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Welcome to Arrowhead in Gunnison Country

Arrowhead has welcomed homeowners, campers and recreational users alike since its beginnings in 1973.

This booklet is designed to give property owners information about the community and nearby amenities. It is designed to be a handy reference. Please note that this booklet is not intended to take the place of the Arrowhead Covenants, Regulations or any other official governing documents.

All of the **governing documents** can be found on the **Arrowhead website** along with additional information for your use. Go to the website at www.arrowhead1.org and click on the Governing Documents tab. In addition**, Smoke Signals**, the official newsletter of the Arrowhead Improvements Association is published 6-times a year and can only be accessed on the **Arrowhead website**. For instant information you can always check out our **Arrowhead in Colorado (AIA) Facebook** page: https://www.facebook.com/ArrowheadinColorado.AIA/

For up to the minute notices and urgent messages, sign up for the Email Blast Listing by sending your email address and Arrowhead physical address to arrowheadblast@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS as of August 2018

(Please keep these numbers handy. Should these phone numbers change, please refer to the AIA website for any changes: www.arrowhead1.org)

Emergency Fire and Medical	**Call 911 (Gunnison)**
Arrowhead Patrol	**(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 Company	**(970) 864-7335**
Arrowhead Improvements Association office P. O. Box 83, Gunnison, CO 81230	**(970) 642-4232**

*For additional updated contact information, visit our **Who to Contact** webpage at: http://arrowhead1.org/pages/contact.html*

THINGS TO DO IN ARROWHEAD

You may want to spend your time in Arrowhead relaxing in a hammock under the trees or sitting on your porch enjoying nature and all the critters *(more on the wildlife, later)*. There are lots of other things to do in Arrowhead, too. Just check the Calendar on the Arrowhead website for dates and times of certain meetings and events.

Here are just a few community things happening that Arrowhead owners participate in:

- Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department
- Potluck suppers at the Firehouse
- Locals Night at the Arrowhead Mountain Lodge
- Annual July Picnic on the Firehouse grounds
- ATV rides
- Fishing at nearby ponds, lakes and rivers
- Helping with Arrowhead's summertime Clean Up Days
- Winter activities provide lots of winter fun.
- Arrowhead Improvements Association Board of Directors meetings
- Book Club, Snowmobile Club and Bible Study groups
- Exercise group at the firehouse

POTLUCK SUPPERS AT THE FIREHOUSE

Held weekly on Tuesdays, Potluck suppers are a favorite with Arrowhead owners. The potluck meal begins at 6:00 PM with a Happy Hour starting at 5:00 PM, featuring bring-your-own-bottle and appetizers. Following the meal, many owners stay for cards and/or Dominoes. Occasionally there is a special potluck which can include dishes with a particular theme such as Italian, German, Mexican and so forth.

LOCALS' NIGHT AT THE ARROWHEAD MOUNTAIN LODGE

Arrowhead owners and their guests particularly enjoy Thursday Night Community Dinners at the Lodge where the regular menu includes a special meal and dessert for all diners. It's a weekly opportunity to get together for camaraderie and fun. Reservations may be required; check with the Lodge: 970-862-8206

ANNUAL JULY PICNIC

Usually held on the 1st Saturday in July, at the Firehouse picnic area and surrounding grounds, this annual funfest generally features games and relay races for children, artisan and crafts booths, silent auction items, hamburgers, brats and hotdog meals, a giant yard sale and more. The proceeds go to the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary.

BICYCLE AND ATV RIDING

Summers are especially fun with an All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) or a bicycle spent cruising around the Arrowhead filing roads stopping occasionally to visit with friends and neighbors.

Some folks love heading up the Alpine Road, where there are numerous marked trails for exploring and enjoying the beauty that surrounds us. Whatever your mode of transportation in and around Arrowhead, please follow all recommended safety precautions and be sure to practice common road etiquette.

FISHING

Fishing is available at Flint Lakes and at Evergreen Lake for Arrowhead property owners and their guests. The Arrowhead Improvements Association, through its' board of directors, regulates stocking of the Lower Flint Lakes and has set a catch limit of **three** fish per person per day. The Upper Flint Lakes is catch and release only.

Please obey all posted signs at the lakes.

Fish cleaning is not allowed at lake sites because the fish guts attract bears. Also, for the same reason, do not throw sucker fish back into the lake (where those little suckers will continue to breed) or leave them on the banks. Pack them out when you leave and dispose of them properly.

Notice: the lower Flint Lake can be reached by ATV (recommended) or 4WD passenger vehicle. No vehicle traffic is allowed at the upper Flint Lake: foot traffic only. The road to Evergreen Lake is extremely steep and should not be attempted except by 4WD vehicles.

No boating or watercraft; including, kayaks and paddle boards. No ice fishing

While there are many nearby streams and rivers for fishing outside the boundaries of Arrowhead, the Flint Lakes are the only ones that are regularly stocked with trout. The Flint Lakes are located on private property and Arrowhead owners and their guests are allowed to fish there by acquiring a seasonal fishing permit from the Arrowhead Patrol. You do not need a Colorado Fishing License to fish at the Flint Lakes, but you will need one for most other fishing in the state.

