

2021 CASFM Disaster Relief Grant Winner



The Grand County Wildfire Council has been awarded the CASFM Disaster Relief Grant. The funds will support their emergency watershed restoration efforts to repair damage from last year's East Troublesome Fire.

Grand County was devastated by the East Troublesome Fire, October 2021, scorching 194,000 acres, 580 buildings and killing two.

Among post-fire recovery priorities is Emergency Watershed Protection, including;

- Removing debris from stream channels, road culverts and bridges,
- Reshaping and protecting eroded streambanks,
- Repairing damaged drainage facilities and
- Reseeding damaged areas.

The Grand County Wildfire Council supports these emergency watershed restoration efforts and joins over 40 partner organizations under the joint leadership umbrella of Grand County and the Northern Colorado Water Conservation District, where Grand County will serve as the NRCS-Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program sponsor. The NRCS-EWP Program is a 75-25 cost-share. The GCWC will maximize the CASFM Disaster Relief Grant as part of the County/Northern Water match requirement, funding \$20,000 of rehabilitation and restoration work. GCWC will provide grant project documentation to CASFM.

Find out more about the Council's work on their website: <https://bewildfireready.org/>