

February/March '25

# SMOKE SIGNALS



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ARROWHEAD IMPROVEMENTS ASSOCIATION  
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The deadline for news articles is the 20th of the month before the next bi-monthly issue. Please email news articles to **Stacey Paznokas** at [aiasmokesignals@gmail.com](mailto:aiasmokesignals@gmail.com). All letters or articles need to include your name and a daytime phone number. All articles must be approved by the editors for publication or as space permits.

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**Business Manager-- Margaret Henry**



## 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:

March 15

May 17

July 19

\*August 16 - Annual Owners Mtg.

September 20

November 08

### Location:

Arrowhead Mountain Lodge

Arrowhead Firehouse

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**\*2025 Annual Owners Meeting will follow the Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> 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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# AIA Business Office

*A note from AIA Office Manager, Margaret Henry:*

## Dues increase reminder:

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

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

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

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

- If you are signed up for "recurring payments" (autopay), the quarterly or monthly amount will automatically be adjusted 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.



## 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.

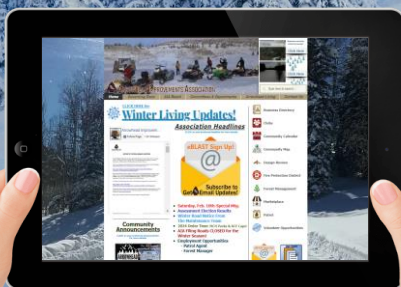


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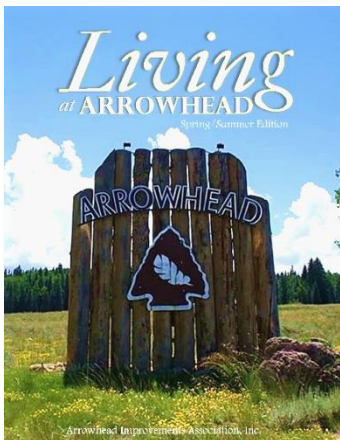
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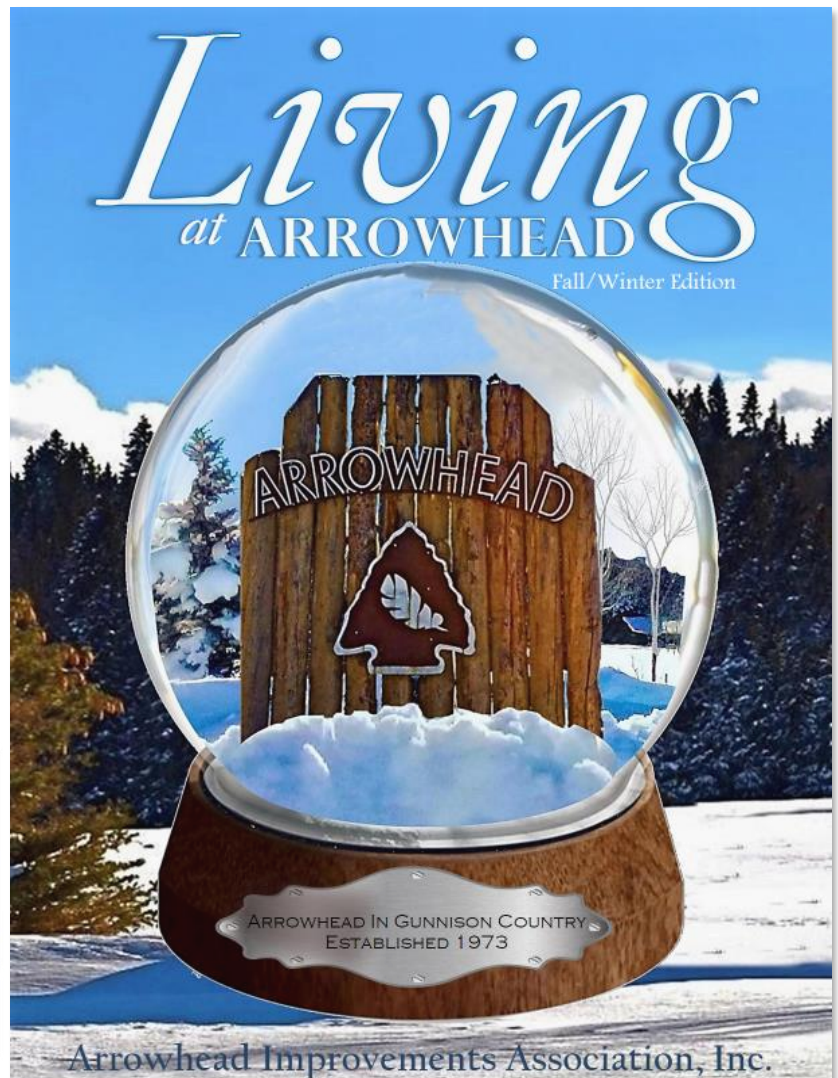
## Hey Arrowhead...

