



MOTIVATING LANDOWNERS TO PURSUE, COMMIT, AND DELIVER ON-THE-GROUND CONSERVATION PRACTICES

MIDDLE PARK CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## Agenda

### Quarterly Meeting of the MPCD Board of Supervisors

September 27, 2021 @ Noon on Zoom

**Call to Order:** 12:05 pm by Deb Wood

#### Attendees:

Deb Wood (President)

Jay Yust (VP)

Justin Fosha (Sec/Treas)

Brien Rose (Member)

John Longhill (Member)

Katlin Miller (DM)

Mark Volt (DCT)

Kara Vigneau (NRCS)

Olivia Clark (CSU Ext Grand)

Dan Schroder (CSU Ext Summit)

Ryan McNertney (CSFS)

**Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (July 2021):** Justin moved to approve the July 2021 minutes. Brien seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved when called for a vote.

#### Partner Reports

NRCS Report: Kara Vigneau gave a report to the group regarding NRCS activities since July.

CSFS Report: Ryan McNertney gave a report on CSFS activities in Grand and Summit Counties in 2021.

CSU Extension Reports: Dan gave a report on CSU Extension activities in Summit County, and Olivia gave a report on CSU Extension activities in Grand County.

#### MPCD Reports

DCT Report: Mark gave a report to the group regarding his activities since July.

DM Report: Katlin gave a report to the group regarding her activities since July.

Financial Report: The Financial Report was presented to the group. **Justin moved to approve the financials (July thru September 2021). John seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved when called for a vote.**

#### Old Business

FOLBR Soils/Carbon Sequestration: Katlin, Mark, and Kara reported on the FOLBR meeting they attended in July. FOLBR is looking to do a soils health and carbon study on 4 ranches in Summit County. The plans are still in their infancy, but MPCD has agreed to sponsor \$10,000 from the Summit County Commissioners to go toward this effort. The Summit BOCC's 2021 allocation to MPCD was earmarked for soils health and carbon sequestration. So far, this is the only project this year that has fit the bill for these funds.

Drought \$: Of the \$15,000 given to the District received from CSCB from Senate Bill 21-234, MPCD has given \$5,000 to Grand County for education related to the Grand County Drought Preparedness Plan.



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**2022 Matching Grant App:** Katlin reported that she followed through with applying for the 2022 CSCB Matching Grant for the purpose of providing \$25,000 matching funds to the Grand County Wildfire Council for their chipping days and cost-share program.

**2022 DCT App:** Katlin also reported that she followed through with applying for the 2022 DCT program to maintain Mark for another year.

**Community Survey & 2022-2024 Long Range Plan:** Katlin presented the group with the 2021 Community Survey results (attached). She also presented a Draft 2022-2024 Long Range Plan to the group and asked for everyone to review it and provide input prior to the December meeting.

## **New Business**

**Summit County Weed Books:** Katlin informed the group that she had received a request from the Summit County Weed Department for assistance in providing them more Summit County Noxious Weed Guides. As we do not have any more in stock, Katlin ordered some new and improved Summit County Weed Books using funds allocated for 'Education'.

**CDA Drought Resiliency Grant App:** Katlin reported that she applied for a \$25,000 matching grant from the Colorado Department of Agriculture's Drought Resiliency Fund for the purpose of funding an Irrigation Cost-Share Program in spring of 2022. We have yet to hear the results of our application.

**Online Order Forms:** Katlin informed the group that she has upgraded and revamped MPCD's order forms for seed and trees. We now have online order forms that will increase efficiency and convenience for buyers and the District.

**BOCC Funds:** Katlin reported that she, Kara and Mark had a great meeting with the Grand County Board of County Commissioners and that Grand County will be allocating \$7,500 to the District in 2022. Katlin also reported that she and John met with the Summit Board of County Commissioners, and Summit County will also be donating to MPCD in 2022. The amount from Summit County is yet to be determined, but we expect it to be close to \$10,000.

**2022 Budget:** Katlin presented the group with the Draft 2022 Budget. The Board will finalize the Budget at the December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, meeting.

