</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ USFS/CSFS work together in the Upper South Platte Watershed Protection and Restoration Project, which aims to restore 17,000 acres</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Promote Community Assistance</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Minimal funding available through CSFS cost share program for individual land owners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CSFS Lower Elk Creek project targets individual homeowners with cost share program</li> <li>▪ Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management coordinates cost share program and slash disposal</li> <li>▪ Several forest management and thinning contractors providing thinning plans and fuel reduction for a fee</li> <li>▪ Limited cost share funding through CSFS</li> <li>▪ Investigating 3-5 MW mobile electricity generating facility to use biofuels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ARC and local fire departments organize community wildfire preparedness days</li> <li>▪ ARC provides home assessments</li> <li>▪ CSFS uses cost-share program to fund individual homeowners</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ County subsidized costs of chipping and aided in slash collection and disposal</li> <li>▪ Town of Nederland, USFS and State partnered to develop biofuels project</li> <li>• CSFS actively promotes individual private property hazardous fuel reduction through cost share program</li> </ul>