CLEAN-UP DAYS

Clean-up Days are regularly scheduled during the summer and many Arrowhead owners pitch in to help clean up the common areas and along the roadsides. The winter months can be brutal on trees in these areas and while the AIA removes fallen trees from the roads, those trees and the resulting slash litter the roadsides. Volunteers on clean-up days cut up these downed trees so that they can either be gathered for firewood or be hauled away. Rotted trees, slash and other similar debris are hauled away to the No Stump Dump. Frequently, trees growing alongside the roads need to have limbs trimmed up so they do not impede automobiles or snowmobiles. Volunteers are needed to help with these and other tidying up projects throughout the community. Three hours of work on a Saturday morning is a great way to meet your neighbors. For more information, just visit our **Forest Management webpage at**:
http://arrowhead1.org/pages/forest_management.html

WINTER FUN

Winter is beautiful in Arrowhead and though many people like to snuggle up with a good book, a cozy fire and a soothing cup of hot chocolate there are lots of other snowy activities in which to enjoy this winter wonderland. Snowmobile Club rides, Christmas Dinner at the Lodge, Parade of Lights, snowshoe golf, cross country skiing and moonlight snowmobile rides ending with brats and hot dog roasting around a high-country campfire are just a few winter activities for you to enjoy.

ARROWHEAD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

The Board of Directors for the Arrowhead Improvements Association meet on a regularly scheduled basis and these meetings are open to all Arrowhead owners. Come learn what is going on in the community and keep abreast of local concerns and issues. The schedule of board meetings is posted on the Arrowhead website at www.arrowhead1.org.

BOOK CLUB, SNOWMOBILE CLUB and BIBLE STUDIES

Join one of our popular clubs or start one of your own. Any owner may join and/or participate in any of these clubs. Information about these clubs can be found on the Arrowhead website.

EXERCISE GROUP

Participate in an hour of stretching and some easy yoga. This is a drop-in class held at the Fire House on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9:00 AM.

LIVING WITH THE CRITTERS

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. 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!

Photo by Lisa Ditmore

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 or open your coat 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.*

LIFE AT ARROWHEAD

ARROWHEAD PATROL

Patrol personnel regularly patrol the roads in Arrowhead both summer and winter. They are knowledgeable about Arrowhead and will gladly answer questions you might have. Suspicious activities should be reported to Patrol. However, accidents or crimes should be reported directly to the Gunnison County authorities by **calling 911**.

There are two Sign-In boxes for residents and guests to use when arriving in Arrowhead. One Sign-In box is located at the intersection of Alpine Plateau Road and Ute Drive. The other box is located at the intersection of Alpine Plateau Road and Lake Drive *(where the large Arrowhead sign is located).* Both boxes are open during the Spring & Fall.

It is requested that owners sign in when arriving on the mountain. If you are a full time resident or are on the mountain for an extended summer stay, it is requested that you sign out whenever leaving the mountain for more than one night. Patrol will use the sign-in/out information in their rounds, as well as provide the information to the Arrowhead Fire Department for use in any evacuation activity.

VEHICLES

Property owners are required to have Arrowhead Owner stickers on their automobiles, snowmobiles, RVs, horse trailers, UTVs and ATVs. Stickers should be placed in the corner of the windshield on cars and trucks, on the front cowling of off-road vehicles and near the hitch of trailers. Guests must have passes displayed on their vehicles as well. Vehicle stickers and Guest passes are FREE and may be obtained from Patrol. If you sell or trade your vehicles, remove your sticker prior to the transfer of ownership.

Drivers of motorized vehicles under the age of 10 may not operate any vehicle on Arrowhead property. If drivers are older than 10, they may drive only if they are within the direct line of sight of a licensed driver who is acting as a supervisor or if they possess a valid driver's license.

All drivers must obey the posted speed limit (20 mph) while operating <u>any vehicle</u> on the filing roads, year-round!

Be sure your motorized recreational vehicles are also registered with the Colorado Division of Parks and Wildlife and that you carry your registration with you when you are riding. You could be fined if your machine is not registered or if you don't have your registration in your vehicle. The Division of Parks' Rangers patrol at Arrowhead quite often.

GUESTS

Guests are welcome at Arrowhead. Please remember that the guests on your property, whether accompanied by you or not, are required to adhere to all Arrowhead <u>Rules and Regulations</u>.

If you are expecting guests when you are away from your property, let your nearby neighbors and Patrol know that these folks have your permission to be there. Give your guests a list of phone numbers in case of questions or emergencies. On page-21 is a guest information form you can fill out and leave on your refrigerator for any guests visiting your house when you are not there. If your guests will be camping on your lot, it is also a good idea to email them the completed guest information form ahead of their arrival. Remember that an outdoor fire pit cannot be used by owners or guests unless authorized by Patrol.

As a courtesy to your neighbors, give them your phone number so they can contact you in case there are problems.

WINTER PARKING

During the winter months, the filing roads in Arrowhead are closed to all vehicular traffic except for snowmobiles and other tracked vehicles. There is a winter parking lot on the Alpine Plateau Road for owners and their guests. It is located near the trash dumpster and the equipment building and you must have a numbered yellow Arrowhead sticker on your motor vehicles, trailers, snowmobiles, ATVs and UTVs in order to use this parking lot. Each property owner is allowed two (2) non-paid spaces in the parking lot.

Patrol monitors the parking lot every day and unauthorized vehicles may be towed at owner's expense.

There is a phone in the warming hut located in the southwest corner of the parking lot. The phone is for local or 911 calls only.

The main parking lot is frequently plowed during the winter season and all vehicles in this area must be moved during the plowing. For this reason, do not leave a vehicle in the main parking lot for an extended period of time that cannot be moved if the lot needs to be plowed. Instead, leave a spare key with Patrol or a neighbor so that your vehicle may be moved out of the way of snowplows if necessary.