Everyone is encouraged to read our **Fall & Winter Living in Arrowhead Booklet**. To learn more about our beautiful community and everything it has to offer, **CLICK HERE** or visit our website at [www.arrowhead1.org](http://www.arrowhead1.org) and CHECK IT OUT!!



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## DETERMINATION & APPOINTMENT OF 2025 BOARD LIAISONS & RESPONSIBILITIES:

Board members were assigned as liaisons for the listed programs, committees and responsibilities:

- a. Design Review Committee – Deb Hoven
- b. Election Committee – Rosanna Harris
- c. Communications – Rachel Grasmick
- d. Forest Management – Dennis Roberts
- e. Patrol – Brad Fowler/Warren Gore
- f. Weed Control – Dennis Roberts
- g. Horse Corrals – Warren Gore
- h. Real Estate – Rosanna Harris
- i. Lakes & Fish – Dennis Roberts
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## *Thank You for your Service!*



**Lowell Kindschy**



**Keith Dalton**

*Thank you to out-going AIA Board members Lowell Kindschy and Keith Dalton for their many years of dedication, leadership, and hard work in meeting the needs of our Association. They always went above and beyond. Thank you for your volunteerism, commitment and being valued members to our Arrowhead Community!!*





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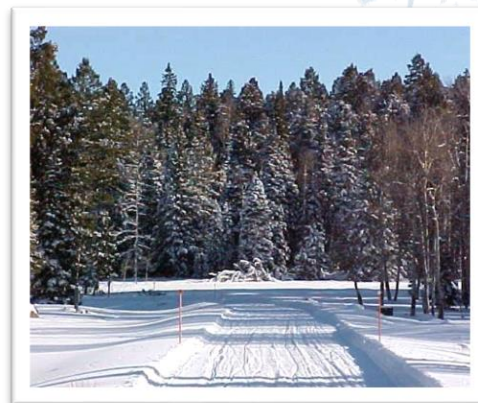


# Message from Patrol

Can you believe we just ended another year and now it is 2025. I hope everyone had a great and healthy 2024 and Christmas. May your New Year be even a better year for all in 2025.



This year the month of October was a dry month with almost no snow, but by the middle of November every ten days we got about 8"-12" of snow. Roads got closed before Thanksgiving. After New Years, there was enough snow to start placing snow stakes. Some areas are still a little shallow and some stakes may fall or winds will knock them down. Because of this, I am asking the public to help Patrol keep the stakes up. So, if you pass any stakes down, would you please try to reset them? Or, if you find a lot of stakes down, please give Patrol a call (970-209-6335) with a location of where the problem is and we will follow up. Thank you in advance for your help!!



We have cleared the parking lot once this season and things went quite smoothly. We ask owners to remove their vehicles before the morning of clearing. It saves Patrol a lot of phone calls at the last moment. There is usually an E-Mail Blast sent out a week or more before clearing. We will generally clear between Tuesday – Thursday and start by 9 A.M. If you are not able to move your vehicle, PLEASE get a friend to move it for you. Patrol gets over loaded during this time and it makes it difficult for them to help you.