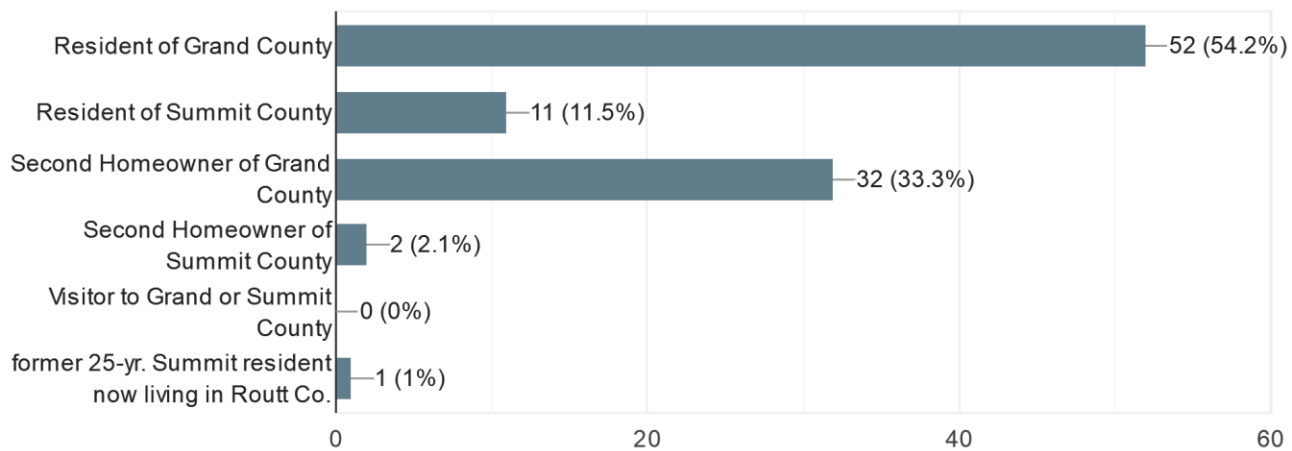
**Closing Round Table:** none

**Adjourn:** Adjourned at 1:17 with a motion from John and second by Justin.

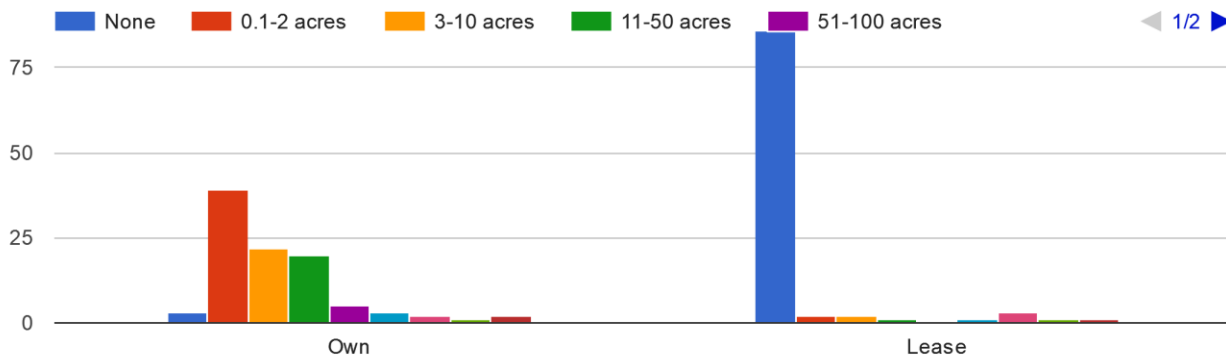
# 2021 Community Needs Survey: 9/26/21

How are you connected to Middle Park (Grand and Summit Counties)?

96 responses



How many acres do you own or lease in Grand or Summit Counties?

