

RESOLUTION NO. 24 –

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF EL PASO, STATE OF COLORADO

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN ENCROACHMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT
WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF WILDFIRE MITIGATION MEASURES AND
RECONGIZE AND APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$424,620 TO THE GENERAL FUND EMERGENCY RESPONSE 2024 BUDGET
SUPPORTING THE CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN SPACE FORCE BASE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 30-11-101(1)(d), 30-11-103, and 30-11-107(1)(a), the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado (hereinafter “Board” or “County”) has the authority to manage the concerns of the County and to make all contracts and do all other acts concerning the County when deemed by the Board to be in the best interests of the citizens of El Paso County; and

WHEREAS C.R.S. § 29-1-203, provides authority for El Paso County to cooperate or contract with other governmental entities to provide any function, service or facility lawfully authorized to each of the cooperating or contracting governmental units, when deemed by the Board to be beneficial to the citizens of El Paso County; and

WHEREAS, Cheyenne Mountain Space Force Station (“CMSFS”) is located in El Paso County and has been classified as a Tier 1 Wildfire Threat in part due to forested fuels but also proximity to the community of Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, CMSFS is bordered by Cheyenne Mountain State Park (“CMSP”) and CMSP is a popular camping destination with open fire pits, the area is also prone to lightning strikes which pose an additional risk of starting a wildfire and Broadmoor Subdivision borders CMSFS on the East property line which presents an additional danger; and

WHEREAS, the County is the recipient of Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program (“REPI”) funds by and through the United States Department of Defense in the amount of Four Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Dollars and No Cents (\$424,620.00); and

WHEREAS, the County desires to serve as the fiscal agent for these funds and further partner with the State of Colorado Department of Natural Resources and State Forest Service to perform wildfire mitigation measures in CMSP which directly benefits CMSFS; and

WHEREAS, for the County to utilize said REPI funds, the United States of America, by and through the Department of the Air Force, requests an Encroachment Management Plan Agreement (“Agreement”), attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, to address challenges that have the potential to affect the CMSFS’ mission and the quality of life in surrounding communities, specifically by reducing hazardous fuels through mechanical thinning, which will reduce the

potential for high severity/high intensity wildfire and reducing the spread and effects of epidemic levels of insect and/or disease outbreaks as outlined in Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the REPI funds outlined in Exhibit A must be obligated by the United States of America no later than September 30, 2024, and

WHEREAS, once the Agreement is executed, the County can continue to work with its partnering agencies to pursue these important mitigation efforts on CMSP which directly benefit CMSFS, and surrounding communities.

WHEREAS, that the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado hereby approves the Encroachment Management Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Cami Bremer, duly elected, qualified member and Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, or Carrie Geitner, duly elected, qualified member and Vice Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, be and is hereby authorized and appointed on behalf of the Board to execute any and all documents necessary to carry out the intent of the Board as described herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado, does hereby accept, recognize and appropriate federal revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$424,620, to the General Fund Emergency Response 2024 budget in the following manner:

Appropriate Revenues:		
11510.33223.01	Federal Revenue-Pass through	\$424,620
Subledger: 24F00009		
Appropriate Expenditures:		
11510.46212	Disbursements to other Agencies	\$424,620
Subledger: 24F00009		

DONE THIS _____ day of September 2024, at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO

By: _____ By: _____
Steve Schleiker Cami Bremer, Chair
County Clerk & Recorder