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Board of Directors 2025 **Schedule of Meetings**

All Regular Board Meetings are scheduled for the third Saturday of the month and will begin at 1:00pm. If an Executive Session is required, it will be held at 9:00AM on the same dates with a break for lunch between the morning Executive Session and afternoon Open Session.

Due to winter snow, the March meeting will be held at the Arrowhead Mountain Lodge. The other meetings listed will be at the Arrowhead Firehouse.

Dates:

May 17
July 19
***August 16 - Annual Owners Mtg.**
September 20
November 08

Location:

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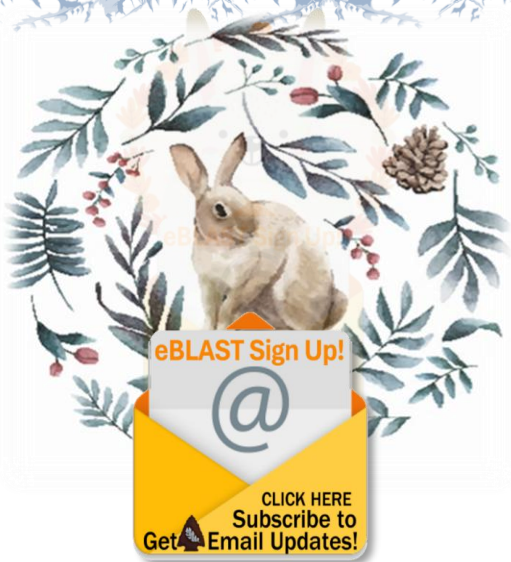
***2025 Annual Owners Meeting will follow the Saturday, August 16th Board Meeting.**

Please watch for posted agendas to confirm dates, times and locations:
<https://www.arrowhead1.org/agendas-minutes-meeting-info>

All meeting dates, times and locations may be subject to change.

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President's Message



My name is Brad Fowler, and I am your new President for 2025. Please join me, and the other board members, in welcoming our newest board members, Deb Hoven and Warren Gore!

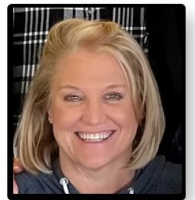
We have had a fairly light winter, with the snow accumulation being a little low this year, so far. March /April have proven to be some very wet and snowy months in the past. We will just have to wait and see.



Never the less, Spring is just around the corner and you will probably be planning your weekends to Arrowhead. This will be the first year, in the last three, that we haven't had road construction in the canyon or across the Blue Mesa Reservoir! However, I'm sure that if you drive more than 50 miles to get here, you will be able to find construction somewhere.



Warren Gore



Deb Hoven

Summer activities at Arrowhead are gearing up. The annual Independence Day - 5th of July - picnic is already being planned and is always great fun and a fantastic fundraiser for the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department. Hope to see you there!



Brad Fowler, AIA President
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Spring/Summer Wildlife Advice

Living in Arrowhead can be compared to living in a wildlife refuge. Since no hunting is allowed, many animals roam freely in our woodlands. Mule deer, elk, marmots, chipmunks, squirrels, snowshoe rabbits, pine martens, fox, bobcats, grouse, porcupines, coyotes, western birds, mountain lions and black bears are most commonly seen.



FEEDING WILD ANIMALS AND BIRDS

Black bears are omnivores, eating plants, bugs and animals. In fact, bears will eat almost anything including fruit, birdseed, suet, hummingbird food, pet food and garbage. In late summer, bears may feed up to 20 hours per day in preparation for hibernation, which generally occurs in early November.

Summer bird feeding and birdbaths do not benefit birds because seeds, berries and water are abundant. Instead, these resources attract bears, and once bears find an easy food source, they will return daily. Therefore, DO NOT feed birds during the summer.

Winter bird feeding is safe since bears hibernate until green foliage breaks through the snow.

NOTICE! *It is illegal to feed bears and is punishable by a fine by the Division of Wildlife. If wildlife officials have to tag and remove a nuisance bear, the bear's next offense will result in it being killed*

HOW TO BEAR-PROOF YOUR HOME AND CAMPSITE



1. Do not keep garbage, pet food, birdseed, suet, fruit, grill racks and so forth outside, even briefly. Food items in tents (even toothpaste) can attract bears.
2. Keep all windows and doors closed while away. This includes homes, campers, garages, sheds and doggie doors.
3. Do not throw any type of garbage and food scraps outdoors.
4. If you put hummingbird feeders outside in the summer, bring them inside at dusk and anytime that you leave your home or campsite. However, be aware that these feeders are almost guaranteed to bring bears to your porch or camp site even during the daytime.
5. Do not feed birds or other wildlife food scraps. Household food attracts bears and can be deadly to other wildlife due to their sensitive digestive systems.

HIKING AND BIKING IN WILD ANIMAL COUNTRY

1. Walking at dawn or dusk increases the chances of meeting bears and other predators.
2. Make noise to reduce the likelihood of surprising bears and mountain lions. Talk, sing, whistle or wear a bell.
3. Do not carry food.
4. Leave dogs at home or keep them on a leash. Carry a walking stick.
5. Keep children close to an adult.
6. Bears, coyotes and mountain lions are not the only danger.
7. Female deer are especially protective of their babies and it is not uncommon for female deer to attack dogs that are not on a leash.



IF YOU MEET A BEAR



1. **Stay calm.** If the bear has not seen you, slowly retreat while speaking softly to make the bear aware of your presence and to reassure it that no harm is intended.
2. **Avoid direct eye contact.** Bears perceive this as a threat. Give the bear room to escape and slowly back away. If you are on a trail, step off on the downhill side.
3. **Do not run.** Bears can run in bursts up to 35 mph.
4. **It is dangerous to get between a female bear and her cub(s).** If you see one cub, there may be more. If you see cubs and no mother, do not approach the cubs; mama bear is probably close by and will rush to protect her babies!

