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Board of Directors 2026 **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.

Dates:

January 17th

March 21st

May 16th

July 18th

August 15th

(Annual Owners Meeting)

September 19th

November 14th

Location:

Arrowhead Mountain Lodge

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Arrowhead Firehouse

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Please watch for posted agendas to confirm dates, times and locations:

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AIA Business Office

A reminder from AIA Office Manager, Margaret Henry:

Dues assessments have increased again in 2026, because of the January 2024 favorable ballot vote to increase annual dues assessments.

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 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.

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Forestry Message

Please watch for an Arrowhead Blast Email and Facebook posts notifying the community when the Douglas fir bark beetles are swarming. This is when you'll need to have your MCH Packs hung. Traps with lures (Douglas fir and spruce) are placed throughout the community to capture and collect insects. Captured insects as in 2025 will be taken to Gunnison Colorado State Forest Service, then sent to an entomologist on the eastern slope for analysis.

MCH Packs/ACE Caps - Pick Up Days

Please mark your calendar for these important days/times to pick up your MCH Packs and ACE Caps at the East side of the Maintenance Building in the Winter Parking Lot.

Remaining MCH Packs & ACE Caps Pick Up Days:

- Saturday June 6, 9a-12n
- Saturday June 13, 9a-12n
- Saturday June 20, 9a-12n



If you are unable to pick up your MCH/ACE Cap order during one of the assigned pick-up times, please contact me to arrange a special pick up. The AVFD can also help with pick up and placement. [Click here for the link!](#)



2026 Community Clean Up Days!

Thank you to everyone who came out to help with our first Community Clean Up Day! If you weren't able to make it, there are still plenty of Clean Up Days left, and we could use your help in keeping our common areas clean and neat!

We meet at 9a at the firehouse, and work until around noon. Volunteers will need to sign release waivers for the season before starting work. Bring gloves, rakes, chainsaws, safety gear, trailers, water and lots of energy! Please contact me directly if have any questions!

Special Guest Speaker – July BOD Meeting!

Ms. Hannah Cranor-Kersting, Director of the CSU Extension office in Gunnison, will be our special guest speaker at the July 18th Board of Directors meeting. Her presentation will address noxious weeds in Arrowhead, treatments, and treatment intervals throughout the summer season. We'll have an audience Question & Answer session following her presentation.

2026 Arrowhead Forest Information Center

The forest information center is located on the right upon entering the north, Firehouse main door. You'll find new documents and replacement documentation for vegetation, trees, insects, weeds, and a new aspen tree poster with color photos. If you are unable to find a specific document(s), please email the Forest Manager with your request for follow up, Arrowheadforestmanager@gmail.com.

Tree Permits

Tree permits increased from 2025 to 2026, with the significant number of standing dead/dying trees. We have 27 approved tree permits through May 31st. Please contact the Forest Manager (970.209.7755) to request a property review for trees presenting a risk to structures and/or equipment. Thank you to the community for taking care of the landscape!

2026 Arrowhead Tree Felling

Summer of 2026 will include contractors with specialized equipment working in common areas throughout the Community. Please be cautious when driving the filing roads where teams and equipment are present. Thank you!



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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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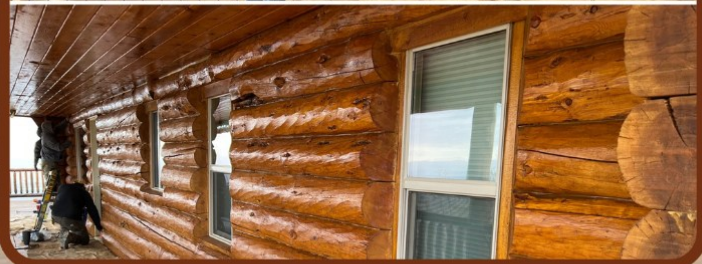
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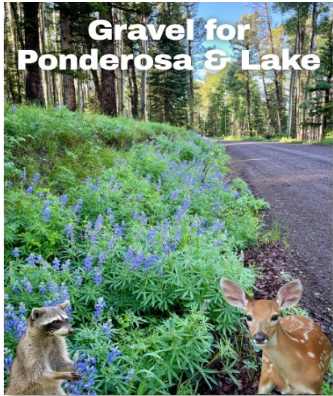


