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NEWS RELEASE

Phase 1 of Wildfire Mitigation Work at SkyRidge Open Space is Complete

Durango, CO: Phase 1 of fire mitigation work at SkyRidge Open Space, comprising an area along Powerline Trail in the SkyRidge portion of Horse Gulch, is complete. The City thanks the Durango Fire Protection District (DFPD) for this work and the Fire Adapted Durango Partnership for facilitation of this project.

The City of Durango Parks and Recreation Department formed the Fire Adapted Durango Partnership with DFPD, Colorado State Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, La Plata County, Wildfire Adapted Partnership, CO Division of Fire Prevention & Control, San Juan National Forest, and neighbors adjacent to mitigation areas. The goal of the partnership is to reduce risk of wildfire within City limits, specifically within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) - areas where man-made improvements are built close to, or within, natural terrain and flammable vegetation.

Fire mitigation work will continue in the Durango WUI in the coming years. The City will notify residents living in areas of upcoming mitigation work and engage them in the projects. Community engagement and education are critical in making Durango a fire adapted community. Since initiating Phase 1, some private homeowners adjacent to City open space have worked to create defensible space around their homes. [Wildfire Adapted Partnership](#) provides education and resources to assist homeowners with this process. Homeowners can have cut vegetation hauled away during the City's [Fall and Spring Cleanup](#) events.

For more information about fire mitigation work in the City, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (970) 375-7321 or rec@DurangoGov.org

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