

Glacier View Fire Protection District Spring 2022 Newsletter

Message From the Fire Chief – Dan Knox

Greeting residents and property owners in the Glacier View Fire District

FOREST ORDER

USDA FOREST SERVICE

Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland Boulder, Canyon Lakes, and Clear Creek Ranger Districts and Pawnee National Grassland

STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. § 551 and 36 CFR § 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on all National Forest System lands within the Boulder, Canyon Lakes, and Clear Creek Ranger Districts and Pawnee National Grassland on the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland in Boulder, Clear Creek, Gilpin, Jefferson, Larimer, Park and Weld Counties in the State of Colorado (the “Restricted Area”) and on all roads and trails located within the Restricted Area (the “Restricted Roads and Trails”), as shown on the attached map incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A.

The purpose of this Order is to protect public health, safety, and natural resources by preventing wildfires.

PROHIBITIONS: The following acts are prohibited in the Restricted Area and on the Restricted Roads and Trails:

1) Igniting, building, maintaining, attending, or using a fire (including fires fueled by charcoal or briquettes) outside of a permanent metal or concrete fire pit or grate that the Forest Service has installed and maintained at its developed recreation sites (campgrounds and picnic areas) as specifically listed in Exhibit B. 36 CFR § 261.52(a).

2) Smoking, except in an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials. 36 CFR § 261.52(d).

3) Operating a chainsaw without an effective and properly installed USDA- or Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)- approved spark arrestor, a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher (with a minimum 8 oz. capacity and rating of 2A) kept with the operator. 36 CFR § 261.52(j).

4) Blasting, welding, or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame without being in a cleared area of at least 10 feet in diameter and keeping a chemical pressurized fire extinguisher (with a minimum 8 oz. capacity and rating of 2A) with the operator. 36 CFR § 261.52(i).

5) Using an explosive. This includes but is not limited to fuses, blasting caps, fireworks, rockets, exploding targets, tracers, and incendiary ammunition. 36 CFR § 261.52(b). Order # ARP

Would you like to help your community and the GVFD? Then, WE ARE LOOKING FOR YOU...

The Glacier View Fire Department is recruiting for neighbors like you who would like to join the department as a firefighter, or as a member of the new Support Group.

The firefighter position includes going to trainings and calls for fires, vehicle accidents, medical calls, rescues, and an assortment of other activities. There is a calculated time commitment, but we will issue you the gear you need and give the training to operate successfully with our department.

Don't have that much time to commit, or would you like to help in ways other than performing as a firefighter? We would love to have you as a member of the Support Group. The Support Group is new to GVFD and we need people to help.

The Support Group will: Assist with planning and organizing both department and community events. Fundraising Assorted special projects Extended incident support such as organizing food and assisting with clean up after returning to the station Other ideas are welcome

If interested in either, please contact the GVFD office and we can get you more information – 970-493-3353

Thank you for all of the support our community gives us,

Dan Knox – GVFD Chief

Recognitions

Congratulations to Ed and Chris for their years of service!

Ed is being recognized for his 15 years of service with GVFPD. Ed moved to Glacier View Meadows 2005. He joined the fire department in 2007 as a Logistics Member and was hired on as a Janitor. In his spare time he enjoys playing with his dogs and listening to music.

Chris is being recognized for his 10 years of volunteer service!

Chris recently became a Captain for GVFPD. He grew up in rural south Denver. Attended Caspar College for fire fighting. Chris moved into the the GVFPD in 2011 and became a volunteer FF. He is the manager for Lady Moon Ranch and is a carpenter by trade. Chris is married and has two children. In his spare time he enjoys camping and traveling.

A Message from the GVFD Board

2022 Board of Director Election

The 2022 Board of Director Election was cancelled due to not enough candidates for open positions. The following positions have been elected by acclamation:

Steve Groeteke will serve for the three-year term 2022-2025

Dave Burk will serve for the three year term 2022-2025

ONE THREE-YEAR TERM IS OPEN for term 2022-2025

Bill Salmon will serve the remaining term ending 2023

We currently have one open Board position and look forward to filling this position soon. Anyone interested in serving on the Fire Board is encouraged to contact the fire department office Tuesday-Thursday from 9-3 for information, 970-493-3353. The Board will be hearing from potential candidates at the May 9th Board Meeting and appointing the best suited candidate.

