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G4 Environmental Assists R&R Conner Helicopters with the Boulder County Calwood Fire Aerial Mulching Project

G4 assists R&R Conner Helicopters as the companies work to remove hazard trees and perform aerial mulching operations for soil stabilization on moderate to high burn severity areas of the Calwood burn scar.

Boulder, CO, AUG 09, 2021 -G4 Environmental, LLC (G4) completed its subcontracting work to R&R Conner Helicopters www.rconner.com on the Calwood Fire Aerial Mulching Project.



The Cal-Wood Fire ignited on October 17, 2020, and burned about 10,000 acres in Boulder County, Colorado – the largest wildfire in Boulder County history. 5,000 acres burned on Boulder County Parks & Open Space land, on a heavily used recreational and conservation property called Heil Valley Ranch.

Boulder County Parks and Open Space secured \$5.7 Million for the project through the Natural Resource Conservation Services Emergency Watershed Protection Program, with the County matching a portion of the funding. The Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program, a federal emergency recovery program, helps local communities recover after a natural disaster strikes. With the grant money, the county initiated soil restoration on 1,500 acres of severely burned land.



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A significant part of that effort was using helicopters to drop mulch onto the forest floor. For example, the ponderosas that burned in the fire at Heil Valley Ranch were harvested by local forestry management crews, flown to a landing to be shredded for mulch, flown back over the burned land, and dropped for soil stabilization by R&R's helicopters.

As a subcontractor to the Prime Contractor R&R Conner, G4 assisted with project management securing local subcontractors, supplying field personnel for safety and quality control, and writing a new OSHA-compliant Health and Safety Program (HASP) for the project.

The project began in March 2021 and was completed in August 2021.



The Landing where harvested burned trees are flown in and processed to be flown back over the burn area by helicopter for erosion control and soil restoration.



R&R Helicopters distributing mulch over the burn scar.

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