



**INITIAL EMAIL MESSAGE TO GAME TRAIL OWNERS**  
**October 21, 2020**

Hello Game Trail Owners

The Forestry Committee and Game Trail Association Board would like to make you aware of, and encourage you to participate in, a new grant-funded fire mitigation program called **Chaffee Treats**. To participate, all you have to do at this time is fill-out a form (see details below). Note: Chaffee Treats is a larger-scale program than Chaffee Chips that you hopefully read about in the September newsletter.

In short, the Chaffee Treats program identifies landowners who are interested in having grant-funded forest mitigation work done on their property. The program is seated in the Chaffee County Community Wildfire Protection Plan. The goal is to improve our forest's health and wildfire protection as well as protecting our neighbors. Attached is a flyer with a brief overview. Ben Brack, Chaffee Treats Program Coordinator, is looking to identify 2,000 acres by December 31 that will be the centerpiece for spring 2021 grant proposals.

After reading the attached flyer, we hope you are excited regarding the benefits of this program for your property and our neighborhood as a whole. Given recent wildfires, the timing couldn't be better!

**Have Questions?**

If you have questions, first please read the attached FAQs. If you have further questions, please ask by replying to this email. Someone from the Forestry Committee will respond either by email or phone, so please include your phone number along with your question. Also, if needed, we may be able to arrange for small group presentations from Ben Brack via Zoom.

**How Do I Participate?**

All you have to do to have your property considered for the grant-funded mitigation work is **fill-out** the attached **Landowner Assessment Field Notes** form and **return it by no later than November 30**.

- If you would like to have a Forestry Committee member or someone from Chaffee Treats walk your lot with you for feedback to include in your assessment, please let us know by emailing [kariallenbv@gmail.com](mailto:kariallenbv@gmail.com) for a Forestry Committee member or call 719-580-3506 for someone from Chaffee Treats.

- If you are a part-time resident or own an empty lot and cannot complete the form before November 30 but would still like to participate, you can! Contact [kariallenbv@gmail.com](mailto:kariallenbv@gmail.com) to discuss options.

### What's the Timeline?

- **November 30, 2020: Landowner Field Assessment Forms are due. Email yours to [kariallenbv@gmail.com](mailto:kariallenbv@gmail.com) or call 720-849-6021 to arrange to have it picked-up.** Please do not wait until the last minute to fill-out your form! The weather may turn and inhibit a good assessment of your lot. Also, there may not be available Forestry Committee members to help if they get over-booked in a late rush.
- **December 2020:** Based on returned forms, Ben Brack will identify 2,000 acres throughout northern Chaffee County that will be the focus of this spring's grant proposals. Our goal is to have a big block of Game Trail lots represented!
- **January thru March 2021:** Program grant writers will be drafting proposals for funding.
- **March 2021:** Primary grant proposals are submitted.
- **Late summer 2021 thru Spring/Summer 2022:** Mitigation work begins.

### How Can I Help?

- **Participate! Fill-out your form, and turn it in ASAP!**
- Also, whatever you can do to help spread the word about this incredible program would be fantastic. Talk to, call, and/or email your neighbors and encourage them to participate. Individual lot mitigation work is good, but larger-scale, multi-lot treatment is key to protecting our neighborhood.
- Finally, if you are interested in becoming a Forestry Committee member to help facilitate this program and/or join in on the general interests and work of the Forestry Committee, let us know via email.

The Forestry Committee is excited to be working with you to bring the Chaffee Treats program to Game Trail!

**PLEASE FILL-OUT YOUR FORM!**

Thanks!

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