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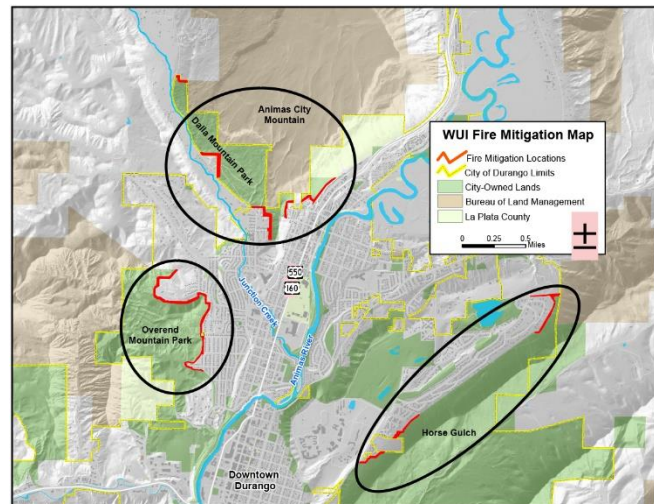
NEWS RELEASE

Fire mitigation work in the Durango Wildland Urban Interface begins June 7

Durango, CO: Fire-mitigation work on city-owned lands in the Durango Wildland Urban Interface will begin June 7, starting along Crestview Ditch at Overend Mountain Park.

The Wildland Urban Interface contains areas where man-made improvements are built close to, or within, natural terrain and flammable vegetation. The work will manually thin hazardous fuels on approximately 38 acres in Overend Mountain Park, Dalla Mountain Park, and Horse Gulch (click on map for detailed information).

“Reducing risk of fire in the Durango WUI is a high priority for our community,” said Amy Schwarzbach, natural resources manager. “The Parks and Recreation Department has worked closely with fire experts to plan this work.”



The efforts are being planned by Fire Adapted Durango, a partnership between the City of Durango Parks and Recreation Department and numerous fire experts.

The thinning will be done by contracted sawyer crews and adheres to Colorado State Forest Service prescriptions for the vegetation type and terrain at each location. This work is the continuation of a multi-phase project focused on mitigating fire risk within the Durango Wildland Urban Interface. More information is available at DurangoGov.org/FireMitigation, including the public presentation given on March 31, 2021.

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Trails and trailheads will remain open, but users should be aware that sawyer crews and vehicles will be in the area. Signage will be in place to notify trail users of the work being done. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (970) 375-7321 or rec@DurangoGov.org.

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