[CLICK TO PRINT OR DOWNLOAD Winter Parking Lot Information](#)

Patrol has three full time employees with one part timer during the winter. Jim Gelsomini, Steve Henderson and Shawn Cooper are the full-timers with James Darnell being our part timer in the winter. I am the Lead (Leonard Wasilewski) and fill in wherever it is necessary. I would like to thank them for stepping up and helping our team.

If you are interested in becoming a Patrol member, AIA will accept applications in the event we fall short of help. For more information, visit the AIA website and/or contact Leonard Wasilewski, Lead Patrol or Brad Fowler, our AIA Board Patrol liaison.



**Leonard Wasilewski, Lead Patrol**

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Now that the **FILING ROADS** are **CLOSED** for the winter season, the Arrowhead Improvements Association wants to remind all owners, residents, and their guest, to please stay on ALL GROOMED filing roads and marked snowmobile trails within the Association's subdivision. "Boondocking," "shortcutting" and/or "widening" of the filing roads are all considered off trail riding, which is a violation of \*AIA Regulations and a criminal trespass under state law. Off trail riding that results in property damage carries higher penalties.

\*AIA Regulations - Article 7, section 2, subsections (E) & (F) and Colorado Revised Statutes - Criminal Code, section 18-4-504.



# Forestry Message

## Order MCH Packs and ACE Caps NOW through March 15<sup>th</sup>!

We offer two (2) ways to place your MCH Packs and ACE Caps orders. All information can be found on [AIA's website](#), or by clicking on the [Forest Management webpage](#):

### ORDER OPTIONS:

1. **ONLINE Order Form:** You can complete and submit directly to the business office. This method gives you the option of sending a check within two weeks, or requesting an invoice which can be paid electronically.
2. **Print Form** (Download): Print, complete, and mail with your check. If you don't have a printer, please put the order information from the form on a separate piece of paper and submit with your check.

### All checks are to be addressed & mailed to:

Arrowhead Improvements Association  
PO Box 68  
Cimarron, CO 81220

**In the MEMO SECTION of your check, please put "2024 MCH Packs and/or ACE CAPS."**

Need help with MCH pack pick-up and placement?

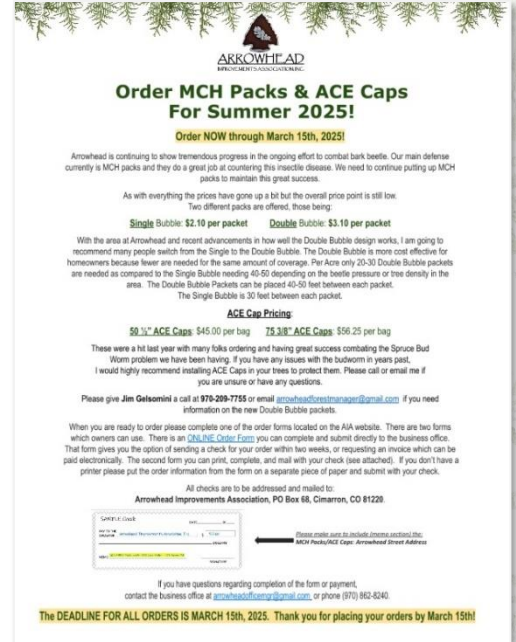
**Click to Request MCH Pack Pick-up & Placement by AVFD**

Questions regarding **what to order?**

Email Jim Gelsomini at [arrowheadforestmanager@gmail.com](mailto:arrowheadforestmanager@gmail.com)

Questions regarding **completion of the form or payment?**

Email Margaret Henry at the business office: [arrowheadofficemgr@gmail.com](mailto:arrowheadofficemgr@gmail.com)



**CLICK to Read & Print Details**

### MCH Pack Pricing:

Single Bubble MCH Packs: \$2.10 per pack

Double Bubble MCH packs: \$3.10 per pack

I would recommend that most folks order Double Bubble MCH packs again this year, these are much more cost effective as you can spread them out further and use less packs per lot.

### ACE Cap Pricing:

50 1/2" ACE Caps: \$45.00 per bag

75 3/8" ACE Caps: \$56.25 per bag

Many folks have had great success using the Ace caps to combat the Spruce Bud Worm problem. If you have any issues with the bud worm in years past, I would highly recommend installing ACE Caps in your trees to protect them.

