

# DFPC Agreements with Counties



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# Division of Fire Prevention & Control

## Mission

The mission of the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control is to safeguard those that live, work, learn and play in Colorado, by reducing threats to lives, property and the environment. The Division safeguards the public through: fire prevention and code enforcement; wildfire preparedness, response, suppression, coordination, and management; training and certification; public information and education; and technical assistance to local governments.

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# Types of Agreements

**DFPC enters into agreements with fire departments, counties, and other local jurisdictions to provide technical assistance and resources that aid in preventing and suppressing wildland fire**

- **State and County Agreement for Cooperative Wildfire Management (64 Counties)**
- **Annual Operating Plan (not a legally binding agreement)**
- **Emergency Fire Fund Agreement (43 Counties)**
- **Engine Agreements (Various Local Jurisdictions)**



# State and County Agreement

- First started in 1950s by Colorado State Forest Service
- Latest version for most counties from 1988/1989
- Same agreement for every county
- Covers
  - Roles and Responsibilities in State and County Responsibility Fires
  - Planning and Preparedness
  - Wildfire Prevention
  - Wildfire Detection and Notification
  - Wildfire Management and Response
  - Investigations
  - Reporting
  - Prescribed Fire
  - Payment and Billing
- Timeline for Updated Agreement by January 1, 2015

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# Annual Operating Plan

- NOT a legally binding agreement
- New document every year
- DFPC Regional FMO, Counties, and Federal Land Management Agencies participate (Also FDs in some counties)
- Allows maximum flexibility in how wildfire will actually be managed within each individual county
- Elaborates on items included in County/State Agreement so that these are customizable for counties
- Covers
  - Interagency Cooperation
  - Preparedness
  - Operations
  - Emergency Fire Fund
  - Use and Reimbursement of Interagency Fire Resources

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# Emergency Fire Fund

- 43 Counties and Denver Water Board contribute to EFF (currently set at \$1,000,000 per year)
- Old MOU with CSFS was not compliant with State Controller requirements
- Counties had concerns with DFPC's redraft in early 2014
- County attorneys formed a working group to rewrite agreement
- New agreement in process
- Covers
  - Contributions
  - Management
  - Disbursements
  - Included and Excluded Costs
  - Procedure for Obtaining EFF Assistance



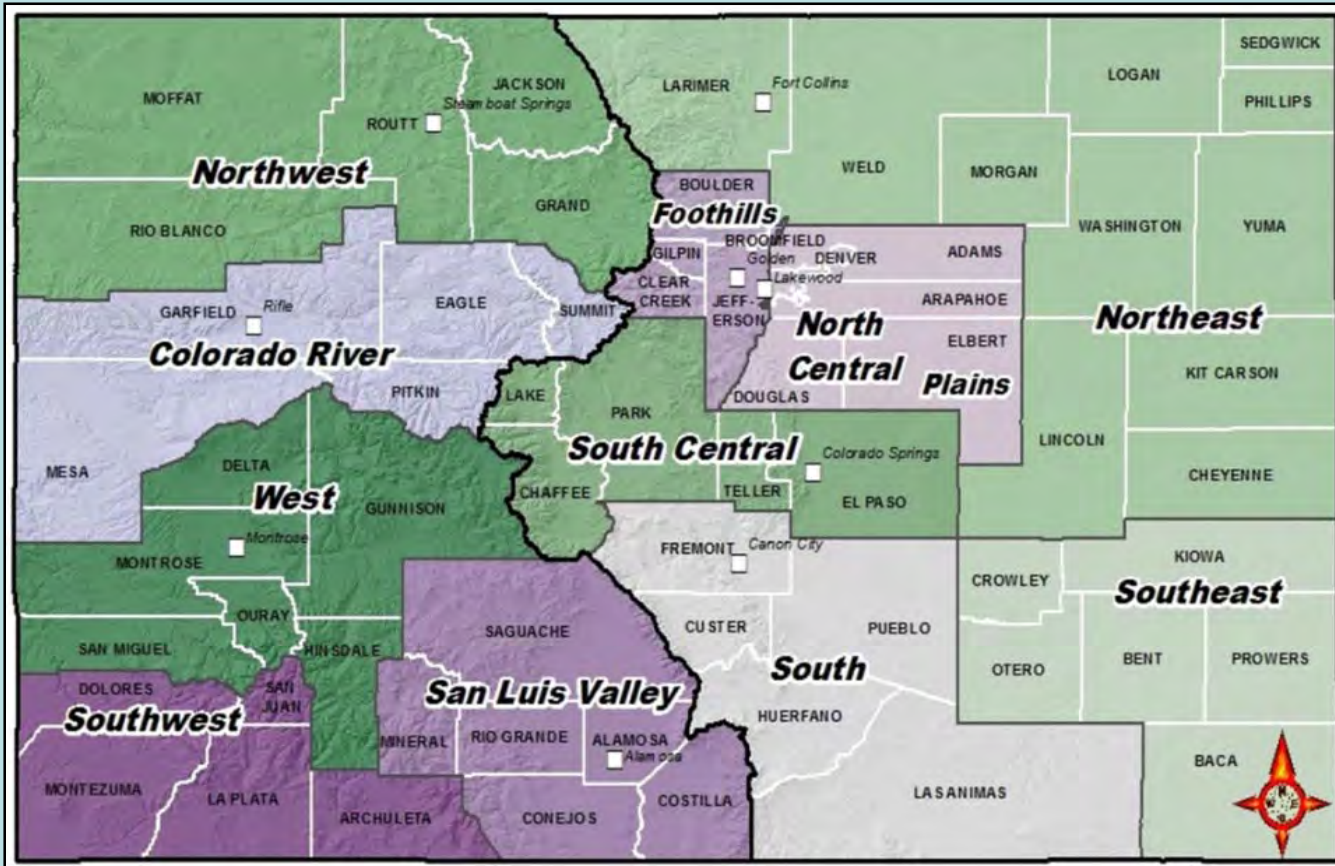
# Engine Agreements

- Colorado has state-owned engines available for use by local jurisdictions
- Through the Federal Excess Personal Property Program (FEPP), the US Forest Service loans apparatus to Colorado that DFPC equips for wildland firefighting
- DFPC provides those engines to local jurisdictions based on need
- Local jurisdictions pay only \$200 per year to DFPC for routine maintenance to these FEPP engines
- Over 100 FEPP engines and 16 state-owned engine in Colorado
- These are all currently in use through agreements with counties and other local jurisdictions. If you are interested in hosting an FEPP or state-owned engine in the future, contact your Regional FMO

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# Who is my Contact?



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# Questions/Comments



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