AFTER



Maintenance & Improvements

Spring came early again this year, and as a result, the AIA filing roads are drying out, and the dust is becoming an issue once again. As you know, we created a committee to study dust mitigation last year and they came back with a report. Unfortunately, the costs associated with the mitigation that they proposed was not something that we have in the budget. As a result, we will not have a dust mitigation program this year. Another factor was the availability of water to facilitate the mitigation. As everyone knows, we are in a severe drought situation with the lack of snowfall this winter and this has caused us to conserve water.



On a brighter note, our maintenance crew has been working hard to get the roads in good shape. They have gotten most of the worrisome areas graded. Unfortunately, our grader went down this past week and will need repairs in Grand Junction. We are planning to lease a grader while ours is being repaired. As part of our planned work this summer, we are going to put down 300 tons of gravel on Ponderosa and 400 tons of gravel on Lake. We are not sure of the dates for this, so be on the lookout for an Arrowhead Blast Email informing you of the schedule.

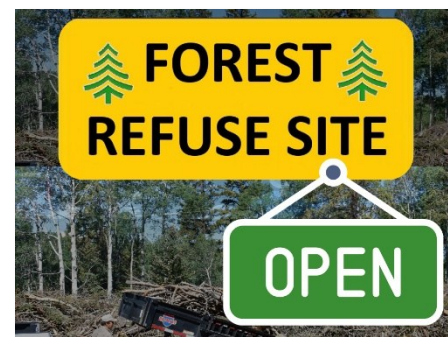
Gunnison County did do grading and gravel work on part of the Alpine last year. We are hopeful that they will work on the remaining stretches of the Alpine this year.

The new grapple attachment for the loader has been installed, and the crew has been and will be helping the forestry team during the summer to remove down trees and dead trees from common areas around the community. Please be on the lookout for the equipment on the AIA filing roads.



The Forest Refuse Site, NO Stump Dump, is now open and ready to receive trees and limbs from your lot clean-up projects. Please follow the Forest Refuse Site rules! For AIA to continue receiving a Burn Permit from the State of Colorado, it is required that everyone follow the guidelines below and as posted at the Forest Refuse Site entrance gate into the Forest Refuse site!!

1. Forest Debris Only
2. NO STUMPS of any size!!
3. Place logs usable for firewood in separate signed area.
4. NO Construction Waste!
5. NO Household Trash!
6. NO Metal!
7. NO Paper Products!



Finally, again this year we will have a couple of dumpsters located in the parking area at the Arrowhead firehouse for community members to dispose of items that are not allowed in the regular household trash dumpster. This will be available right after Fourth of July. Remember that large appliances and tires are not allowed!



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FIBER OPTIC INTERNET UPDATE

Nucla-Naturita Telephone Company (NNTC) is excited to announce the beginning of a major infrastructure upgrade that will bring Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) service to the Arrowhead community. Starting in June 2026, NNTC crews, along with Apeiron Contractors, will begin placing conduit in the ground, beginning on Crest Drive and working outward to the end of Crest. This marks the first phase of our fiber project, which will replace existing copper cable with state-of-the-art fiber optic cable.

Much of the current copper infrastructure in this area is more than 25 years old. By upgrading to fiber optics, NNTC will be able to provide customers with high-speed broadband, improved reliability, greater stability, and faster connections to support today's growing internet needs. Construction is expected to continue throughout the summer and into early fall, weather permitting.