Paid spaces will be provided for open or enclosed trailers. Enclosed trailers will park in the designated West side. Snow removal is not provided to this area, thus these trailers will not be

required to move when the lot is plowed. Open trailers will park on the North/West corner of the main parking lot. Spaces are available for a fee of $50 per space. Contact Patrol to secure a long-term trailer space.

Vehicles with diesel engines have priority for diesel parking spaces. There are now 30 diesel parking spaces. Assignment of these spaces must be reserved and paid for by October 1. After October 1, if space is available, assignments will be made on a first come basis. The fee* is $265 for the season, $25 a week or $20 for the weekend. Contact Patrol to reserve a space and pay your fee. **Note: this fee is subject to change. Contact Patrol for current rates.*

Snowmobiles will be parked on the elevated West side area of the parking lot. Short-term parking of snowmobiles and UTVs will be allowed for a maximum of three (3) nights in the main area of the parking lot. Chaining multiple snowmobiles together in the vehicle parking is not allowed.

Guest parking will be provided on a limited basis. Two (2) guest passes will be provided to each lot owner and are available from Patrol personnel. Guest passes are to be placed on the dash board of guest vehicles. Property Owners are responsible for their guests.

Weekend vehicles with trailers are to park in the first row south of the diesel parking. The vehicle and trailer both must have an AIA numbered sticker or Guest Pass. No parking will be allowed on the East side of the parking lot. The snowplow must have clear access through this area to dispose of snow during routine grooming and to provide emergency access.

Vehicles, snowmobiles and trailers may not be parked in the parking lot before the second Saturday of October and must be removed from the parking lot no later than May 31st each year (per our Gunnison County Land Use permit). All vehicles, trailers, snowmobiles, ATVs and UTVs left in the parking lot after May 31st may be impounded and charged a $100 fee, unless other arrangements have been made. Vehicles remaining past 90 days in the impound area will be removed at owner's expense.

When leaving the lot on a snowmobile, please stay on marked trails and observe traffic rules.

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY TIPS *(recommended by the Colorado Snowmobile Association and Arrowhead first responders)*

1. NEVER travel alone.
2. Tell someone your destination, route and when you plan to return. Check in with that person when you return.
3. Do not drink and drive.
4. Slow down, especially at night.
5. Keep to the right when trail riding.
6. Watch for skiers, people on snowshoes, dogsleds and wild animals.
7. Use caution when crossing lakes and streams.
8. Dress appropriately and wear a helmet.
9. NEVER pull people on a rope behind a snowmobile; serious injuries have occurred.
10. Respect private property.
11. Be familiar with your snowmobile; carry extra spark plugs, drive belt, tool kit, shovel and a tow rope.

12. Carry a survival kit with map, compass, flashlight, extra food, water and clothing, sunglasses, first aid kit, pocket knife, whistle, waterproof matches, candles or other fire starters, space blanket, mirror for signaling, folding saw, two large trash bags that could be used for ponchos, and two-way radio or hand held C.B.
13. Watch for trail grooming equipment.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

There is a maintained Nordic ski track behind the Lodge for property owners and their guests. Please DO NOT snowmobile on the track. Residents and guests must comply with signs and barriers around the groomed track. Arrowhead roads are also good areas for skate skiing as well as classic skiing. Watch for road grooming equipment and snowmobiles and step off the road to allow these vehicles to pass.

ROAD SAFETY

Speed limits on Arrowhead roads are 20 mph and 25 mph on the Alpine Plateau Road. These speed limits are for your safety as well as that of your neighbors and the wildlife and for dust control. Please use caution and observe the speed limits. Watch out for road maintenance equipment, other vehicles, ATVs, snowmobiles, pedestrians and pets. As a courtesy, please reduce your speed when approaching pedestrians, particularly when the roads are especially dusty.

Winter conditions often dictate the need for reduced speed. Even though the Alpine is plowed, it may well be slick. Chains or 4WD are recommended during snow conditions. It is the responsibility of the driver going DOWN the Alpine to yield to vehicles coming UP the Alpine if the road is too narrow for both vehicles to pass.

Snowmobiles MUST stay on the marked snowmobile trails and groomed filing roads. The trails are marked with non-flexible poles and they will break if hit. Please do not go onto private property or common ground. Do not snowmobile on the Alpine Road from the parking lot to Highway 50. **It is unsafe.**

Residents and guests must provide their own transportation to and from the winter parking lot and their cabins. No shuttle service is provided by the AIA.

Phone boxes for emergency use are located in the warming hut at the winter parking lot, on the deck of the Arrowhead Mountain Lodge, and at the phone box about half way up the Alpine. These phones can be used for outgoing local calls, 911 emergency, credit card calls and 1-800 calls.

SAFETY TIPS FOR ATV RIDERS *(Presented in part by ATV Safety Institute)*

Tread lightly! Riding behavior that harms the land is self-defeating and irresponsible. Please learn to protect and preserve your riding areas.