### Note from Cory Huggard

During this time of year we are all getting excited for the summer months, this summer my Masters project will be calling. Over the past few years being forest manager for Arrowhead I have made some great friends and memories, I will miss working with all the wonderful people on the mountain. I am so thankful that Jim has taken over the position as I know he will do great things for the mountain. I am pursuing the final steps of my degree and moving forward towards my federal career, this is bittersweet as I have enjoyed my time working at Arrowhead and seeing the joys of this work. I will be up from time to time visiting my parents and I will always be a volunteer in the community, so I look forward to seeing many of you folks around when I am up! Congratulations to Jim for taking this wonderful opportunity to make our community a better place. Thank you to all who have supported me throughout the years and the many friends I have gained on the mountain. I hope to see you this summer!



Cory Huggard  
Former Forest Manager

### 2025 Highlights from New Arrowhead Forest Manager, Jim Gelsomini

I will be working with the Western Region Wildfire Council (WRWC) for community visits, to identify vegetation health, not only trees, and the opportunity to implement a new program WRWC initiated in 2024 Wildfire Ready Home. While similar to mitigation efforts of the past, Wildfire Ready Home employs a broader concept of "Firescaping." Firescaping, is the practice of creating fire-resilient landscapes by reducing fire hazards and supporting wild ecosystems. It involves creating defensible space around homes while fostering a healthier landscape in the soil, water, and air. The goal is to inhibit the spread of fire by increasing open space and cultivating fire-resistant plants. More to come in future Smoke Signals!



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# Maintenance & Improvements

We are well into winter, and January has been a cold one! We have had numerous mornings below 0 degrees. One morning at our cabin we had -18 degrees. Those kinds of temps are not only hard on people and animals, but also our equipment. We have winter diesel, but it still wants to gel. Our guys are having a hard time starting and keeping the equipment going. But they are still keeping the Alpine in great shape. We are trying to keep the Beaver Slide graveled more because it has been Very icy. If you are pulling a trailer up to the mountain, you might want to use chains, they might just Keep you on the road.

By the time you read this article, I hope we have our shop door repaired. For some reason, the big shop door decided to jump off the track and we could not open or close it. It would not have been too bad but, one of our loaders were stuck inside. This has gone on now for about 2 weeks, fortunately we didn't get any large amounts of snow and we had just plowed the parking lot, so we didn't need the loader.



On another note, if you have been in the parking lot lately, you might have noticed a new shed. Dennis Roberts (one of our board members) and his wife had many conversations with UPS and Fed X and convinced them to start delivering packages to the parking lot if we provided a shed. It is so much nicer not having to run down to the highway, just to find that the boxes had been broken into again.

Our dumpster is in fairly good shape, but the weather is doing a job on it also. It does not want to compact early in the morning because of the below 0 temps. We have a heater for the hydraulics, but even the heater doesn't want to work. Thanks for keeping a lot of the foreign objects out of the dumpster. Will, Denny, and our Patrol hasn't gone dumpster diving as much lately.

Now that we are starting to get more snow, the snowplows and groomers are out and about. Please make sure they see you before you try to pass them. We have put SNOW PLOWING signage on the Alpine Plateau Road. We are leaving them up thru the winter because we have been out there every other day. So please be careful.

Have fun out there and enjoy your friends and family. Please slow down and enjoy everything Arrowhead has to offer.



**Brad Fowler**  
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For more information, visit the  
Maintenance & Improvements webpage at:  
<https://www.arrowhead1.org/maintenance-improvements>





# Arrowhead Snowmobile Club (ASC)

## The 11th Annual Arrowhead Poker Run

### When:

Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025  
9:30AM to 4:00PM

### Where:

Arrowhead Mountain Lodge  
21401 Alpine Plateau Rd.  
Cimarron, CO 81220

*Breakfast & beverages available for  
purchase at the Lodge.*

*Costume Contest - Most creative  
"Super Hero"*

### Website:

<https://www.arrowheadsnowmobile.org/>

### Cost:

Pre-Registration: \$30.00 per person  
Day of Event: \$40.00 per person

For more information about the ASC 2025 Poker Run:  
<https://www.arrowheadsnowmobile.org/>

## PRIZES:

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***Second Place!***

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***Third Place!***

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# Come On...

