

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BRIEFING PAPER

Topic: Mountain Pine Beetle Landowner Assistance Program

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Date: 1/27/2026

- For Information
- For Discussion/Board Direction
- Consent to Place on Business/Hearing Agenda

Issue:

Parks & Open Space (JCPOS) contracted with RRC to conduct a statistically relevant resident survey to gauge awareness and understanding of mountain pine beetle (MPB) efforts on private lands. Through the survey, landowners identified a need for financial support to enable them to mitigate MPB.

This project concept was presented to the Board on 12/9/2025 and we are now seeking authorization to request funding including up to \$420,000 in retained revenue for public safety.

Background:

Jefferson County is experiencing a MPB outbreak and the Invasive Species Management Program (JCISM) needed to better understand current barriers to management of the beetle by private landowners.

Discussion:

A key message from the survey results centered on the need to provide supportive resources, including financial resources for landowners.

Staff requests that the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) consider supporting the development of a pilot MPB landowner assistance program to support private landowners - to be funded in 2026 by current budgeted funds (\$80,000 JCISM 2026 RPPF) and up to \$420,000 revenue retained as a result of 2024 Ballot Measure 1A for public safety, and if successful, by general fund allocations for future years.

Fiscal Impact: yes no

\$80,000 onetime JCISM 2026 RPPF, \$410,000 onetime cost to be offset by

revenue retained as a result of 2024 Ballot Measure 1A, and by general fund allocations for future years

- Year(s) of impact: Ongoing
- Existing grant or project: Yes, an expansion of existing services
- New grant or project: No
- Requested in adopted budget: No, this is a request for 2026 funding not available during the 2026 budget process
- Ongoing or one-time: Ongoing
- General Fund impact: \$80,000 onetime JCISM 2026 RPPF, \$420,000 onetime cost to be offset by revenue retained as a result of 2024 Ballot Measure 1A, and by general fund allocations for future years
- Staffing impact: None
- Match requirements: None
- Mandate/Contractual obligation: None

Budget & Strategy Review: Support, no concern, Brett Deady, January 14, 2026

County Attorney Review: Anthony Chambers reviewed and approved January 15, 2026

Facilities Review: Support, no concern. Mark Danner, November 20, 2025

BIT Review: No Impact at present. Future impact based on number of staff hired. Rebecca Hascall, November 20, 2025

Fleet Review: Support, no concern. Janice Mayer, November 20, 2025

County Human Resources Review (new FTE or Total Rewards Request): None

Recommendations:

That the Board of County Commissioners consider the recommendation made by JCPOS-JCISM Staff to support a mountain pine beetle landowner assistance pilot program and authorize a supplemental budget increase of \$420,000 from General Fund retained revenue at a future hearing.

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