1. Travel only where motorized vehicles are permitted. For safety, children should be accompanied by an adult. *(see AIA regulations: "Drivers of motorized vehicles under the age of 10 may not operate any vehicle on Arrowhead property. If drivers are older than 10, they may drive if they possess a valid driver's license or be in the direct line of sight of a licensed driver who is acting as a supervisor."*
2. Respect the rights of hikers, horseback riders, cyclists, campers and others to enjoy their activities undisturbed. Spare them your dust. Remember, even if you are going the speed limit of 20 mph, you may still be creating huge clouds of dust that will envelope pedestrians and other ATV riders.
3. Educate yourself by obtaining travel maps and regulations from public agencies. Comply with signs and barriers and do not ride on private property.
4. Avoid streams, ponds, lakeshores, meadows, muddy roads and trails and steep hillsides. They are easily scarred by spinning wheels.
5. Drive (ride) responsibly to protect the environment and preserve opportunities to enjoy your vehicle on wild areas. Avoid running over young trees, shrubs, wildflowers and grasses.
6. Be courteous when you meet others on the road. Pull to the side and yield to horseback riders or hikers. It is best to shut off the engine whenever you are near horses – a panicked horse is a danger to you and its rider.
7. Stay away from wild animals. Avoid livestock moving up the Alpine Road. You should yield to them.
8. Obey gate closures and regulatory signs.
9. Please carry out everything you carry in and help pick up refuse left by others.
10. Supplies to carry on your ATV might include water, food, two-way radio, CB radio, two trash bags to be used as ponchos, extra jacket, compass, map of area, whistle, space blanket and first aid kit. *Do not count on your cell phone while in the mountains; cell service can be spotty, at best.*
11. Observe road speed limit of 20 mph on Arrowhead roads and 25 mph on the Alpine.

PETS

Pets must be restrained by a leash or accompanied by the owner and under the owner's control at all times. Under no conditions should household pets be permitted to run at large off the owner's property. There have been incidents of unleashed dogs chasing baby deer and literally running them to death. As a courtesy to your neighbors, please clean up after your pets when walking them along the filing roads or on common land *(including the winter parking lot).* Do not allow your dog to bark unnecessarily; it disturbs the peace of your neighborhood and frightens away the wildlife.

HORSE CORRALS

Contract Patrol at 970-209-6335 to check on availability of corral space. Corrals are available on a first-come-first-served basis. Owners must first complete and sign the Boarding Facility Use Agreement *(available on the Arrowhead website www.Arrowhead1.org)* before their horses may be placed in a corral. Horseback riding along Arrowhead roads is permitted and there are trails on adjacent public land. Maintaining horses on owners' sites is NOT permitted.

Design Review Committee (DRC)

A few tips from the Design Review Committee on getting projects started.

1. Before submitting your plans, you need to be very familiar with the AIA regulations pertaining to your project.
2. Forms required for submitting plans can be found on the AIA website on the **Design Review webpage**: http://arrowhead1.org/pages/designreview.html
    a. Construction Agreement
    b. Plot Plan
3. Your plans need to be submitted to the Design Review Manager at least one week prior to the next Design Review Meeting. Please see scheduled meeting dates.
4. If you choose to submit your plans electronically, please send them in a PDF format.
5. All plans must include dimension numbers including the plot plan.
6. The DRC requires samples of the siding materials, colors, roofing color/materials and descriptions of all other finishes and colors to be utilized on the exterior of your building.
7. Construction signs need to follow sign regulation. Painting address on trees is not allowed.
8. If changes to original plans need to be made, please keep in mind that those changes need to be presented to the DRC for approval.

The Design Review Committee looks forward to working with all owners in getting their projects started and staying on track.

HOME AND CAMPING SAFETY

Outdoor fire pits:

1. Must be built to proper specifications. Guidelines are available from Patrol.
2. Must be inspected by Patrol upon completion and before usage by owner or guests.
3. Must have a permit renewed annually by Patrol.
4. Please follow Fire Restrictions that are posted throughout Arrowhead, on the AIA website and the Arrowhead Facebook page.
5. Water must be available when a fire is lit.

Fireplaces and wood burning stoves:

1. Dispose of ashes in a metal container. NEVER put ashes in the dumpster or in the forest.
2. Do not vacuum ashes out of a fireplace or stove.
3. Inspect your chimney annually.
4. Chimney fires can be extremely dangerous. Keep chimney fire extinguishers (Chimfex) handy in case of a chimney fire. *(Ask your AVFD Representative for product information.)*

Detectors in your home:

1. Install the proper number of smoke detectors and check them regularly.
2. Install a carbon monoxide detector. Fireplaces and stoves can produce the odorless, lethal gas.
3. Each household should have no less than three fire extinguishers. They should remain properly charged. If low, they can be recharged at Superior Alarm & Fire Protection in Montrose or Western Slope & Safety in Gunnison.

OBNOXIOUS NOXIOUS WEEDS

Noxious weeds are aggressive, spread rapidly, resist control and reproduce at an alarming rate. They are non-native and have invaded our environment and will dominate and crowd out native species. Noxious weeds deplete nitrogen from the soil, suffocate our native plants, rob plants of water and deplete food for our wildlife and change the entire ecosystem. Wind, water, horses, wildlife, vehicles, pets and clothing – all spread noxious weed seeds.

The 1996 "Colorado Noxious Weed Act" states that each property owner is responsible for managing noxious weeds on their property.