What's new with the CWPP – Community Wildfire Protection Plan?

The district is in the home stretch of our Community Wildfire Protection Plan. We expect to bring it to the GVFD Board of Directors at their regular June meeting. Thank you to everyone who attended our community meeting at the DU Mountain Campus on April 6. Please watch our website for CWPP information as it develops. If you would like a presentation for your Home Owners Association or other community group please contact Warren Jones at 970-397-3114 - Warren Jones, CWPP Project Manager

GVFPD CWPP Implementation Plan – Short-Term (6-12 months)

Current Firewise Program – summer 2022

Offer pilot 2-4 education classes in summer 2022

Develop CWPP volunteer group from new support group

Identify training for CWPP volunteer group
Upgrade website to include full Fire Adapted Community, Firewise and CWPP sections
Provide educational information to all HOAs for distribution to their members
Presentations to HOAs and other local groups
Solve current slash pile issues

Community members are encouraged to join the support group at GVFPD. Contact the office for more information 970-493-3353

CWPP PARTNER CONTACTS:

Gretchen Reuning, Forest Program Director at Larimer Conservation District-
Maelly Oropeza, Manager at Larimer County Conservation Corps
Daniel Bowker, Forester at Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed
Max Erickson, Supervisory Forester at Colorado State Forest Service
Derek Rosenquist, Emergency Services Specialist at Larimer County Sherriff's Office
Bob Sturtevant, Conservation Chair at the Ben Delatour Scout Ranch
Gretchen and Maelly have offered to do group site visits on properties in the district

WHAT IS A RED FLAG WARNING?

A Red Flag Warning is issued by the National Weather Service when low humidity, warm temperatures, dry fuels and strong winds could combine to produce extreme fire behavior that is either occurring or will occur within 24 hours.

These are some of the criteria considered prior to issuing a Red Flag Warning:

Sustained wind speeds averaging 15 mph or greater, Relative humidity of 25% or less, Temperatures 75 degrees F, Ten hour fuel moisture at 8% or less for one day.

Red Flag Warning Safety Tips:

EQUIPMENT: avoid using lawn mowers on dry vegetation, follow all local fire restrictions on the use of chainsaws, mowers and other equipment during high risk times

OUTDOOR FIRES: be mindful of any burn bans in your areas, extinguish outdoor fires properly, never leave them unattended - always drown them with plenty of water, soak ashes and charcoal in water and dispose of them in a metal can - these materials can reignite days after a fire or BBQ is extinguished, report unattended outdoor fires immediately to 911

PROPERTY: create at least 100 feet of defensible space around your home by removing leaves, weeds, brush, firewood, and other flammables - make sure to clean roof and gutters too, make sure access roads to your property are cleared and properly labeled

VEHICLES: do not throw cigarette or matches out of a vehicle - they can ignite grass on the side of the road and start a wildfire, do not pull your vehicle over in dry grass, ensure that trailer chains don't drag on the ground

Donations

GVFD Board would like to express its gratitude and say "THANK YOU" for your donations this past year. These donations have helped us in purchasing needed items for the fire department.

Additional Donations/Grants received this past year include:

CREATE Grant – GVFPD put three members through EMT Class

Larimer County Fire Grant (LCFG) – GVFPD purchased a multi gas detector, and swivel dumps for both Tenders

Larimer County Supplemental Fire Grant – GVFPD was able to purchase a Honda Water Pump, two portable water tanks, two VHF radios, and two Stabilization Struts for motor vehicle accidents

Firehouse Subs has recently awarded GVFPD a grant and it is in process. Please thank them for the donation to our volunteer fire department by your support!

SAVE THE DATE FOR FIREWISE – SATURDAY, JULY 9th, 10AM-2PM – watch for information on our website

GVFPD Office Hours: Tuesday – Thursday 9AM – 3PM

2022 - GVFD Board Members

Dave Burk – President Randy Golden – Vice President

Gordon Cunningham - Secretary David Thompson – Treasurer

Bill Salmon – Director

GVFD – 970-493-3353

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