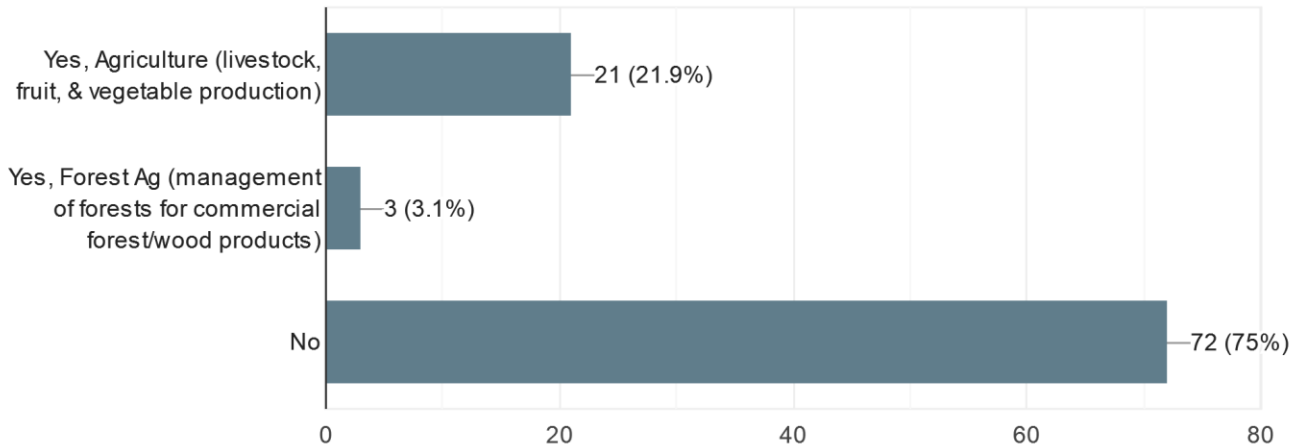


Acres	Owned	Leased	% of Respondants (Owned)
0	2	86	2
.1-2	39	2	41
3-10	22	2	23
11-50	20	1	21
51-100	5	0	5
101-300	3	1	3
301-600	2	2	2
601-999	1	1	1
1000+	2	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>100</b>

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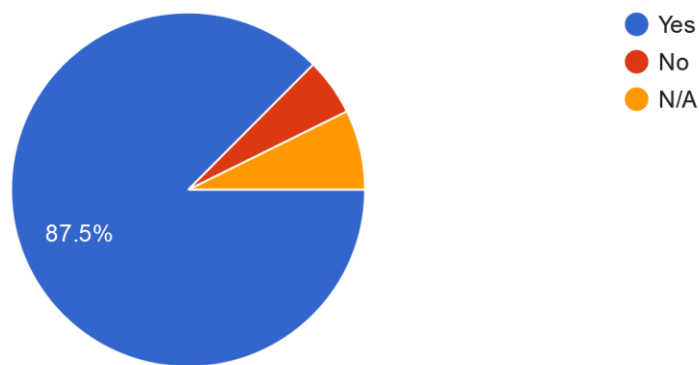
Are you involved in agriculture or forest ag in Grand or Summit County?

96 responses



Are you interested in and/or do you practice natural resources conservation on the land you own or lease?

96 responses



Answer	#	%
Yes	84	87.5
No	5	5.2
N/A	7	7.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>100</b>

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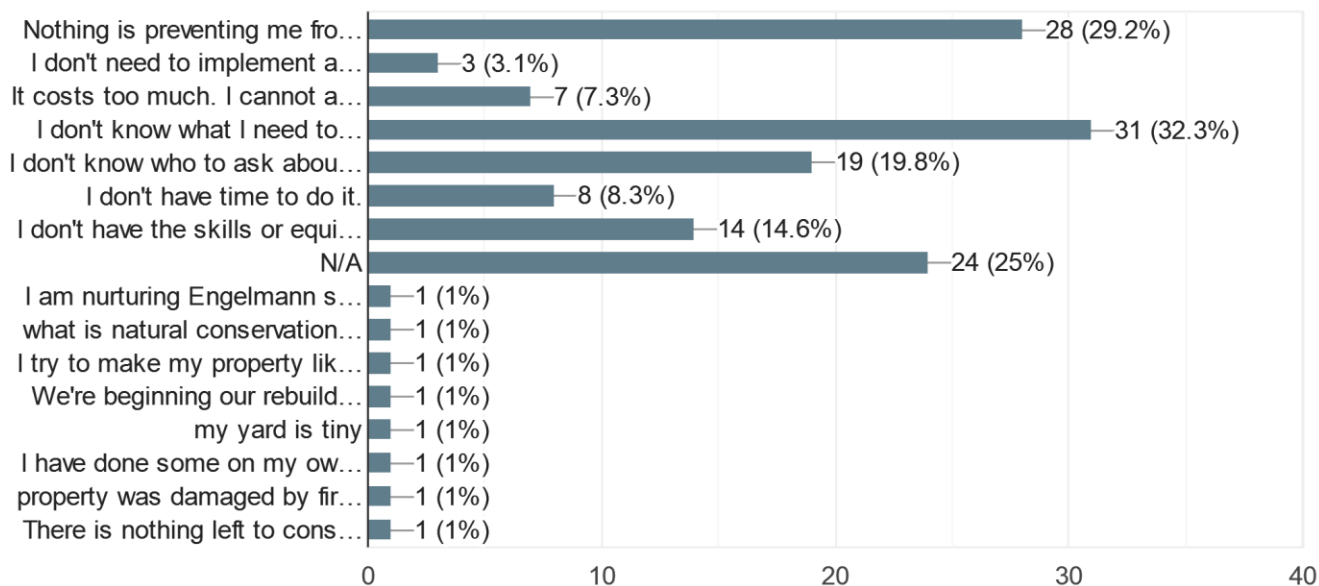
If you are interested in implementing natural resource conservation practices but have NOT done so, what is preventing you from doing so? \*