IF YOU MEET A MOUNTAIN LION

1. **Do not run. Do not turn your back.** Stop, talk firmly and calmly. Back slowly away.
2. **Try to appear larger than you are.** Slowly raise and wave your arms to convince the mountain lion that you are not prey.
3. **Fight back if the lion becomes aggressive.** Throw stones, sticks, stand tall.



*Attacks by black bears and mountain lions are uncommon. However, with the increase of food sources their presence and the possibility of confrontations are increased. To keep the Arrowhead community safe, it is important that **everyone** practice appropriate preventative measures. For more information or to report a problem, contact Arrowhead Patrol or the Division of Wildlife in Gunnison at (970)641-7060*

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AIA Business Office

A reminder from AIA Office Manager, Margaret Henry:

Dues increase reminder:

Dues assessments increased again in 2025, because of the January 2024 favorable ballot vote to increase annual dues assessments.

2025 – beginning Jan. 1st: \$155/qtr. or \$620/yr.

2026 – beginning Jan. 1st: \$160/qtr. or \$640/ yr.

2027 – beginning Jan. 1st: \$165/qtr. or \$660/yr.

- If you are signed up for "recurring payments" (autopay), the quarterly or monthly amount automatically adjusts to the new dues amount. You do not have to send in a new form.
- Please remember to change your "bank bill-pay" to the new amount if you've not yet done so.

Other billing reminders:

- Invoices are sent on the first of every quarter (Jan. 1, April 1, July 1, and Oct. 1). If sent by email, you can pay electronically from the email.
- You will not receive an invoice if you have a credit balance or have signed up for recurring payments.
- All AIA payments made by check should be mailed to:
AIA, P.O. Box 68, Cimarron, CO 81220.



Design Review Message



While the building season is on hold under a blanket of snow, now is the time to get your plans organized. You don't need to wait until the snow melts to ask questions or turn things into the committee. Our next meeting is April 14th. This will be an email only meeting as I will not be on the mountain during this time. Please let me know what questions you have.



If you are wanting to start a project next summer, you don't need to wait until we meet in the spring to start planning. You can get a jump on your plans by submitting everything to my email @ jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com and I will have you on the agenda for the March 10th meeting. This way, we can help you get everything in place so the site visit can be conducted once the snow melts and you can begin your project. It also allows you time to get building permit applications turned in to Gunnison County if needed.

Gunnison County adopted new [Wildfire Codes\(WUI\)](#) in 2022. If you are planning to build in the future, it is recommended that you contact the county and let them educate you with the new codes. Each property is different and is treated as such, so there is NO easy answer to what building on your property will take. Just remember our building season is much shorter than normal areas and most of our contractors have already started booking their schedules for next year. Click [here](#) for a link to a document to help you get started with your plans.

With that being said, a couple of reminders:

- When you are planning a property improvement, you need to have the [Construction Agreement](#) and [Plot Plan](#) sent to me (jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com)

The \$100 permit fee needs to be mailed to the highlighted address on the Construction Agreement. This address is:

**Arrowhead Improvements Association, Inc.
PO Box 68
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- Send **all building plans with the Plot Plan and Construction Agreement to jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com.**
- You need to locate your center pin and flag several points on the property boundary.
- Flag several points of the adjacent properties as well, as needed.
- Flag any site of improvements -- driveway, shed perimeter, trees you think need removed, etc.
- Once this is done contact a Joanie Thompson (jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com), and I or a committee member will schedule a time for a site visit.
- Please refer to this document for many of the different project types done in Arrowhead.
- Here is the link to the [Design Review Committee webpage](#) where you can find the [regulations](#) and more information.

**** Utilities**** - Many owners have been asking about putting in utilities. Please note that this **MUST** be approved by the Design Review Committee. You are not required to pay for a permit, but we must approve the location of your plans. Failure to notify the Design Review Committee could result in up to \$500 in fines.

****Shed Regulations****

- **All Sheds MUST be approved by the Arrowhead Design Review Committee. [Click here for the process.](#)**
- **If you have an approved Gunnison County septic system,** you do not need a Gunnison Co building permit as long as your shed is **NO larger than 200sf**. If the shed is larger than 200sf you are required to apply for a building permit through Gunnison Co.

- **If you do not have an approved Gunnison County septic system, you are required to get a building permit from Gunnison County, no matter what the size.**

Please know that all property improvements need to go through the DRC. Most require a permit. Failure to notify the Design Review Committee could result in up to \$500 in fines. Some plans just get the go ahead "OK" because they are considered maintenance. It is better to ask than be in violation of the [Arrowhead Regulations](#). With all the new owners, come new contractors that DON'T know our regulations. **It is the property owner who is responsible for educating themselves and their contractors about the rules. If your contractor doesn't ask if you have gone through the Design Review Committee for approval, they are most likely not familiar with our rules and regulations.**

Please continue to follow the requirements set forth for improvements in the [2020 AIA Regulations](#). This helps the committee move forward for you more quickly.

If your project requires a Gunnison County Permit, [please click here](#) to access their website.

We look forward to continuing to serve the owners of this great community!



Joanie Thompson
AIA Design Review Mgr.
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2025 DRC Meeting Dates

- ❖ April 14th (Email Only)
- ❖ May 12th
- ❖ June 9th
- ❖ July 14th
- ❖ August 11th
- ❖ September 8th
- ❖ October 13th



All meetings start at 9am and are at the firehouse, unless the filing roads are not open, and then we will meet at Arrowhead Mountain Lodge.

April meeting will be email only.





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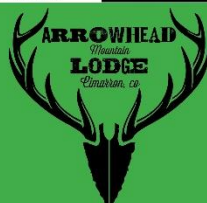
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Maintenance & Improvements

By the time you read this note, we will probably be in the process of opening the filing roads, depending on the weather. We definitely need more snow, and we will most likely get it---we will wait and see. Regardless, our equipment and the crew are ready to go!



When we do start opening roads, please don't try driving to your cabin until we give the OK. It's not only dangerous, but also it puts ruts in the road until they dry up a little.

You probably noticed we got our shop door repaired, finally. It only took 2 ½ months to get parts. I hope we have the restroom at the shop repaired by the time you read this!



