



Mountain Pine Beetle Landowner Assistance Program

January 27, 2026



JEFFERSON
COUNTY COLORADO
Parks & Open Space

FOREST HEALTH RESIDENT SURVEY

Survey Reach & Participation

- Identified addresses: 21,000
- Surveys sent: 7,000
- Responses received: 1,037
- Response rate: 15%
- 95% confidence level

5. How would you rate your level of familiarity with the following?

	Very unfamiliar 1	Unfamiliar 2	Neutral 3	Familiar 4	Very familiar 5
Forest management needs, practices and projects in Jefferson County	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forest management projects on Jefferson County Open Space Parks and Lands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
State laws that require landowners to eradicate or control certain Invasive Species (weeds and pests)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mountain pine beetle	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

6. For each of the statements below, please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with how Jefferson County Open Space (JCOS) prioritizes, addresses, and works on JCOS land (i.e. not private or affiliated with other agencies):

Mountain Pine Beetle

Mountain Pine Beetle Control in Jefferson County. Jefferson County currently has one of the largest mountain pine beetle infestations in Colorado. This insect kills pine trees, which are valuable for both their beauty and ecological benefits. To help limit the spread, the County currently requires all landowners—public and private—to control infestations on their property. Your feedback in this survey will help the County decide whether to continue this requirement.

7. Prior to this survey, were you aware that Jefferson County requires landowners to control mountain pine beetle?

- Yes
- Somewhat aware but not fully aware of all requirements
- No
- Unsure / Not the primary land manager for this household

8. Has your property, or someone else's property that you know, been impacted by the mountain pine beetle (e.g., having to remove trees from your property, paying for preventative services, etc.)? Please select all that apply.

- Yes, my property has been impacted
- Yes, I know someone who has impacted property
- No
- Unsure / Not the primary land manager for this household

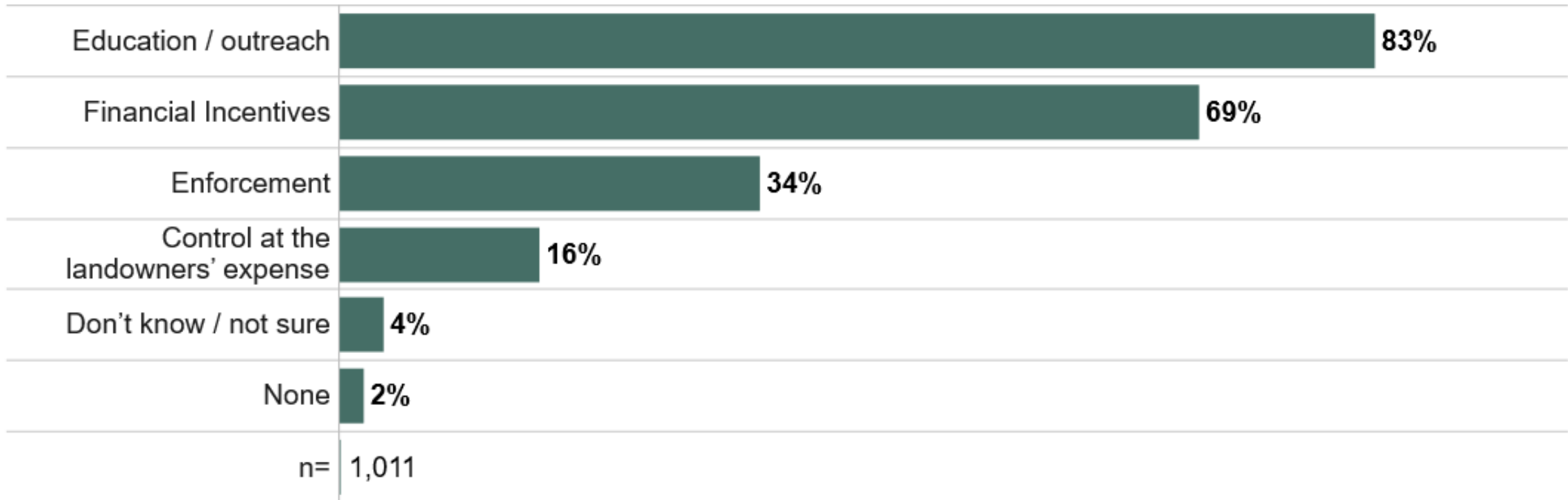
9. Which of the following impacts, if any, have you observed in recent years because of mountain pine beetle? Please select all that apply.

- Additional tree removal
- Falling trees
- Visual / aesthetic impacts
- Increased ecological awareness
- Increased fire risk
- Changes in recreation
- opportunities
- A loss of connection to forests
- Increased tree clearing costs
- Neighboring properties not controlling mountain pine beetle
- Reduced privacy
- Soil erosion and runoff
- Conflict over changing land uses
- Impact on property values
- Impact on tourism
- Other: _____
- None of the above

	Somewhat agree 3	Somewhat disagree 4	Strongly agree 5	Don't Know X
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
tree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
agree	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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MOUNTAIN PINE BEETLE RESPONSES

What role should Jefferson County undertake to ensure owners are controlling mountain pine beetle?
Select all that apply.



Source: RRC Associates, 2025 Jefferson County Forest Health Survey

Option 2 - Landowner Assistance Pilot Program

- Up to 50% Cost Share
- Funding for Cost Share Pilot

ISM Rescue Plan Project Fund (RPPF) \$80,000
(2026 budgeted funds)

2026 Supplemental Request - \$420,000
(revenue retained as a result of Ballot
Measure 1A)



QUESTIONS, DISCUSSION