Please select all that apply

- Nothing is preventing me from implementing conservation practices.
- I don't need to implement any practices on my property. My property is perfectly conserved.
- It costs too much. I cannot afford it.
- I don't know what I need to do or how to do it.
- I don't know who to ask about what I should do on my property.
- I don't have time to do it.
- I don't have the skills or equipment needed to do it.
- N/A
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

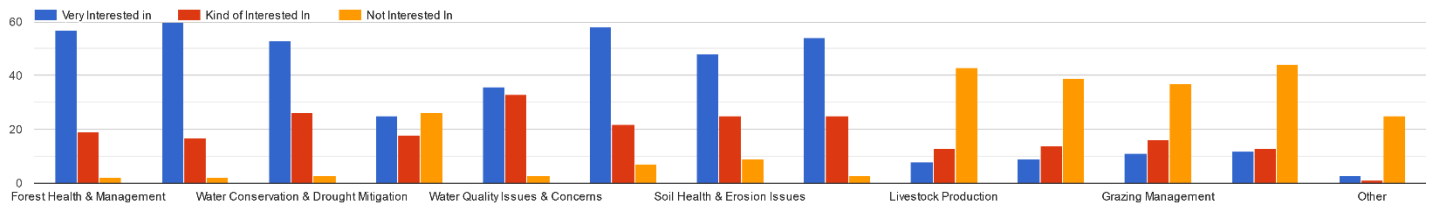
If you are interested in implementing natural resource conservation practices but have NOT done so, what is preventing you from doing so?

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What natural resources conservation topics are you most interested in learning more about?



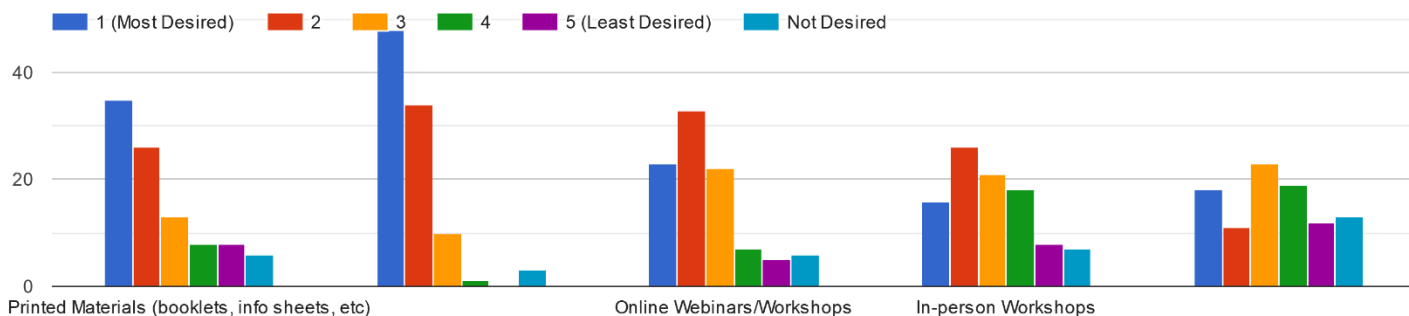
Answer	Very Interested	Somewhat Interested	Not Interested
Forest Health & Management	57	19	2
Wildfire Prevention, Mitigation & Recovery	60	17	2
Water Conservation & Drought Mitigation	53	26	3
Irrigation Water Management	25	18	26
Water Quality Issues & Concerns	36	33	3
Noxious Weed Identification & Management	58	22	7
Soil Health & Erosion Issues	48	25	9
Wildlife Habitat Management	54	25	3
Livestock Production	8	13	43
Rangeland Management	9	14	39
Grazing Management	11	16	37
Hay Production	12	13	44
Other	3	1	25

If you checked that you are interested in "Other" above, please describe what other topics you desire to learn about.