The UPS / FedEx shed seems to be working out really well except for the fact there are a few folks who don't know how to lock the lock. Please make sure the lock is on the latch correctly, close the lock, and then turn the combo. Pull down to make sure the lock is completely locked!

In the spring or early summer, we will be in the planning stages of designing our parking lot expansion. We have a lot of planning on our part before even going to the county for permitting. We will be providing more details and discussing plans with the owners in the next few meetings.



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Our trash dumpster seems to be hanging in there even though some folks are still throwing the wrong items in there. See the red graphic on the left or visit the [AIA Maintenance & Improvements webpage](http://www.arrowhead1.org/maintenance-improvements) for an initial list of the prohibited items. Please use common sense as this isn't an exhaustive list!

FYI that we are looking into getting a couple of dumpsters up here in the summer for non-household goods!



AIA Maintenance Liaisons

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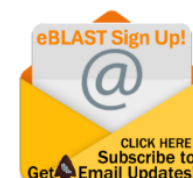
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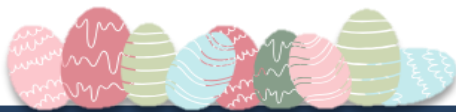
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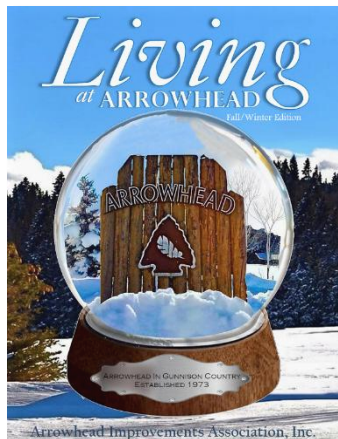
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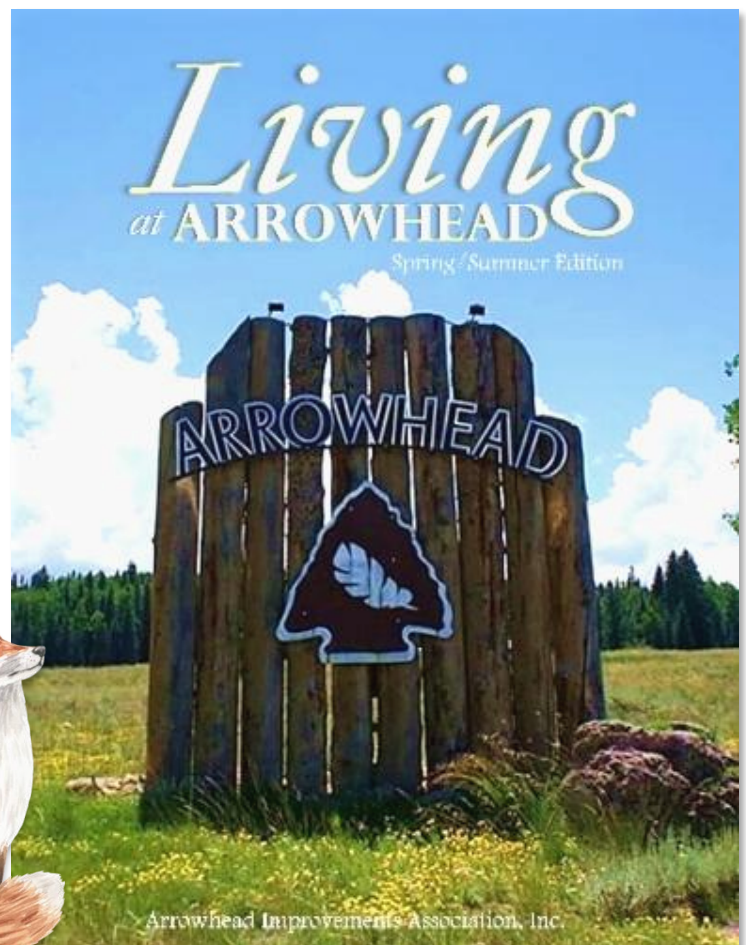
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Message from Patrol



Owners please be alert to what is going on in the parking lot when you come and go. This



last February and March, we had two thefts on a pickup and UTV. **If you see anything suspicious, please take note and try to get descriptions then call Patrol (970-209-6335) anytime day or night so we can follow up.** In the near future, the Board is looking to upgrade our camera system.

When the Maintenance Crew starts to plow the filing roads, we ask that you please HOLD Off driving the filing roads. ***WAIT FOR THE OFFICIAL NOTICE***

Owners will receive an AIA Blast Email when the filing roads open! AIA will then post to the website at www.arrowhead1.org and our official AIA Facebook page. Patrol will also remove the Road Closed signs. Have patience so you don't hinder the equipment moving around the area.



IMPORTANT

Important things owners should know when roads start opening up:

1. When the winter parking lot starts to turn to MUD, we ask that you DO NOT BOTTLE NECK your snow machines near the trail exits on the North and South ends of parking lot!
2. The Patrol team asks that you NOT BLOCK THE EGRESS lane for a groomer to get through in case of an emergency!!
3. Please park your snow machines to the side of trails and not on trails.
4. Cabin owners MUST contact Patrol to be placed on a list of driveways to be plowed. (RV/Trailer lots are not plowed).
5. RV/Trailer lot owners are asked to wait for driveways to dry before bringing their rigs up on mountain. (Ask Patrol to check your drive if uncertain).
6. **The Winter Parking Lot must be cleared of all vehicles, snow machines and trailers by May 31st! (There is a \$100 fee per unit left after that date).**
7. If you must use the AIA flatbed trailer to get your snowmobile back to your lot, please contact Patrol first, so we can sign it out.

Other Reminders:

- The bears will start coming out, so please bring in your feeders and dog food at night.
- Fawning season is due to start in late May through the summer. Be careful when walking your pet, for the does will be aggressive and want to kill your pet or harm him. It is best to back off and turn around, making sure they don't follow you.
- Tick season starts late April and May, so take precautions, for you and your pet.
- Remember that fire pits must be inspected and approved by Patrol each year before use.



