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Comments: Please boldly continue to move forward on these projects. The tenants of the International Wildland Fire Cohesive Strategy are clear, well researched and sensible. Recreating the environment where we can safely live with wildland fire and take advantage of all the benefits of natural, helpful, low intensity fire.

The timid approach of forest experts on this issue is part of the problem with public acceptance of the Cohesive strategy. Across Colorado those leaders paid to implement best practices, including assisting private property owners with safe, ecological use of prescribed fire are actually standing in the way.

We need leadership from EPA, USFS, Congress and others to call out Colorado Department of Fire Prevention and Control, County Fire Marshall, and Fire Chiefs in Teller County who have made it impossible for 17 Trained FF2 and Colorado Certified Burners to complete their training burns by arbitrary rules banning the assistance of 3rd parties on private property permitted slash pile burns.