



## US Air Force Academy and CUSP Green Forest Health Work at Green Mtn. Falls

**Workday:** Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> 2019

**Project Location:** Green Mountain Falls H. B. Wallace Reserve

**Difficulty Rating:** Moderate - Difficult

**Project Times:** 9:00am - 3:00 pm

**Meeting Location:** Dirt parking lot at the corner of Chipita Park Rd. and Mountain Rd.

**Map Link:** <https://goo.gl/maps/xPpMjBQ13t4NXKzm9>

**Directions:** From Colorado Springs, take highway 24 west. Turn onto Chipita Park Rd, follow Chipita Park Rd. past the elementary school until Mountain Rd. Dirt parking lot is on the right side of the road immediately after Mountain Rd.

**Number of Volunteers Anticipated:** 10-15

### **Workday Description:**

The town of Green Mountain Falls and CUSP have been working together to reduce wildland fire risk and improve forest health in the H.B Wallace Reserve. The H.B Wallace Reserve is located south of highway 24 in Green Mountain Falls and is maintained by the Historic Green Mountain Falls Foundation.

Our volunteers will be clearing slash and debris from a dry ephemeral drainage. Volunteers will be dismantling slash piles and spreading the slash evenly. In areas around hiking trails slash will be placed along the edge of the trails so they are more apparent. Smaller trees showing signs of mistletoe will be cut using loppers. Firewood may also be moved to areas where it is more accessible for town residents to collect.

### **Important Notes:**

- CUSP will provide hard hats, materials and necessary tools to complete project work
- A portable restroom will be provided
- A safety review and work demonstration will precede the project work
- Weather, which could create hazardous conditions, may cause the project to be canceled or rescheduled; staff will monitor weather and notify you of any changes, which will also be posted to [www.cusp.ws/Volunteer](http://www.cusp.ws/Volunteer).
- Due to safety and weather concerns, vehicles are required to stay on site for the duration of the project.

### **Requirements of Volunteers:**

Prior to the project each volunteer must submit a **completed Liability Release form**,  
**Please print documents on both sides.**

#### **Please Bring:**

Refillable water bottle (We will have Igloo containers available for refills)  
Any applicable medicines (including epi-pens, insulin and inhalers)  
Sunscreen  
Sunglasses or safety glasses  
Long pants (jeans or heavy material) and long-sleeved shirts are strongly recommended, no leggings.  
Work gloves (we will have some if you do not)  
Sturdy shoes with good tread; no open toed shoes  
A sack lunch

#### **What to Expect:**

This project will occur in an exposed mountain environment. Please be aware and prepared for potential hazards, including but not limited to: driving on mountainous roads with loose gravel; exposure to sun, wind, lightning and rapidly changing weather conditions. Medications may have adverse effects in sun, heat or altitude; please list medications and medical conditions on the CUSP release form so staff may be aware of potential concerns. Know your limitations and inform staff immediately if you become ill or injured. Be prepared to exit quickly in the event of an emergency or changing environmental conditions. Please be prepared to hike up to one quarter mile at high elevation in varying weather conditions. Please drink plenty of water prior to and during the project to stay hydrated.

**GPS systems and Internet map sites are often misleading in the mountains. Cell phone service will be inconsistent or unavailable.**

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