Leonard Wasilewski, AIA Lead Patrol

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Forestry Message

Spring is on the horizon with warmer temperatures upon us shortly, and our forest will be turning green as soon as the snow melts! Arrowhead continues to take actions to counteract the on-going Spruce Bud Worm and Bark Beetle challenges to our trees. Please mark your calendar for these important days/times to pick up your MCH Packs and ACE Caps at the Maintenance Building located in the Winter Parking Lot.

MCH Packs & ACE Caps PICK UP SCHEDULE

Pick up Days/Times:

- Saturday May 17, 9a-12n (assuming MCH/Ace Cap order receipt)
- Saturday May 24, 9a-12n
- Saturday May 31, 9a-12n
- Saturday June 7, 9a-12n
- Saturday June 14, 9a-12n



MCH Packs and ACE Caps will need to be installed in the first three to four weeks of June; therefore, please make every effort to pick them up in time. If you are unable to pick up your 2025 MCH/ACE Cap order during one of the assigned pick-up times, please contact me directly to arrange a special pick up.

2025 Community Clean Up Days!

We look forward to our community coming together to help clean up Arrowhead! Our first Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 31st, at 9a at the firehouse, and we'll work to about noon. Volunteers will need to sign release waivers for the season before starting work.

We look forward to meeting everyone and appreciate the continued support in keeping our common areas clean and neat! Be prepared to help with: gloves, racks, chainsaws, safety gear, trailers, water and lots of energy! Please contact me directly if have any questions, or contact me through email, text or phone.



Your participation is much needed for our **2025 Community Clean Up Days!!**

- May 31 (Sat. after Memorial Day)
- June 28
- July 26
- August 30
- September 27



Jim Gelsomini, AIA Forest Manager

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Webpage: <https://www.arrowhead1.org/forest-management>



Arrowhead's Online Classified & Market Place



All required AIA Forms are located on our website at www.arrowhead1.org

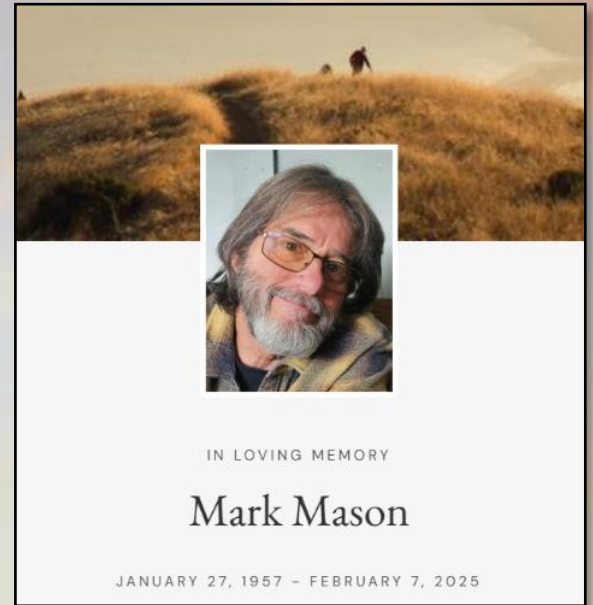


Mark Mason

January 27, 1957 – February 7, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Arrowhead community member, friend and neighbor, Mark Mason. Mark lost his battle against ALS on February 7th, 2025, passing peacefully at home surrounded by his family.

We extend our prayers and sympathies to his wife, Lisa, and all of Mark's family and friends during this very difficult time. 🙏



Mark was born in Englewood NJ to Robert and Marjorie Mason. Mark's family moved to Broomfield CO in 1970. After graduating from Broomfield High in 1975 he enlisted in the Navy where he served on the USS Kitty Hawk as a hull maintenance technician until 1979.

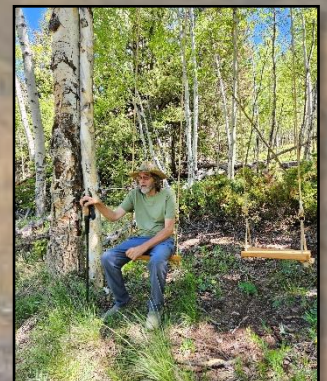
In 1983 he met the love of his life, Lisa; they married in 1985. They shared many adventures, raising a family, living at Lake Powell, purchasing land to camp on, climbing fourteeners to backpacking. His greatest love was his Moto Guzzi motorcycles which he and Lisa rode thousands of miles together on. His love for music showed up at his dance parties with his grandkids, harmonica playing in bands and cigar box guitar playing. He was a skilled craftsman and artist who created beautiful metal pieces, transformed bathrooms through his artistic tile work, and built many creative and functional carpentry designs.



Mark was a man whose handshake was as warm as his smile. More than just an acquaintance, he was a true friend. His loyalty was steadfast, his humor infectious, and his spirit generous. His relationships were built on laughter, shared stories, and unwavering support. He will be deeply missed by his many friends and family who cherish the memories of his kindness and the joy he brought into their lives.

He leaves behind his wife Lisa; daughters Ashleigh (Finn) Ruehrdanz, and Charlotte Mason; son

Benjamin Komloski grandchildren Dempsey, Hollen, Odin, Hugo and Kaytlin; brothers Dave Mason and Tim Mason nieces Michelle (Ryan) Murphy, Renee Mallory; nephew Justin Mason; great nieces Fallon and Trinity, and great nephew Caleb. In lieu of flowers please consider donating to ALS United Rocky Mountain alsrockymountain.org. A memorial service was held at Rundus Funeral Home in Broomfield, CO on March 24th followed by a celebration of life at Windfall Brewing in Westminster.



SAVE THE DATE!

7/5/25

4th of July Picnic!
Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department



Join the Fun at Arrowhead's **BIGGEST**
Celebration of the Year!

More Info Coming Soon!

