

## **Funding Breakdown of the “Conserve and Protect Colorado’s Water, Land, and Forests Fund”**

47.5 percent of the funding from the [initiative](#) would go to the “Colorado Wildfire Protection and Water Fund” to finance wildfire mitigation efforts—primarily landscape-wide tree cutting and removal—on federal, state, county, and municipal (mountain parks) public lands.

Firstly, \$10 million would go to the “[Prescribed Fire Claims Cash Fund](#)” which provides “compensation for suppression costs and damages resulting from prescribed burns.”

Once that money is disbursed, fifty percent of what remains would be split between the “[Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation Grant Program Cash Fund](#),” and “[The Healthy Forests and Vibrant Communities Fund](#).” The former is for “fuels and forest health projects...to reduce risk of wildfire, promote forest health, and encourage the use of woody material for forest products.” The latter’s focus is to “Implement forest management and fuels reduction projects,” “Support utilization and marketing of wood products,” and to “Provide loans to forest products businesses.”

Fifty percent of what remains at that point would go to the “[Wildfire Mitigation Capacity Development Fund](#),” and the “[Colorado Water Conservation Board Construction Fund](#).” The former includes a variety of “wildfire mitigation” efforts including “planning and implementation of fuel reduction and wildfire mitigation projects at landscape-scale,” while the latter’s priority is to “increase the beneficial consumptive use of Colorado’s undeveloped compact entitled waters.”

The rest of the funding from this bill would go towards the [Great Outdoors Colorado \(GOCO\)](#) program (47.5 percent), the Outdoor Equity Grant Program (2.5 percent), and the Outdoor Recreation Economic Development Cash Fund” (2.5 percent) focusing on outdoor recreation. GOCO also funds some “wildfire mitigation” efforts.