Noxious weeds identified in Arrowhead

- Canadian Thistle – compact purple flowers, 1-5 ft. tall, stems branched at top, spiny leaves
- Musk Thistle – large compact purple flowers, 2-6 ft. tall, solitary flower on stem, spiny leaves
- Oxeye Daisy – white ray petals, yellow disk (center), 10-24" tall, wavy-edged leaves
- Scentless Chamomile Daisy – white ray petals, yellow center, fern-like leaves, 6-30" tall
- Common Mullein – stalk of yellow flowers, soft fuzzy leaves, 2-5 ft. tall
- Yellow Toadflax or "Butter & Eggs" – looks like small yellow snap dragons
- Common Burdock – numerous purple/white bur-like flowers, bushy leafy plant, 2-6 ft. tall
- Dame's Rocket – cluster of purple flowers with 4 petals, long leaves, 4 inches to 3 ft. tall
- Spotted Knapweed – pinkish purple blooms similar to thistles, dark spots on bracts, 1-3 ft. tall

Canadian-Thistle

Musk-Thistle

Oxeye Daisy

Common Mullein

Yellow Toadflax

Do not try to pull up or dig out a noxious weed. It is almost impossible to completely dig out the root of a noxious weed. Herbicides are the most effective method to control noxious weeds. In addition to spraying with an herbicide, removing the head of the plant before it blooms helps to reduce the spread of the seeds. Always dispose of noxious seed heads in a double plastic bag and take them to the Montrose or Gunnison Landfill. Do not burn noxious weeds in your fire pit.

DO NOT take them to the Forest Refuse Site for disposal as this will only contribute to spreading the seeds. DO NOT put them in the trash compactor as they can clog up the mechanism resulting in costly repairs to the equipment.
Volunteers are needed each summer to help with spraying the common areas along the filing roads, as this will help to eradicate the noxious weeds in Arrowhead. Please consider helping with this yearly spraying.

AVAILABLE SERVICES

Fuel Service:
Gasoline delivery to residents' tanks for off-road use is available from dealers in both Gunnison and Montrose. Home fuel delivery is not available in winter months due to road closures. Be

sure you prepare for your winter snowmobile gasoline needs ahead of the projected filing road closures. Also, be sure your gasoline provider performs an annual safety check of your tank.

Garbage Service:

There is NO FREE garbage service at Arrowhead. The garbage service is provided to those owners who have paid the monthly $10 fee. Your garbage service should be paid to the AIA with your dues check. The garbage dumpster/compactor is located at the south end of the winter parking lot next to the equipment building. There are landfill areas in Montrose and Gunnison. There are recycling centers in both Montrose (1901 6450 Road) and Gunnison (South 10th and Rio Grande).

When using the trash Compactor, below is a list of items that are NOT ALLOWED to be dispose of:

- Construction Debris & Building Materials
- Cardboard
- Scrap Metal (except food and drink containers)
- Auto Parts & Oil Filters
- Petroleum Waste (gasoline, diesel fuel, oil, hydraulic oil)
- Gas Grills & Propane Bottles
- Paint & Hazardous Waste Materials

This is not intended to be an all-inclusive list so please use some good old common sense

Forest Refuse Site *(formally known as **No Stump Dump**)*

The forest refuse site is provided by the AIA for the use of property owners and their guests. Only natural forest products may be deposited there. No tree stumps, no household materials and no construction materials are allowed. Logs that are suitable for firewood are to be placed in the separate signed area within the Forest Refuse site. The site is located east of the Alpine Road and the road leading to the site is just north of the cattle guard at the south end of the Arrowhead property boundary. The gate should be kept locked at all times and you may get the combination to the lock from the Arrowhead Patrol.

Home Heating

Propane delivery is available from dealers in Montrose and Gunnison. Make sure your propane provider performs an annual safety check. It is important that you make arrangements for your propane home delivery prior to the winter road closures.

Electricity

Electricity is provided by Gunnison County Electric Association (970-641-3520). Power outages should be reported to the above number even if you think someone may have already done so; it helps the electric company know which areas of Arrowhead are affected by the outage.

Phone and Internet Service

The local phone carrier & internet service is available through Nucla-Naturita (970-862-9101). Cell phone service on the mountain is marginal, but many people have found that AT&T cell service works in many areas of Arrowhead and some have had good success by installing an AT&T booster. Ask your nearby neighbors which cell service they use.

Water Service

Water service is provided by Arrowhead Ranch Water Company (970-249-6197). In the event of a broken water pipe or leak, immediately notify Donny Squirrell at 970-209-2104. The water service is for domestic use only. You may not water your lawns. Occasionally, during system maintenance, the water supply becomes cloudy or brown. To clear up your water, run water at your outdoor frost-free tap for a short period of time.

SEPTIC TANK MAINTENANCE

Proper care for your septic tank is very important. Your septic tank and leach field functions through the use of living bacteria. Your septic tank should be treated with bacterial and/or enzymatic solutions on a monthly basis. Several products for your septic system are available at hardware/discount stores.

It may be necessary to have your tank pumped by a professional firm periodically. The frequency of having your tank pumped depend on several circumstances, such as the tank size, amount of usage, the age of the leach field, location of the tank and the makeup of the soil surrounding the leach field. Professionals say tanks may need pumping every five to seven years. Each tank is different.

The effectiveness of a septic system in treating sewage depends on how the homeowner uses and operated the system. Ideas to improve septic system performance include:

1. **Minimize use of water.** Repair leaky faucets and toilets immediately. Shut off water while shaving and brushing your teeth. Hand wash dishes in the basin instead of under running water. Wash only full loads of clothes or adjust load level settings for smaller loads. Take showers instead of tub baths.
2. **Minimize use of antibacterial products.** Do not use "every flush" toilet bowl disinfectants that are placed in the tank or bowl. Use the minimum amount of soap, bleach, or detergent necessary to do the job. Reduce the use of drain cleaners and antibacterial soap.
3. **Avoid putting solid waste matter into your septic system.** Do not flush facial tissues, paper towels or personal hygiene products down the toilet. Use moderate amounts of white toilet tissue (dyes can be difficult for bacteria to break down). Buy toilet tissue brands that are marked as safe for septic tanks. Limit the use of a garbage disposal.