Welcome
TO THE AVED
Annual Picnic





ARROWHEAD

Volunteers

The **HEART** Of The
 COMMUNITY



Date	Title	Author	Category	Presenter
June 7	The Forgotten Book Shop In Paris	Daisy Wood	Historical Fiction	Kathy Koeltzow
July 12	The Women	Kristin Hannah	Historical Fiction	Zeke Knipps
August 2	The Immigrants Wife	J. B. Harris	Historical Fiction	Sue Kindschy
September 6	Go As A River	Shelley Read	Historical	Carol Wike
October 4	The First Ladies	Marie Benedict Victoria Christopher Murray	Historical	Carla Vavrick
November 1	The Weavers Legacy	Olive Collins	The American West	Sally Burrichter

Questions: Contact Sue Kindschy at smkindschy@gmail.com

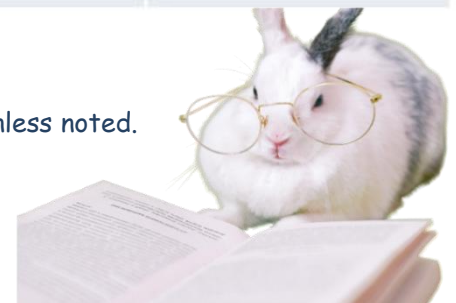
Meetings: First Saturday of the month at 11:30a at the Arrowhead Mountain Lodge unless noted.

Everyone is welcome!

- *July postponed a week due to the 4th of July holiday
- November will be held at Camp Robber, Montrose - 11:30am

Read, read, read through the end of May!

Share what you would like us to read next year!!



Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department (AVFD)



Arrowhead
Fire Protection District



SIGN UP

Alert Email Notifications

To get the latest information and updates from the Arrowhead Fire Protection District, click on the **AFPD website** and/or their **Facebook page**

Be the neighbor
who **saves** a neighbor.
VOLUNTEER TODAY!

<https://afpd.colorado.gov/>

**What if you reported a medical
or fire emergency and no one
answered the call?**

**AVFD IS AN ALL VOLUNTEER
SERVICE**

**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
FREE TRAINING**



Recruiting for all positions:

- **Firefighters**
- Medical First Responders
- Dispatchers

Training Days:

- **Fire – 3rd Tuesday of month**
- Medical – 2nd Tuesday of month
- Time – 10:00AM – 1:00PM
- Location – Firehouse

Equipment Checks and PM

- Every Tuesday @ 9:00AM
- **Great time to visit the firehouse
and see what we do!**

AVFD NEEDS YOU!

Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department (AVFD)

AVFD has a NEW WEBSITE!

<https://afpd.colorado.gov/>



NEW

Fire Danger Warning: Moderate Rating - [Get the details.](#)

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Arrowhead Fire Protection District

The Arrowhead Fire Protection District, located in Gunnison County, Colorado, provides essential fire protection, emergency response, and community safety services.

Fire Danger: Moderate



The Arrowhead Fire Protection District currently reports a fire danger warning status of "Moderate." While conditions allow for some outdoor activities, residents should exercise caution and adhere to all fire safety guidelines. Please remain vigilant, as even moderate conditions can pose risks in dry or windy environments.

In Case of Emergency



In case of an emergency requiring police, fire, or medical assistance, please call 911 directly for immediate help. Do not call the firehouse, as emergency response teams are dispatched through the 911 system to ensure the fastest response. Remember, 911 is the quickest way to reach the help you need in an urgent situation.

Support our Department



By supporting the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department you will be doing your part to provide emergency and non-emergency services to protect the lives and property of your neighbors in the Arrowhead Community. Donations to our 501 c(3) Arrowhead Fire Auxiliary organization means that all donations are tax deductible.

Latest News and Notices

JANUARY 21, 2025

[AVFD MCH Pickup and Placement Service](#)

If you would like the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department to pick up and install your MCH packs, please fill out and mail the form below. If you wish to drop off the form in person, please contact the firehouse directly at (970) 862-8330.

JANUARY 13, 2025

[A CALL FOR NOMINATIONS \(NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF\) Arrowhead Fire Protection District](#)

\$1-13.5-501, 1-13.5-1102(3), 32-1-905(2), C.R.S.TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, and, particularly, to the electors of the Arrowhead Fire Protection District of Gunnison County, Colorado.

OCTOBER 17, 2024

[2025 Notice of Proposed Budget](#)

Notice is hereby given that a proposed budget has been submitted to the Board of Directors of the Arrowhead Fire Protection District for the ensuing year 2025.

[View All](#)

Fire Chief Jennifer Bonner

The Arrowhead Fire Protection District (AFPD) serves the community of Gunnison County, Colorado, with a commitment to safety, fire prevention, and emergency response. Leading the district is Fire Chief Jennifer Bonner, who brings a wealth of experience and dedication to protecting residents and their property. Chief Bonner can be reached at afpdchief2023@gmail.com for any inquiries or assistance related to fire protection services.

About the Arrowhead Fire Protection District

The Arrowhead Fire Protection District (AFPD) serves the Cimarron, Colorado community with dedicated fire, medical, and rescue services. With a strong volunteer force, AFPD is committed to emergency response, public safety, and community education on fire prevention. The district provides evacuation procedures and critical alerts, ensuring residents are prepared for emergencies.



Events

Jan - May 2025	
28 JAN, TUE	9am AVFD - Equipment PMs Firehouse 5pm Pot Luck Dinner for Everyone Arrowhead...
4 FEB, TUE	9am AVFD - Equipment PMs Firehouse 5pm Pot Luck Dinner for Everyone Arrowhead...
11 FEB, TUE	9am AVFD - Equipment PMs Firehouse 10am AVFD Medical Training Arrowhead Fire ... 5pm Pot Luck Dinner for Everyone Arrowhead...
18 FEB, TUE	9am AVFD Fire Fighter Training Arrowhead F... 9am AVFD - Equipment PMs Firehouse

Stay Informed

Take a moment to provide your information so you can receive emergency notifications and important community alerts from the Arrowhead Fire Protection District (AFPD) and Volunteer Fire Department (AVFD). Note: If you haven't received our AFPD notifications, please check your spam or junk folder.