As part of this project, NNTC will install fiber drops to homes at no cost to customers. If you are a property owner in the project area and are not currently receiving service from NNTC, we encourage you to contact our office if you would like a fiber drop placed to your property while construction is underway. Taking advantage of this opportunity now will help ensure your property is ready for future fiber service.

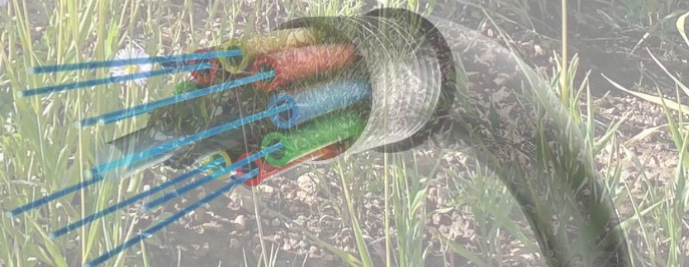
We appreciate the Arrowhead community's patience and support as we work to improve and modernize our network. This investment reflects NNTC's continued commitment to providing reliable, local telecommunications services and bringing the best possible broadband experience to our customers.

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Welcome to another summer season upon us! Spring was a little slow in leaving with cycling of winter and 4" of snow on May 18th. The roads opened on March 16th this year, the earliest ever! Arrowhead Outreach checked driveways for owners so they could bring up their trailers. Also, we bought a new-to-us 2026 Chevy Colorado for the Outreach Team with the Forestry team receiving the much-needed, former Outreach truck!

This Memorial Weekend was very busy with beautiful weather but many speeding issues. **We ask owners and their family members and friends to please be courteous and honor our 20 MPH speed limit on the Arrowhead filing roads.** This seems to be a problem with the young and some of the older folks. **The Alpine Plateau Road is 25 MPH, and please stay on your side of the road!** Outreach receives many complaints from drivers being crowded off the road as well as speeding. **Remember, uphill has right of way.**



The Arrowhead Outreach team is always available to help owners and answer any questions. However, this is a very busy time for us. Please keep in mind, we are a team of four, and there is only one of us on duty at a time. Please try to schedule times for Outreach to meet you and please have patience.

Please contact Arrowhead Outreach (970-209-6335) for:



- **Mandatory, Annual Fire Pit Inspections**
- Issuing "A & B" Owners Stickers
- Updating Owners Data in Computer
- Visitor Passes
- Fishing Permits



Regarding fire pits and defensible space, be sure to get your inspection scheduled, if you haven't yet done so. (970-209-6335)

This year is going to be a very critical year for fire danger.

Please pay attention to the fire levels posted at all Arrowhead entrances, on the Arrowhead Improvements Association Facebook page, and on the Gunnison County website and Facebook page! It's YOUR responsibility to abide by all local fire restrictions. If you're unsure, please call Arrowhead Outreach. Do not leave your fires unattended and no flames are allowed to be over (3) three feet tall. We will be watching for infractions, and fines will be imposed (\$500) if there is a violation. There will be NO warnings.



We'll be stocking Flint Lakes in mid-June prior to the July 4th weekend. Please allow time for the fish to acclimate for a couple of days after each delivery. Also, please respect the owner's private property and follow all information posted on the signage. Remember to park vehicles where allowed.

Wildlife is coming out, including bears, you should bring in any bird or dog food at night. Also, it is fawning season, and a doe will do her best to protect her fawn with any animal that threatens her fawn especially the family dog. (If a doe approaches you, turn around and leave while watching the doe to make sure it isn't following you). Please be careful, stay alert, and keep your pet leashed. For additional information see the [Spring/Summer Living in Arrowhead online booklet](#) on the [AIA Website](#). It's the beginning of tick season, so take precautions for you and your pets. The last thing you want to come down with is tick fever and /or Lyme's disease. It can have long lasting side effects.

Everyone, have a safe and fun summer season this year!