## Join In On The FUN with the ASC !!

Do you like meeting new friends? Hanging with old friends? Riding the groomed trails up-county to play? Cookouts? Pancake Breakfasts? Night Rides? Bonfires? Parties? Poker Runs? Costume Contests? Mechanic? Play in the snow? Having fun? If you said "Yes" to any of these questions we are the club for you!!!



The **only** way we can keep our groomed trails up-country, is to have an active snowmobile club. We have lots of fun things in the making for this season, so DON'T miss out!!

**Our Meetings are the second Saturday of each month. We meet at the Arrowhead Mountain Lodge at 10am unless there is a need for us to change.**

**Our major fundraiser, the 11th Annual Arrowhead POKER RUN, is scheduled for Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>!**

### Highlights:

#### ✓ **Poker Run**

A fun leisure ride on our groomed snowmobile trails with 5 stops where you receive a stamp on your registration then trade for 5 playing cards after your ride. Each stop also includes a bonus game that the whole family can participate for a chance to win additional prizes!

Click to learn more: <https://www.arrowheadsnowmobile.org/>

#### ✓ **Silent Auction**

#### ✓ **Whiskey, Wine, Wildcard Pull**

- \$40 donation entitles participants to a pull for a bottle of whiskey
- \$20 donation will allow a bottle of wine or a wildcard pull.



ASC welcomes donations of items, services, or favorite adult beverages. To support the cause, contact **Gretchen Gore at 970-250-6197** or **Deb Hoven at 303-475-8404** for donation arrangements.

Click and save this link as it will take you to the [Arrowhead Snowmobile Website](https://www.arrowheadsnowmobile.org/).



The more members we have, the more fun it is!! Even if you are not an avid snowmobiler, your support is critical to our club and everyone can enjoy a nice easy ride up the Alpine on the groomed trails.

Please [click here](https://www.arrowheadsnowmobile.org/) to join the Colorado Snowmobile Association. You have to join the Colorado Snowmobile Association first. From there, you can join the Arrowhead Club. We are District 7. You can join as a business, family or individual.

***We hope to meet new members and see our snowmobile friends and family at the Poker Run and on the trails soon!***



# Design Review Message

While the building season is on hold under a blanket of snow, our **first meeting in 2025 is fast approaching and scheduled for March 10th. We will meet at the Arrowhead Mountain Lodge at 9am.**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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  
Cimarron CO 81220**

- Send **all building plans with the Plot Plan and Construction Agreement** to [jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.**  
[jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com](mailto:jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com)



## 2025 DRC Meeting Dates

- ❖ March 10th
- ❖ April 14<sup>th</sup> (Email Only)
- ❖ May 12th
- ❖ June 9th
- ❖ July 14th
- ❖ August 11th
- ❖ September 8<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ 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.**





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](mailto:smkindschy@gmail.com)

We meet the first Saturday of the month unless noted. Join us at the Arrowhead Mountain Lodge at 11:30 a.m. All welcome!

➤ \*July postponed a week due to the 4th of July holiday

➤ November will be held at Camp Robber, Montrose - 11:30am

January through May read, read, read and share what you would like us to read next year!!





**25<sup>TH</sup>**  
ANNUAL

# SNOWSHOE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Benefiting Arrowhead Fire Protection District



**SATURDAY, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**11a – 1p**

**AVFD FIREHOUSE**

**\$10/person**

**PRIZES FOR  
THE TOP  
3 GOLFERS!**

## 25TH ANNUAL SNOWSHOE GOLF

WHEN: MARCH 15TH

TIME: 11:00 TO 1:00

WHERE: THE AVFD FIREHOUSE

COME JOIN THE FUN! WE WILL HAVE  
4 HOLES FOR YOU TO SHOW OFF  
YOUR GOLFING SKILLS.

