



# Is your property **WILDFIRE** ready?

## HILLCREST FUELS REDUCTION PROJECT

In south central Montana, we recognize the importance of actively managing our lands to reduce wildfire risk and sustain the health of our forests. In 2024, five wildfires burned over 55 acres and threatened the Hillcrest neighborhood, highlighting the urgent need for proactive measures to protect our communities and landscapes from increasingly severe fire seasons.

### **New Technical and Financial Assistance Opportunity for Private Landowners in Hillcrest:**

Many landowners would like to reduce risk on their property, but the cost of fuels reduction keeps them from taking action. Right now, as a landowner in the Hillcrest area, you can sign up for a free wildfire risk assessment, and **you may be eligible for funds to cover 75% of the total budgeted cost for the project!**

## **75/25 Grant Cost Share Program**

# WHAT TO EXPECT?

**AS WE WORK TOGETHER  
TO REDUCE WILDFIRE RISK**



## **STEP 1: CONNECT WITH US**

You, a landowner in the Hillcrest area, connect with our team at Blue Creek Volunteer Fire Department. We set up a call to learn more about your land and discuss the assistance available in your area.



## **STEP 2: WILDFIRE RISK ASSESSMENT**

A local forester and firefighter will visit your property. They will walk your property with you, discussing your land management goals and treatment needs. They will also explain financial assistance opportunities in more detail.



## **STEP 3: PLAN DEVELOPMENT**

If you are interested in developing a fuel reduction plan, your assigned forester will walk you through the process.



## **STEP 4: PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION**

Once the paperwork is in and you've been matched with financial assistance, your treatment project will begin.



## **STEP 5: MAINTENANCE**

Once your project has been implemented, our team will work with you to set up a maintenance plan to ensure your forest stays healthy.

# Reduce Your Wildfire Risk and Improve Forest Health On Your Land!



For more details visit:  
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**The more neighbors that take  
action, the better off the  
community will be when a fire  
occurs. Connect with us TODAY to  
get the process started!**