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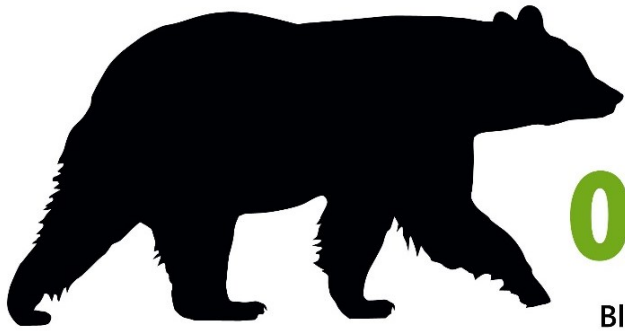
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BearWise Outdoor Safety Tips

Black bears are seldom aggressive and rarely injure people. Follow these BearWise tips to avoid encounters.

Camping



- Keep a clean camp.
- Don't burn food scraps or trash in your fire ring or grill.
- **Do not store food, trash, clothes worn when cooking, or toiletries in your tent.** Store in approved bear-resistant containers OR out of sight in a locked vehicle OR suspended at least 10 feet above the ground and 10 feet from any part of the tree. *Local storage regulations vary.*
- Cook downwind and as far from your tent as possible.
- Set up backcountry camps away from dense cover and natural food sources.



Precautions for Cycling, Jogging

If you travel quickly or quietly, you can easily surprise bears. **Stay alert;** music and phones are distracting. Be aware of your surroundings; make noise periodically.

Hiking, Walking



- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Try not to hike alone.
- Keep kids within sight and close by.
- Make noise periodically so bears in the area can avoid you.
- **Keep dogs leashed at all times, or leave them at home.** Don't force a bear to defend itself.
- Double bag your food and pack out all food and trash. *Leaving scraps, wrappers or "harmless" items like apple cores teaches bears to associate trails and campsites with food.*

Fishing, Hunting



- You are more likely to encounter bears when moving quietly and traveling early and late day when bears are most active.
- Follow tips for hiking and camping safely.
- Know that carcasses, gut piles, and bait may attract bears.
- If a bear beats you to your catch or kill, don't try to reclaim it; leave the area when it is safe to do so.



Carry Bear Spray & Know How To Use It

Keep bear spray accessible; it's proven to be the easiest and most effective way to deter a bear that threatens you. It doesn't work like bug repellent, so **never** spray your tent, campsite or belongings.

If You Encounter a Black Bear

- **If you see a bear before it notices you,** don't approach. Stand still, enjoy the moment, then quietly move away.
- **If a bear sees you,** back away slowly. Never run; running may trigger a chase response.
- **If a bear approaches,** hold your ground, wave your arms and yell "Hey Bear" until it leaves. Always stay with your group. **If the bear keeps approaching,** use bear spray.
- **If a black bear makes contact with you,** do NOT play dead; fight back aggressively.



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Design Review Message

The snow is gone and the mountain is buzzing with activity. Now is the time to get your plans to the Design Review Committee if you are hoping to make any property improvements this year. Our next meeting is Monday, June 8th, 2026. We will meet at the AVFD building at 9am. All applications are due by Friday, June 5th at 5pm. This allows time for the application/permit forms to be created. Anything received after this, will be added to the July 13th agenda. It is important that you are familiar with our [Arrowhead Regulations](#) so you know the requirements for each type of improvement/project. This will make the process of getting approval so much easier.

ALL documents ([plot plan](#), [construction agreement](#), and your detailed plans) are sent to: jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com. **Only the \$100 permit fee goes to the AIA Office.** *Sending documents to the AIA Office creates a middle man and will delay your plans getting approved.*

If you have a shed approved, please notify the Design Review Committee manager, jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com, or **Outreach (970.209.6335)**, so we can help monitor the Alpine and filing roads. Your friends and neighbors will appreciate your help with this.

ONE new requirement from Gunnison County and one possible update...

If you are planning to replace or repair your roof (25% or more, the county now requires you to get a building permit from them).