AFTER YOU PLAY COME INSIDE FOR OUR  
CHILI COOK OFF. OR JUST COME, ENJOY  
AND VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE CHILI!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING YOUR  
AWARD WINNING CHILI FOR THE  
COOK OFF PLEASE SEND A TEXT TO  
303-913-9763

THERE WILL BE PRIZES FOR THE TOP 3  
CHILIS

ALL THIS FOR \$10.00 A PERSON, THIS  
INCLUDES YOUR ROUND OF GOLF &  
CHILI!! ALL PROCEEDS GO TO AVFD



**PRIZES FOR  
THE TOP  
3 CHILIS!**



**TEXT 303-913-9763  
TO COMPETE!**



# Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department (AVFD)

## AVFD has a NEW WEBSITE!

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



NEW

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

[Accessibility Statement](#) [Select Language](#)

Arrowhead Fire Protection District

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A wide-angle landscape photograph showing a dense forest of evergreen trees in the foreground, with rolling hills and distant mountains under a clear blue sky.

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](mailto: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 Arrowhe...	
4 FEB. TUE	9am	AVFD - Equipment PMs Firehouse	
	5pm	Pot Luck Dinner for Everyone Arrowhe...	
11 FEB. TUE	9am	AVFD - Equipment PMs Firehouse	
	10am	AVFD Medical Training Arrowhead Fire ...	
	5pm	Pot Luck Dinner for Everyone Arrowhe...	
18 FEB. TUE	9am	AVFD Fire Fighter Training Arrowhead F...	
	9am	AVFD - Equipment PMs Firehouse	
		GMT -07	

### 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](http://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.





Arrowhead Fire Protection District  
2069 Spruce Road  
Cimarron, CO 81220

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Arrowhead Fire Protection District is seeking candidates to fill two open seats for a four-year term each, to serve on the five-member board of directors on the upcoming district election on May 6, 2025.

Candidate must be a registered voter in the state of Colorado and either:

1. A resident of the District, or
2. The owner (or the spouse or civil union partner of the owner) of taxable real or personal property situated in the District.

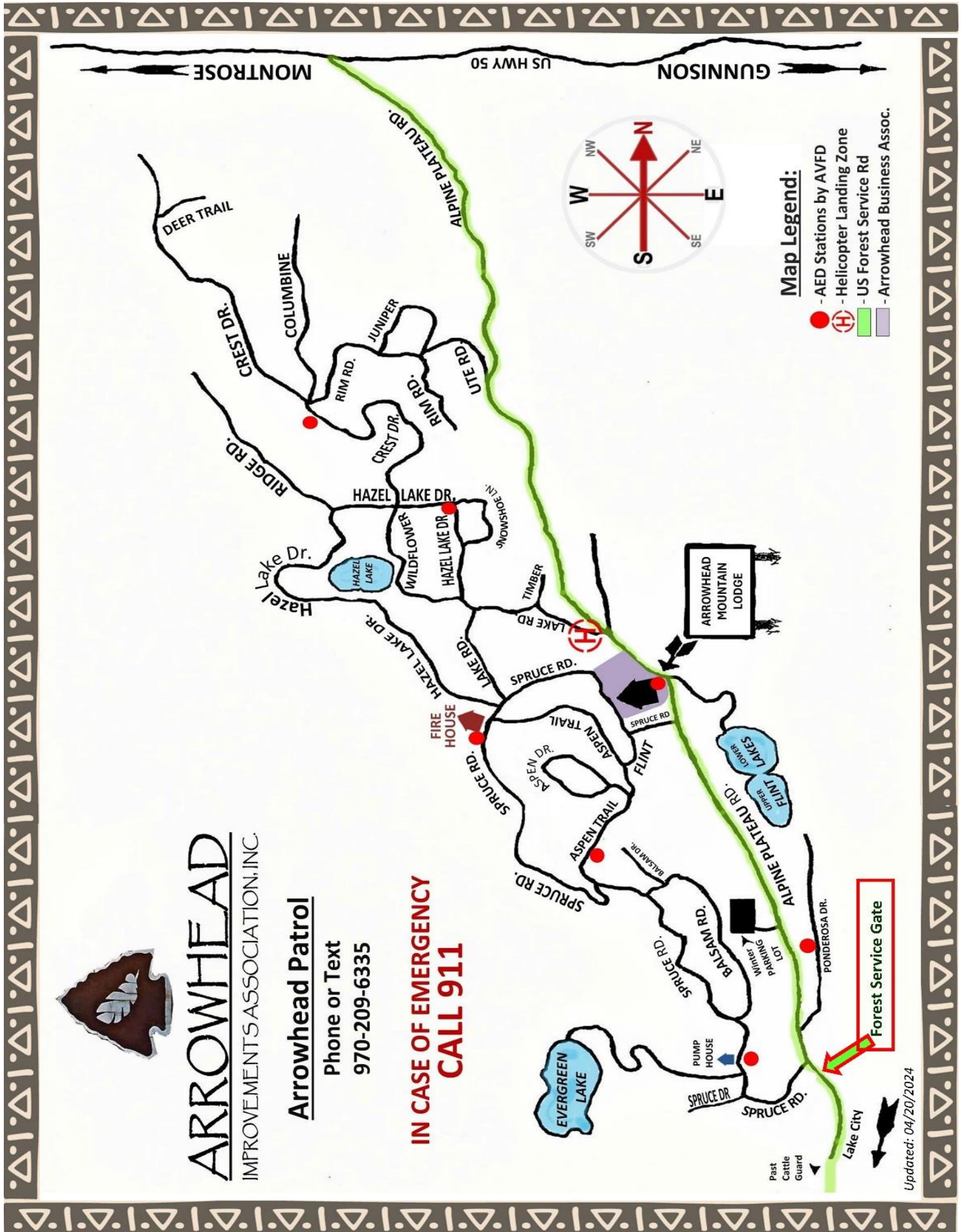
**If interested, please contact Margaret Henry for a self-nomination form.**