ARROWHEAD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT & ARROWHEAD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

The Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department (AVFD) is prepared and trained to handle fires, medical, and search and rescues. All property owners are welcome and encouraged to become members of the AVFD and may attend all business meetings of the AVFD as well as the Arrowhead Fire Protection District (AFPD).

The Training meetings are designed to keep our emergency response teams well prepared and able to respond to any accident, illness call or fire in the neighborhood. Firefighter training, First

Responder training and regular training involving all volunteers including communications and traffic control is held on a weekly basis.
Training/educational programs are provided throughout the year. Most of the programs are available at no cost to the participant. A few of the programs include fire safety, living with our wild animal neighbors, first aid classes including CPR and other important information designed to keep our community safe and healthy.

You are encouraged to join the AVFD team and there are a multitude of areas in which your help is needed. No prior experience is necessary.

TYPES OF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Contact an AVFD volunteer for information.

First Responders. If you have an interest in joining the first responder teams, contact the fire chief to learn what training and commitment is needed to join.

Volunteer Firefighters. To get information about becoming a Volunteer Firefighter, contact the Fire Chief to request an application and learn about the time commitment, physical skills and training needed.

Community Volunteers. Community volunteers are needed to serve in non-operational support positions. Auxiliary volunteers provide support through various fundraising events and Firefighters support services. For more information, contact an AVFD volunteer.

AVFD Logistics Volunteers. These volunteers provide communication assistance to all the parties involved in emergency services, assist in coordinating support teams and schedule various lifesaving educational sessions.

CALL 911 TO REPORT ANY EMERGENCY.

All medical emergencies, reporting a fire or Search and Rescue situations must go thru 911 and they will contact the AVFD for appropriate action.

MOUNTAIN EVACUATION

If it becomes necessary to evacuate all or a portion of the Arrowhead due to a wildfire or other disaster, property owners will be notified in the following manner:

CODE RED (*formally known as Reverse 911*)

Keeping citizens informed.

The fire department will utilize the emergency phone network available in Gunnison County. All residents with a registered phone number will receive a recorded phone call notifying them of the nature of the need to evacuate, the evacuation route and/or the available safe area where additional information can be obtained. An estimated time frame of the event may also be given.

Please register your phones to be sure you receive the CODE RED calls. IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE. To register your phone number, go to the CODE RED site at https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BF7ED953CC69 . You can register your Arrowhead home phone number or your cell phone. You can also register to receive a text notification.

Door to Door

If it is safe, then Gunnison County Emergency personnel, County Sheriff personnel, Colorado State personnel, Arrowhead Patrol personnel and/or volunteers will go door to door to notify you of the timing and direction of evacuation.
It is important that you always register your arrival and departure dates with the Arrowhead Patrol so you can be notified in emergency situations such as fire evacuations.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO ASSIST IN AN EVACUATION

Please follow Traffic Control Volunteer instructions regarding evacuation routes either to a safe zone or off the mountain. Unnecessary traffic down the Alpine Plateau Road to Hwy 50 could hinder emergency vehicles trying to get to Arrowhead to assist with the emergency.
If there is time before an emergency, a pre-evacuation will be announced. A pre-evacuation is strictly voluntary. This would be a good time to remove your RV, take your pets and personal belongings off the mountain.

Once an evacuation is announced you will NOT be allowed to tow anything behind your vehicle as the evacuation route may be too difficult to tow something and this could put you and others in danger.

ATTENTION

DEVELOPMENT OF A BLAST EMAIL SYSTEM FOR THE ARROWHEAD FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

In order to provide vital information concerning State and County fire safety regulations and possible evacuations to as many of the members of our District as possible as quickly as possible, the Board of the Arrowhead Fire Protection District is establishing a BLAST email system. When vital information concerning emergencies is received, this information will be transmitted to everyone who has given the Fire Protection District permission to use their email address for this BLAST email service.

One question many have asked is, "If I am already receiving the AIA Blast emails, why should I sign up for the Fire Protection District Blast emails?" There are two reasons. First, when owners signed up to receive the AIA Blast emails, it was done with the understanding that their email addresses would not be shared with anyone – including the Arrowhead Fire Protection District. Therefore, the Arrowhead Fire Protection District does not have access to your email address unless you sign up for this service from the Fire Protection District. Second, the AIA isn't the official organization responsible for informing members of the Fire Protection District about fire safety, mandatory evacuations, etc., and the Arrowhead Fire Protection District is the organization responsible for providing this information to owners in the District.

In order to sign up to receive the BLAST email messages from the Arrowhead Fire Protection District, simply send an email to Jim Gelsomini at avfdchief@gmail.com and tell him to add your email address to the Arrowhead Fire Protection BLAST email list. If you would like to receive these notices at more than one email address, include the additional email addresses in your message.

PREPARING FOR AN EMERGENCY EVACUATION

In an emergency situation where there may not be much of a warning period, below are examples of important items to gather when evacuating your home.
Clothing and other personal essentials. Put in plastic bag or tote.