If you are planning to build in the future, Gunnison County has recently adopted new [Wildfire Codes \(WUI\)](#). It is recommended that you contact the county and let them help educate you with the new codes. Each property is different and is treated as such. There is NO easy answer to what building on your property will require. Just remember our building season is shorter than normal areas and most of our contractors have already started working their schedule for 2026. Click [here](#) for a link to a document to help you get started with your plans.

Meeting Schedule: All meetings are scheduled on the second Monday of the month and are at the firehouse unless the Filing Roads are closed. If the roads are closed, we will meet at the Arrowhead Mountain Lodge. All meetings begin at 9:00am.

2026 DRC Meeting Dates

- ❖ June 8th
- ❖ July 13th
- ❖ August 10th
- ❖ September 14th
- ❖ October 12th

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), and the **\$100 permit fee mailed to the highlighted address on the Construction Agreement:**
[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**
- You need to locate your center pin and flag several points on the property boundary. **Property owners are responsible for the accuracy of the center pin.** A professional site survey is the best way to be positive of an accurate center pin, if it is in question or can't be found.
- Flag several points of the adjacent properties as needed
- Flag any site of improvements -- driveway, shed perimeter, trees you think need removed, etc.

- Once this is done, contact Joanie Thompson (jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com) and I or a committee member will come and do a site visit. It is requested that the property owner or contractor be present during the site visit.
- Please refer to this [document](#) for many of the different project types done in Arrowhead.
- Here is the link to the [DRC website](#) where you can find the [regulations](#) and more information.

Please remember that **all** property improvements need to go through the DRC. Most require a permit. Some just get the go ahead "OK" because they are considered maintenance. It is better to ask than be in violation of the [Arrowhead Regulations](#). We have many new contractors up here and they don't know our Regulations. It is the **PROPERTY OWNER** who is responsible for educating themselves and their contractors about the rules.



**** 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 and issue a permit. 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.**
- **If you have an approved Gunnison County septic system,** you don't need a Gunnison County 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 County.
- **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 continue to follow the requirements set forth for improvements in the [2020 AIA Regulations](#). This helps the committee move forward for you more quickly.

We look forward to helping the owners of this great community!



Joanie Thompson
AIA Design Review Mgr.

jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com



Joanie's Stoneware Studio

Custom Handmade Functional Pottery



Visit:

821 Balsam Drive

Text for Appointment

970-209-9518

July Shows:

- AVFD 4th of July Picnic 10a-2p
- Lake City Arts & Crafts Festival, July 14, 9a-4p



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THE SUMMER IS FOR HORSES!



The AIA Horse Corrals are located behind the heavy equipment building, in the winter parking lot. The corrals are available for use by owners and their guests on a first come, first served basis.

Before a horse can be left at the corrals, it is necessary for the owner to complete the **Boarding Facility Use Agreement** which is available on the website under **Forms** or **CLICK HERE** to upload the form directly. This Agreement must be given to Arrowhead Outreach before a horse can be left at the corral. Contact Outreach at 970-209-6335 or at arrowheadoutreach@gmail.com. No reservations are taken but owners can check with Outreach for availability.

Each horse owner is responsible for the care of their horse and for cleaning of the corral. Water is available but feed must be provided by the owner and stored in a secure place, like inside a trailer. A horse trailer parked at the corral will need a vehicle sticker from Patrol. No trucks may be parked overnight at the corral area or in the winter parking lot. Please observe all of the posted rules.

It's a good idea to let Outreach know when you will be arriving with your horse. Any questions, please contact the Arrowhead Outreach team. Happy Trails!

BOD Liaison:
Warren Gore
warrengore.aia@gmail.com



Election Committee volunteers Needed!

[CLICK HERE to EMAIL](#)

BOD Liaison, Leilani Pacheco-Nichols, if you're interested in learning more!