[Get AFPD Email Notifications](#)

Emergency Alert System

Gunnison Regional Alerts is used to communicate important public safety information, such as evacuations, wildfires, flooding, and other emergency notifications. Anyone living in Gunnison County or the Gunnison Dispatch area can



The information posted in this AIA Smoke Signal publication and the AIA website (arrowhead1.org), is intended to provide general knowledge that may be of interest to Arrowhead Homeowners and its members to the community. The Arrowhead Improvements Association, Inc. (the AIA HOA), does not warrant the accuracy to this particular page(s) and webpage(s) that is provided by the Arrowhead Fire Protection District (the AFPD); and the AIA is not responsible for the reliability, correctness or any other aspect of the content provided. The AIA HOA disclaims any liability whatsoever in connection with the information that appears on this page(s) or webpage(s) and is not its author. AIA HOA is not responsible for, and does not undertake any duty to provide owners with, up to date fire restriction information. Please contact AFPD for the most current information.

5 SAFETY TIPS FOR OPERATING CHAINSAWS



Know Your Saw

Understand the saw safety features, especially the kickback protection and chain catcher.



Protect Yourself

Before using a chainsaw, wear protective gear.

- Safety goggles
- Safety Boots
- Gloves
- Hearing protection



Perform a Start-up Inspection

Check the chain lubrication, chain brake, and inertia functions before using a chainsaw.



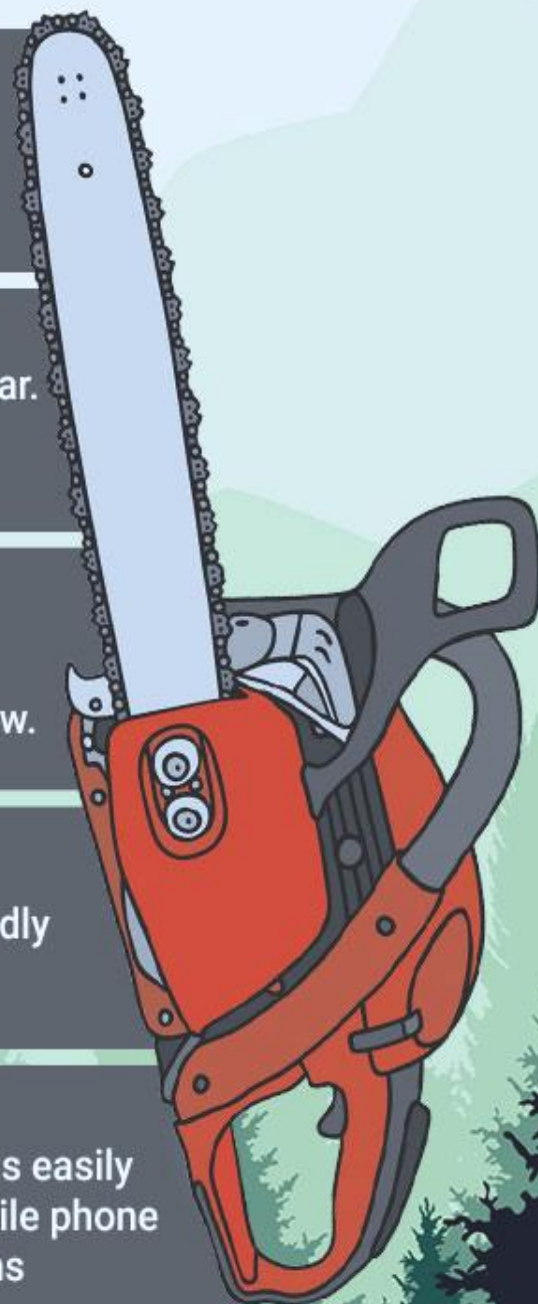
Plan an Escape Route

In case a tree you are working on unexpectedly shifts or rolls; be ready with an escape plan.



Bring a First Aid Kit

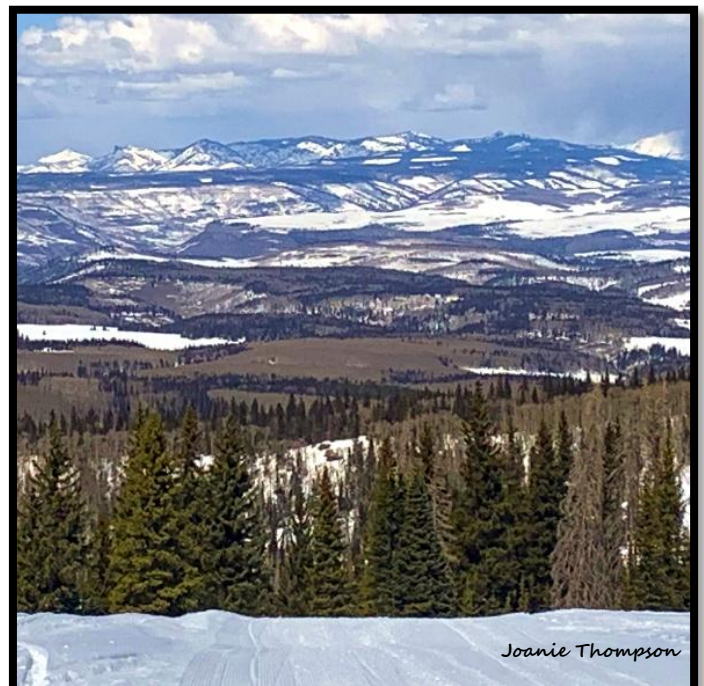
Always carry a first aid kit and make sure it is easily accessible. Also, don't forget to carry a mobile phone so you can call for help if something happens



Share your Photos!