- Clothing prepared for at least 3 days away.
- All medications
- Personal Hygiene items
- Good pair of walking shoes or boots and leather gloves.
- Flashlights with batteries

Folder/binder of important documents stored in a plastic/waterproof bag. *All of these items are very difficult to replace and extremely important to have on hand. Consider keeping these items stored in one easy to reach location in your home or in a safety deposit box at your bank.*

- Social Security card
- Passport
- Birth Certificate
- Marriage Certificate
- Medical Records
- Bank Records and Financial Records
- Insurance papers: Homeowners, Medical and Auto

  Note: you may want to consider making copies of these documents and storing them in a Cloud server.

Electronics and other items. Put in a plastic bag or tote.

- Computer or portable hard drive
- Cell phone and charger. Make sure you have important phone numbers programmed into your phone.
- Cell phone or camera w/charger or extra batteries for taking pictures of any damage.
- It's recommended to keep a battery or hand powered weather radio with you (like Axis or Rover). Not only will these radios charge via hand crank, they also have a USB to charge your other devices and flashlight.

Personal and other significant items. Homes are filled with items that have some kind of personal significance. Put them in a plastic bag or tote.

- Items from childhood
- Family heirlooms and pictures; these items you should have packed away in case an emergency should occur.

Family pets. Prepare some of their items and put in plastic bag or tote.

- Extra food, water, food bowls
- Favorite toys
- Travel crate

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HOW DEFENSIBLE SPACE HELPS PROTECT YOUR HOME OR RV FROM FIRE.

The primary determinant of a home's ability to survive wildfire is its "defensible space." Your house or RV is more likely to withstand a wildfire if grasses, brush, certain trees and other

common forest fuels are removed, reduced or modified to reduce a fire's intensity and provide "room" for the fire fighters to do their jobs.

Without defensible space, the Gunnison Volunteer Fire Department and the Arrowhead Volunteer Fire Department will NOT spend time trying to defend your house. Instead, they will move on to the next defensible house.

Here are things you can do to create defensible space:

1. Ask the Arrowhead Forest Manager to do a Defensible Space Assessment of your house or a Fire Danger Assessment of your lot; including a review of identifying insect and diseased trees that could be a hazard to structures and parking areas. This is a FREE service. To contact our Arrowhead Forest Manager, **CLICK HERE** or visit the Forest Management webpage: http://arrowhead1.org/pages/forest_management.html for more information.
2. A fire defensible space and forest mitigation review that can lead to a plan for doing that work and in some cases assistance in applying for a grant to pay for part of that work. Having good defensible space and forest mitigation can be very helpful when obtaining fire insurance. A certificate of completion can be provided once the work is completed.
3. Recommendations *(not requirements)* will be made to assist you in your efforts. You may not remove live trees over 2" in diameter without prior approval from the Forest Mgr.
4. Remove dead limbs, forest debris and other ground litter. DO NOT stack refuse by the road or on common ground. Take the refuse to the Forest Refuse Site *(formally known as No Stump Dump).*
5. Prune branches from trees to a height of 10 feet above the ground near your buildings.
6. Remove shrubs, small trees or other potential ladder fuels beneath large trees. If left in place, the ladder fuels can carry a ground fire into tree crowns where it is extremely difficult to contain.
7. Thin out continuous tree and brush cover until tree crowns are at least 10' to 12' apart. Occasional clumps of a few trees are all right if more space surrounds them. Aspens are more resistant to ground fires than evergreens.
8. Stack firewood at least 45 feet uphill from your house.
9. Keep grass cut to no more than four inches tall around your house or shed.

On the following pages are forms you may use to provide medical information about yourself in the event first responders are called to your house for a medical emergency. You will also find a form you can leave for guests to your house when you are not there.

In the meantime, enjoy your Arrowhead time with family and friends.

If guests will be using your cabin or campsite while you are away, leave the completed form (on the next page) for them and remind them to check in with Patrol upon arrival.

Note Section:

Welcome to our cabin

If you have not already done so, please check in with Patrol by calling 970-209-6335.

The street address here is: _____

The phone number is: _____

The speed limit in Arrowhead is 20 MPH.

Watch out for wildlife on the roads. Slow down when approaching pedestrians or people on ATVs and try not to engulf them in clouds of your road dust.

Campfires are only allowed in approved fire pits. Keep your campfires small and manageable (no bonfires, please) and be sure to have a bucket of water nearby. Never leave your campfire unattended.

Fireworks are NEVER permitted in Arrowhead.

Please keep noise levels down so as not to disturb our neighbors. Respect the quiet peace of the forest.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency Fire and Medical	Call 911 (Gunnison)
Arrowhead Patrol	(970) 209-6335

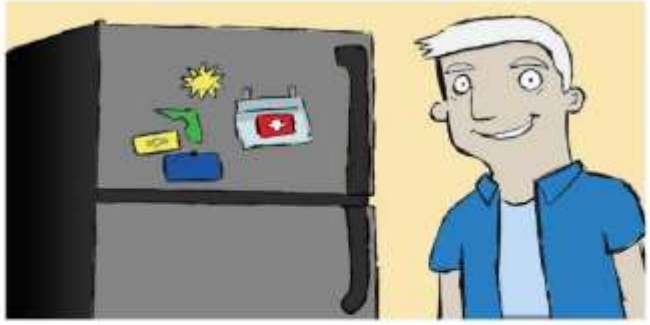
Other information:

MEDICAL INFORMATION FOR FIRST RESPONDERS

How to Set Up Your VIAL OF LIFE Kit:

1. Fill Out the Vial of Life Form

- Fill out the form located on reverse side. Answer all or any pertinent questions. All fields are optional.
- Make blank copies of this form to keep information current or go to VialofLife.com to maintain and store updated information online.