- Natural resource conservation: our home on 1 acre of land burned down in East Troublesome fire. Our acre slopes down toward the river. We are afraid of soil erosion and need to know the best way to stabilize our soil. Can we start planting grass and trees or is the soil burned too badly? Can you help us with information on what to plant?
- Irrigation Water Leases
- Zone 2 edible plants

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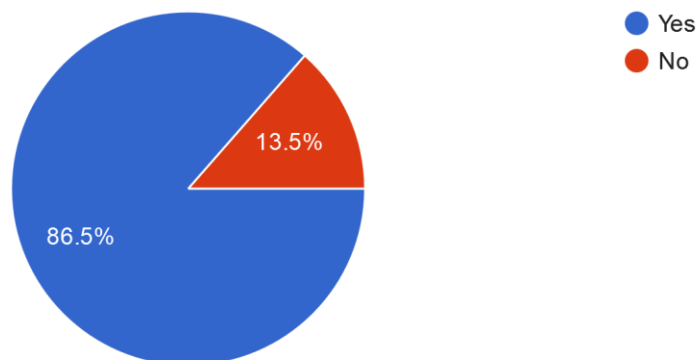
How do you prefer to learn about the topics you are interested in?



Answer	1 (most desired)	2	3	4	5 (least desired)	Not desired
Printed Materials	35	26	13	8	8	6
Digital Materials	48	34	10	1	0	3
Online Webinars	23	33	22	7	5	6
In-person Workshops	16	26	21	18	8	7
One-on-one calls, emails, meetings	18	11	23	19	12	13
<b>96 responses</b>						

Are you familiar with the Middle Park Conservation District (MPCD) or the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and their services?

96 responses



Answer	#	%
Yes	83	86.5
No	13	13.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>100</b>

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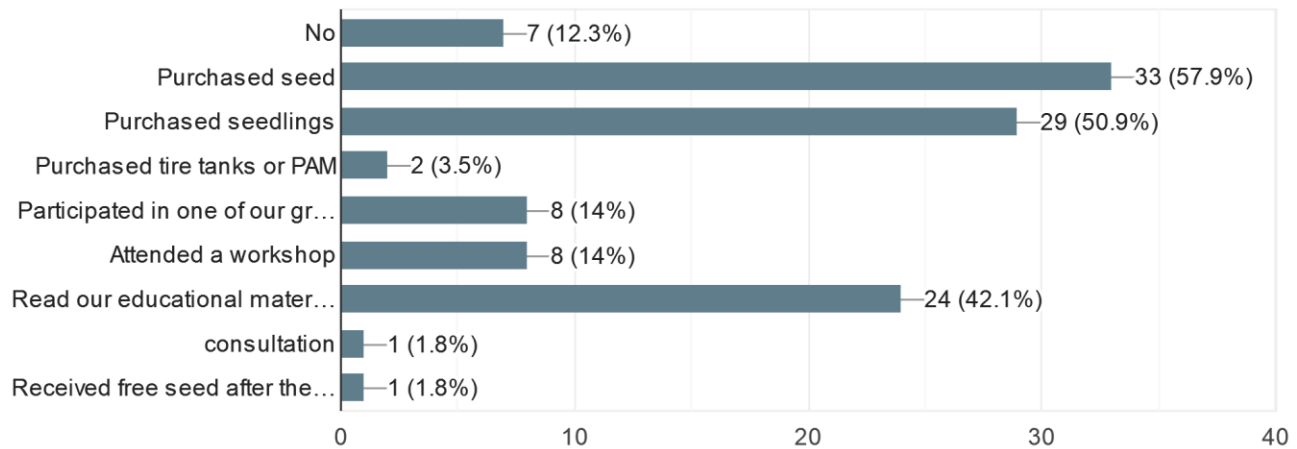
Have you used MPCD services or purchased products from us in the past? \*

Please check all that apply

- No
- Purchased seed
- Purchased seedlings
- Purchased tire tanks or PAM
- Participated in one of our grant programs
- Attended a workshop
- Read our educational materials on our website or newsletter
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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57 responses

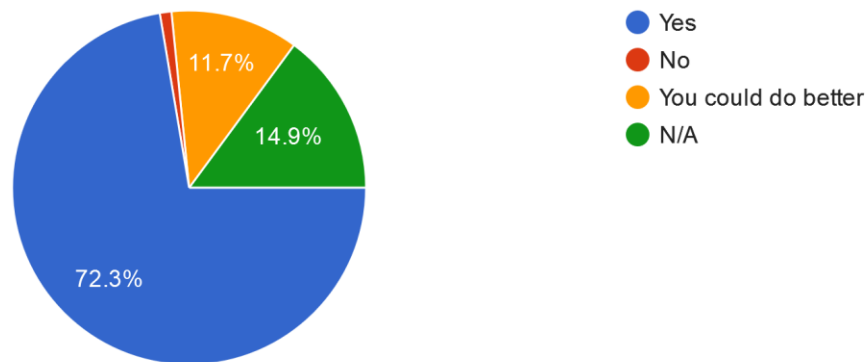




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If you are familiar with services provided by MPCD/NRCS, are you happy with the services provided in Grand and Summit?