**Email:** [mhg558@hotmail.com](mailto:mhg558@hotmail.com)

**Call:** (303) 319-6219

**All self-nomination forms must be returned by February 28th 4:30 pm.**









# 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](http://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](#) and call the Design Review Manager to schedule a driveway walk-in and apply for required permits: [www.arrowhead1.org/design-review](http://www.arrowhead1.org/design-review)
- Before you cut trees, contact the AIA Forest Manager: [www.arrowhead1.org/forest-management](http://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](http://www.arrowhead1.org)

### AIA Patrol:

CALL 970-209-6335



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.

Email:  
[arrowheadpatrol@gmail.com](mailto:arrowheadpatrol@gmail.com)

### Design Review Committee:



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](http://www.arrowhead1.org/design-review)

### DRC Manager:

Joanie Thompson  
[jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com](mailto:jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com)

### 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](http://www.arrowhead1.org/forest-management)

### Forest Manager:

[Arrowheadforestmanager@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.arrowhead1.org/maintenance-improvements)

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



## Other things to remember... [www.arrowhead1.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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!!**




# Snow Report

ARROWHEAD

72"

## Arrowhead Snow Report Data Entry as of 1/29/25

Jan			20.5	72			
DATE MEASURED	TIME MEASURED	TEMP.(F)	AMOUNT (Inches)	TOTAL for season (Inches)	BASE DEPTH (Inches on ground)	CONDITIONS	LOCATION
1/4/2025	5:00 PM	31	2		29	snowing	821 Balsam Dr
1/5/2025	9:00 AM	18	3		32	Sunny	821 Balsam Dr
1/7/2025	9:00 AM	17	0.5		31	snowing	821 Balsam Dr
1/7/2025	5:00 PM	17	1		32	Overcast	821 Balsam Dr
1/11/2025	8:00 AM	20	2		33	snowing	821 Balsam Dr
1/12/2025	8:00 AM	1	4		37	Clear	821 Balsam Dr
1/18/2025	5:00 PM	6	7		39	Calm	821 Balsam Dr
1/20/2025	8:00 AM	2	1		37	Snowing Lightly	821 Balsam Dr



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Visit our AIA website, [www.arrowhead1.org](http://www.arrowhead1.org) to get the latest up-to-date Area Forecast, Cams & Conditions AND Snow Reports.