***We are truly blessed to experience Arrowhead Life Above 9100'
and want to share the beauty with our neighbors!***

*Did you capture an amazing wildlife, landscape, or friends/family/community photo on our mountain?
Email your photos to: **communications.aia@gmail.com**, and we'll publish them here to share!
Credit will be given to the photographers, of course! Thank you to Dani Sedler, Joanie Thompson, and
Forest Oliver for sharing their amazing photos in this edition!*



Snow Report

ARROWHEAD

119"
as of 3/17/25

24-25 Arrowhead Snow Report As of 3/17/25

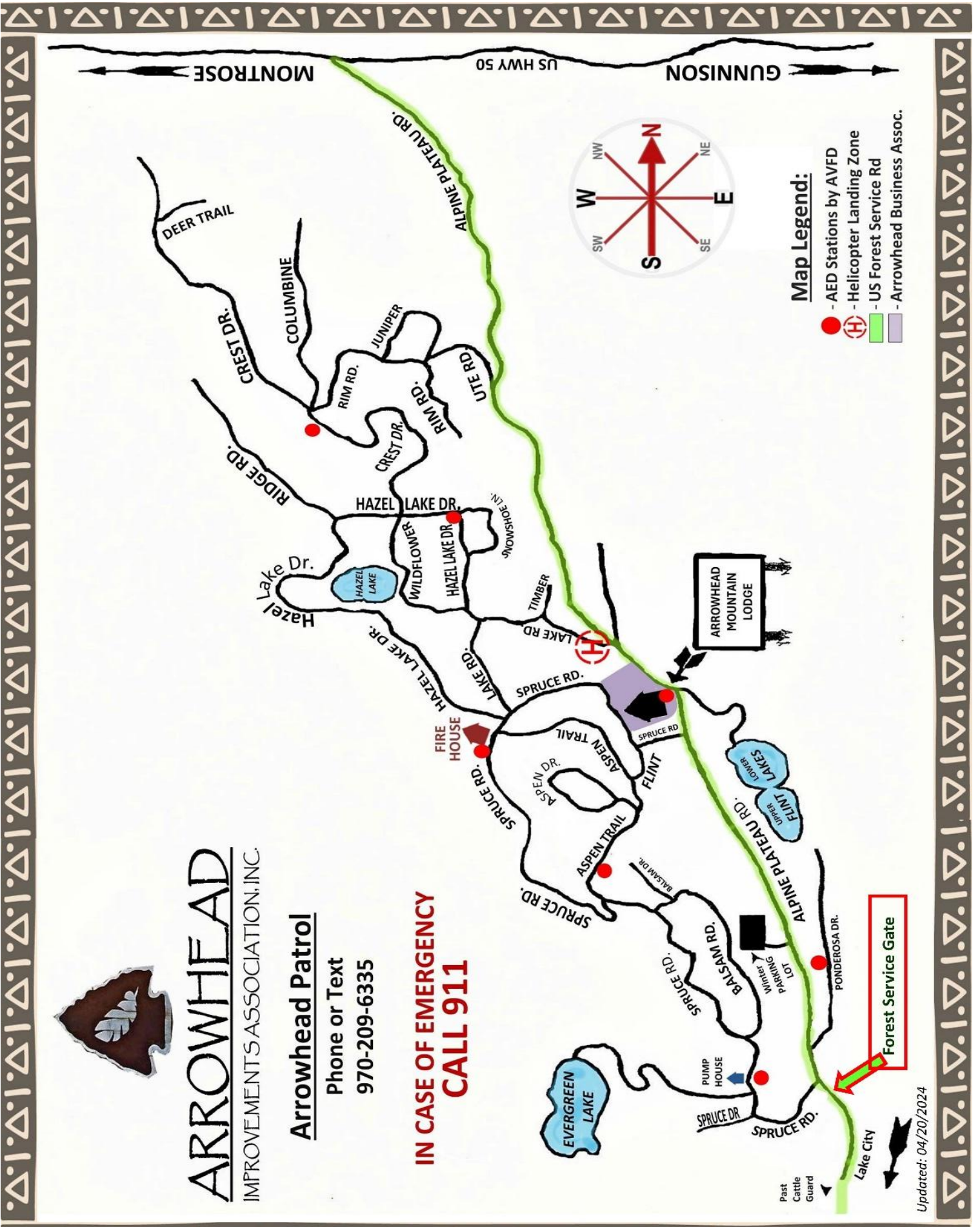
Total Snow	144 1/2	204 1/2	164 1/2	181 3/4	176 3/4	218	148	119				
Season	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25				
Monthly Amount									Average by Month	+/- Average	Percent of average	
Averages												
October	12 1/2	9	28 1/2	10	12 1/2	3	10	2	12	October	-10	16%
November	13 1/2	14 1/2	21	19	6	28 1/2	5	37 1/2	15 1/2	November	22	244%
December	25	22	24 1/2	29	41	33	24	12	28 1/2	December	-16 1/2	42%
January	30 1/2	21 1/2	15	13	13	40 1/2	32 1/2	20 1/2	23 1/2	January	-3	86%
Februray	30 1/2	31	21 1/2	42	33 1/2	33	30	29	31 1/2	Februray	-2 1/2	92%
March	19	47 1/2	27 1/2	40	21	59 1/2	41 1/2	18	36 1/2	March	-18 1/2	49%
April	27	12 1/2	8 1/2	6	15 1/2	9 1/2	41 1/2	0	17	April	-17	0%
May	0	20 1/2	9	4 1/2	4	0	0	0	5 1/2	May	-5 1/2	0%
Cumulative Amount EOM												
October	15	9	28 1/2	10	12 1/2	3	10	2	12 1/2	October	-10 1/2	16%
November	19 1/2	27 1/2	21	29	25	31 1/2	15	39 1/2	24	November	15 1/2	164%
December	64	56 1/2	74	72	66	75 1/2	39	51 1/2	64	December	-12 1/2	81%
January	56 1/2	87 1/2	95 1/2	85	79	116	71 1/2	72	84 1/2	January	-12 1/2	85%
Februray	104 1/2	124 1/2	95 1/2	127	106	149	101 1/2	101	113 1/2	Februray	-12 1/2	89%
March	129 1/2	172	123	167	127	208 1/2	143	119	153	March	-34	78%
April	144 1/2	184 1/2	155 1/2	173	142 1/2	218	148	119	166 1/2	April	-47 1/2	71%
May	144 1/2	204 1/2	164 1/2	182	177	218	148	119	177	May	-58	67%



SNOW
APRIL SHOWERS
Bring
MAY FLOWERS
JUNE



Visit our AIA website, www.arrowhead1.org to get the latest up-to-date Area Forecast, Cams & Conditions AND Snow Reports.