2. Prepare Your Plastic Baggie

- Place one Vial of Life decal on the front of a plastic baggie. Fold filled out form and place in the baggie.
- You may also consider adding the following items: Copy of EKG, DNR (Do Not Resuscitate), Living Will or Equivalent, Recent Picture of Self.

3. Place Baggie on Fridge Door

- Securely tape the plastic baggie to the front of your fridge. Place the baggie at eye level so that first responders can easily find your complete medical information.

4. Place the Second Decal on Your Front Door

- Place the second decal on your front door at eye level. This lets your local first responders know where your medical information is located.

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DATE COMPLETED:

FIRST NAME	INITIAL	LAST NAME	SSN
STREET	CITY	STATE / ZIP	TELEPHONE

DOB	MALE/FEMALE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HAIR COLOR	EYE COLOR	BLOOD TYPE	RELIGION

List Hearing Difficulties

List Vision Difficulties

DENTURES UPPER LOWER

UNABLE TO SPEAK ☐

PRIMARY LANGUAGE (IF NOT ENGLISH)

Identifying Marks

Current Medical Conditions

Past Medical Conditions

Current Medications: Dosage & Frequency

Allergies to Medications

Doctor's Name & Phone Number

Last Hospitalization

Special Instructions (Such as Health Directives, Etc..)

Health Insurance Policy

Emergency Contact - Name, Address, Phone Number, & Relationship

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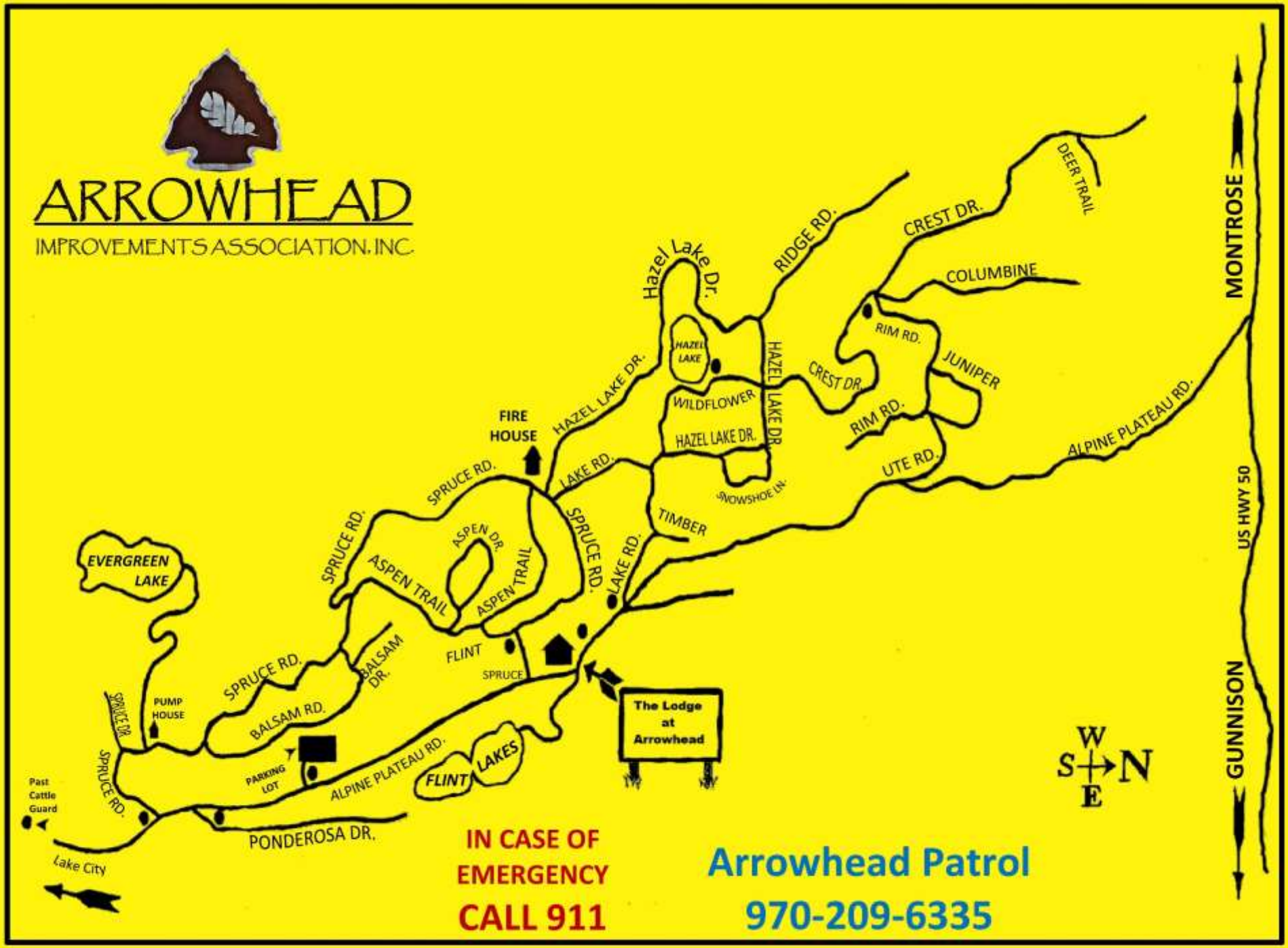

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Arrowhead Patrol

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