



MEMORANDUM

P.O. Box 4100 ♦ FRISCO, COLORADO 80443

**TO: TOWN COUNCIL**  
**FROM: DIANE MCBRIDE, ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER**  
**RE: INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH SUMMIT FIRE & EMS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AND RESOLUTION 25-09**  
**DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

**Summary and Background:** Hazardous fuels reduction started on the Town-owned portion of the North Tenmile trail in 2022 due to the proximity to the Town's water treatment plant. Using a Strong Futures grant, the Town worked with the Rocky Mountain Youth Corps in 2022 to remove standing dead trees. Over five weeks, the Youth Corps completed 1,750 hours of work on 4 acres of dead standing lodgepole and built 61 slash piles.

The slash piles need at least one year to cure, then must be burned. The slash piles are ready to be burned when conditions are right. The first step in this burning process is to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Summit Fire & EMS Fire Protection District. The Fire District will be responsible for this prescribed burning on Town-owned property. This IGA is presented to Council for review at this time.

This IGA is only for the prescribed burning on the North Tenmile trail. To expedite this process for future prescribed burning projects, Resolution 25-09 is also included for Council review. Resolution 25-09 gives the Town Manager the authority to sign such agreements in the future to expedite the process.

**Analysis:** The Summit Fire & EMS Fire Protection District have experienced and qualified personnel who can lawfully conduct prescribed burning on Town of Frisco property. It is in the Town's best interest to have the Fire District conduct such prescribed burning.

**Environmental Sustainability:**

This IGA and Resolution are the first steps to complete a hazardous fuels project started in 2022. Overall, the project when complete will result in increased resilience of the Town-owned portion of the forest surrounding the North Tenmile trail and the Frisco Water Treatment Plant.

**Financial Impact:**

The Town is not responsible for the costs the Fire District incurs in performing the pile burning provided such services are provided during normal business hours (8am – 5pm). If outside these hours, a fee will be charged. The Town will also be responsible for any direct costs, such as drip

torch fuel. Any charges incurred will come out of the Town's sustainability budget, which can absorb such costs.

**Alignment with Strategic Plan:** The 2024-2028 Frisco Strategic Plan includes the strategic objective, "Provide progress-driven Quality Core Services." Within this objective, one key pillar is environmental stewardship and climate change, which emphasizes commitment to protecting the environment and taking proactive steps to mitigate the effects of climate change.

This IGA will improve stewardship and resilience of the Town-owned forests surrounding the North Tenmile trail and the Water Treatment Plant and is consistent with the Strategic Plan and the Town Council's goals for promoting sustainability.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommend Town Council approve the attached IGA and Resolution 25-09 for prescribed burn services.

**Reviews and Approvals:**

- Tom Fisher, Town Manager

**Attachments:**

- Attachment 1 - Summit Fire EMS FPD Prescribed Pile Burn Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) (Municipal Property Owner)
- Attachment 2 – Resolution 25-09 Approving IGA with Summit Fire re: Burning for Fuels Reduction