Updated: 04/20/2024



AIA Property Owner Information

Important Phone Numbers

- Emergency Fire and Medical - call **911 (Gunnison)**
- Arrowhead Patrol - call or text (970) 209-6335
- Arrowhead Firehouse - (970) 862-8330
- Arrowhead Ranch Water Company - Office 970-249-6197 (Emergency 970-209-2104)
- Gunnison County Electric Association - 970-641-3520 (including reporting power outages)
- Nucla-Naturita Telephone and Internet - Arrowhead: 970-862-9101 or Primary: 970-864-7335

Steps to Take Before You Alter Your Property

- Please Read the Covenants and Regulations: www.arrowhead1.org/governing-documents-regulations
- To put in a driveway, Contact the Design Review Manager to apply for a permit.
- If you are installing utilities you MUST contact the Design Review.
- Before you build, read the [Design Review Guidelines](http://www.arrowhead1.org/design-review) and call the Design Review Manager to schedule a driveway walk-in and apply for required permits: www.arrowhead1.org/design-review
- Before you cut trees, contact the AIA Forest Manager: www.arrowhead1.org/forest-management



All Arrowhead in Gunnison Country owners, their guest and residents, are encouraged to read our "Living in Arrowhead" publication. This publication is a handy reference guide designed to provide information about the community and nearby amenities. Please note, this booklet does NOT take the place of the Arrowhead Covenants, Regulations or any other official AIA governing documents. You can find this booklet on our website at www.arrowhead1.org

AIA Patrol:

CALL 970-209-6335

Email:

arrowheadpatrol@gmail.com



Patrol is your friend and neighbors! Our agents handle so many details for the owners in Arrowhead. Here's just a few:

- Firepit Approval (annual inspection required)
- Issue stickers and visitor passes that are REQUIRED for all vehicles using AIA filing roads. • Issue Fishing Passes for Flint Lakes, as REQUIRED.
- Neighbor Concerns • Regulation Information
- Inspect and tag driveways for winter months.

Design Review Committee:

DRC Manager:

Joanie Thompson

jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com



All property changes and/or exterior improvements MUST be sent to the Design Review Committee (DRC). There are procedures that must be followed per our Regulations. Failure to do so could result in \$500 fines. Some projects require a permit and some are just approved and updated in our files. Contact the Design Review Committee before starting ANY project. Visit the webpage: www.arrowhead1.org/design-review

Forestry:

Are you wanting to take out a few trees? You can only remove any tree on your property that is dead. All other trees over 2 inches in diameter at 4'6" above ground, must have approval from our Forest Mgr. Removal of live trees without a permit could result in a \$500 fine, per tree. The Forest Mgr. will also answer questions on mitigation and tree health. He can also help you identify for removal, trees that are a danger to existing or planned structures and parking areas. www.arrowhead1.org/forest-management



Forest Manager:

Arrowheadforestmanager@gmail.com

Forest Refuse Site:

Located: Left side of the Alpine Plateau Rd, 1/4 mile south of Upper Spruce Rd...before the cattle guard. Contact Forest Manager for further information. This site is ONLY for forest mitigation materials.



- NO STUMPS!
- NO CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS of any kind are allowed!

Trash Compactor: located in the Winter Parking Lot on the East end of the equipment building.

- Household trash only: **NO Cardboard!!** Do not leave bags of trash outside compactor. Be sure to fasten both locks due to BEARS!

- Visit webpage to read: **IMPORTANT: RULES FOR THE USE OF THE TRASH COMPACTOR:** www.arrowhead1.org/maintenance-improvements

Offsite Landfill and Recycling options are available in Montrose and Gunnison counties.



Other things to remember... www.arrowhead1.org

Arrowhead (AIA) Filing Roads Speed Limit is 20mph ALL YEAR round!

During the Winter months, the filing roads in Arrowhead are CLOSED to all vehicular traffic except for snowmobiles and other tracked vehicles.



Emergency Address Signs: The reflective signs with your property address are on the right side of the driveway to assist emergency access for the **Arrowhead Fire Protection District (AFPD)** and should not be moved, removed or altered!!



Lakes & Fishing: There are three (3) lakes available to AIA property owners and their guests: Flint Lakes, Evergreen Lake and Hazel Lake. Fishing is available at Flint Lakes and at Evergreen Lake only. The AIA, through its' board of directors, regulates stocking of the Lower Flint Lakes and has set a catch limit of three (3) fish per person per day. **Fishing Passes for Flint Lakes is Required.**



Living with Wildlife: Feeding wildlife can be dangerous, if not illegal! To find more information about the wildlife in our neighborhood and fishing at our local lakes, please refer to the current Living in Arrowhead Booklet that can be found on our website at www.arrowhead1.org



Pets must be leashed or kept under owner control AT ALL TIMES!! Please DO NOT bag their droppings and leave them alongside a road or trail. If you do bag the dropping, take it with you.



Renting Your Property: Owners are responsible and accountable for their guests' noncompliance to the regulations. Renters must be given information about our community.



RV Campers & Visitors: as a property owner, you can camp all summer! One (1) guest RV can stay for 14 days each calendar month. If you plan to have more than the one guest RV, you must contact the Board of Directors for an exception.



Volunteering: Our community depends on volunteers for almost everything. Please look at the website for ways to get involved at www.arrowhead1.org



We are so happy to WELCOME you to the mountain. We hope that you will help us keep Arrowhead the beautiful community it has been for the last 40+ years.



You can find additional information on our AIA website at www.arrowhead1.org

To stay digitally connected to our community for important updates:

- Visit our Facebook page: [f Arrowhead Improvements Association](https://www.facebook.com/ArrowheadImprovementsAssociation) - AIA
- Join our Blast Email Listing

And Most Importantly . . .

Get to know your neighbors--they are a wealth of information!!