94 responses



Answer	#	%
Yes	68	70.5
No	1	1.1
You Could Do Better	11	11.7
N/A	14	14.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>100</b>

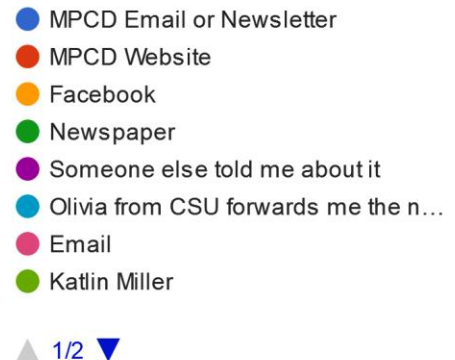
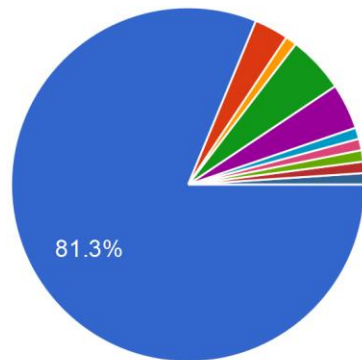
If you answered "No" or "You could do better" to the above question, please elaborate on what you would like to see us do differently. Don't hold back...please be open and honest about your concerns. 11 responses

- Could you address my concerns directly that are listed in this survey? I have already answered one survey but received no specific help from you.
- Only know about seed & seedling sale
- It would be helpful if fire victims could rent a wood chipper or access services of a wood chipper on our lots to not only remove debris but also return organically to the damaged top layer. Transportation of debris to limited availability free days throughout the county is inconvenient at best.
- You need more outreach regarding the programs you offer
- grass seed did not take on burned land
- Please snail mail or email an outline describing the services MPCD can offer to owners.
- I think Caitlin Miller is a true "find". She is great!
- Need more info about how to pay for projects
- Don't know what services you offer to assist retirees, seniors or those in need of forest management without financial resources
- Seedlings all died. Frustrating and waste of time and money.
- Wild berry plants for sale
- publicize your workshops more. easier to navigate web site.
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How did you find out about this survey?

96 responses



Answer	#	%
MPCD Email	78	81.3
MPCD Website	3	3.1
Facebook	1	1
Newspaper	5	5.2
Someone else told me about it	4	4.2
Olivia from CSU Extension	1	1
Email	1	1
Seed	1	1
HCCC	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>100</b>

## Final Comments, Concerns, Questions...

- Thank you for the native grass seed last fall, sadly few of them "took" this spring. Our lot still looks very desolate. Our community could also use help getting the state of Colorado water courts to work with us in reauthorizing our well water usage for the next few years to include irrigation.
- Thank you for the seeds after the fire!!
- You have been helpful with seeding and replanting. Thank you.
- I was very impressed that you provided seed after the fire so that we could reseed our property
- thank you for your services.
- Do you have access to skidsteer mounted tree spade for relocating trees out of powerline easement?
- Very interested in re-foresting our property...have already re-seeded with grass seed from you. Now we need trees. How do we get them?
- Katlin is a rockstar!!!!
- You all provide an excellent service for our community.
- please place a high priority on managing land for wildlife habitat and public recreation
- Regarding the troublesome fire so much could have been done years prior. The challenge as I see it ,is governments inability to change. Locals all understood massive clear cutting was required to prevent last years catastrophe. My neighbors and I in Sun Valley spent close to 100,000 removing pine invested

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trees. In the end it had little effect as Arapahoe Forest was mostly left alone and Rocky Mtn National Park did nothing. Even after all the destruction Grand lake will have a visual reminders for generation to see . In the end the Forest and Parks will continue with there environmental policies until the next big fire.

- We want to purchase tree seedlings for our lot. However, we're concerned about being able to water new plantings. If we order now and pick them up in the September window, do you think they would get enough natural moisture? We don't have access to water as we are just in the beginning stages of our rebuild at SunValley Lake.
- Thanks for all you do.
- I am familiar with some of MPCD services, but I'm sure there is a lot more that I don't know about and maybe could be using.