ARROWHEAD BOOM LIFT RENTALS



For Information
and Reservations

CALL
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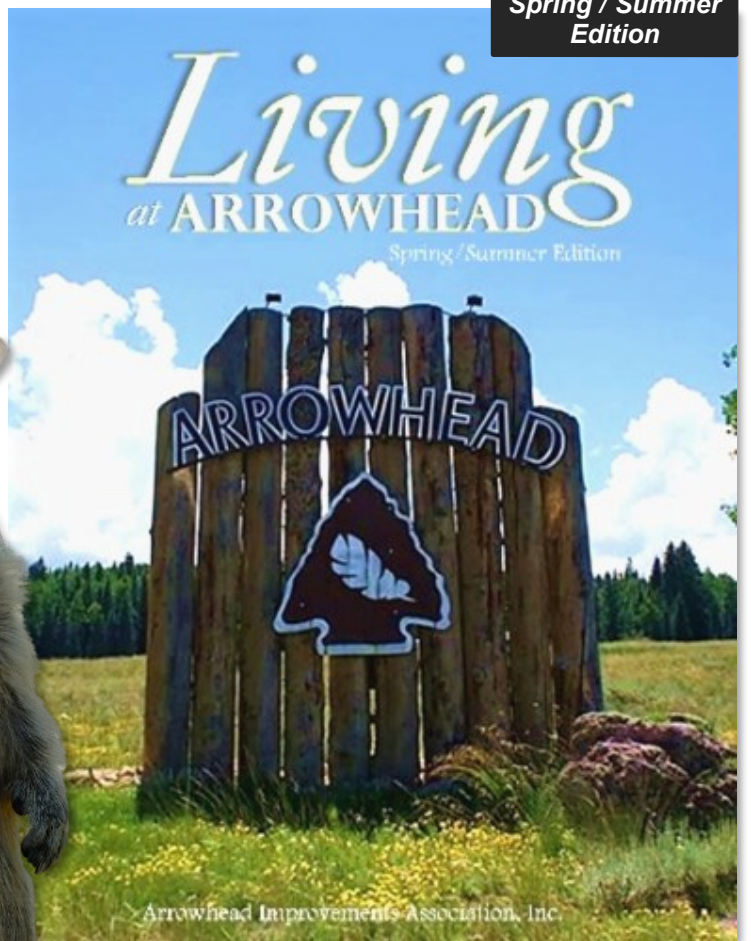
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Phone: 970-270-1726
ericandstar@msn.com

Read our **Spring & Summer LIVING IN ARROWHEAD BOOKLET** to learn more about our beautiful community!

CLICK HERE or visit our website at www.arrowhead1.org!

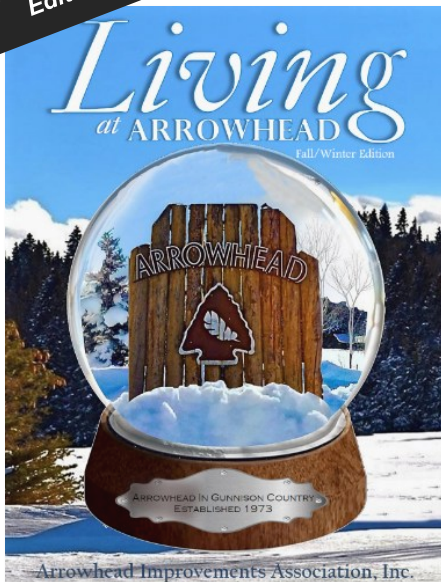
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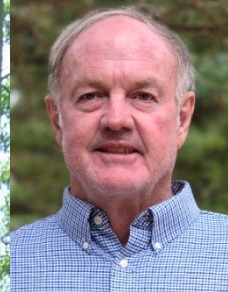
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DETERMINATION & APPOINTMENT OF 2026 BOARD LIAISONS & RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

- Design Review Committee – Leilani Pacheco-Nichols
- Election Committee – Mike Wilson/Leilani Pacheco-Nichols
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- Weed Control – Dennis Roberts
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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.



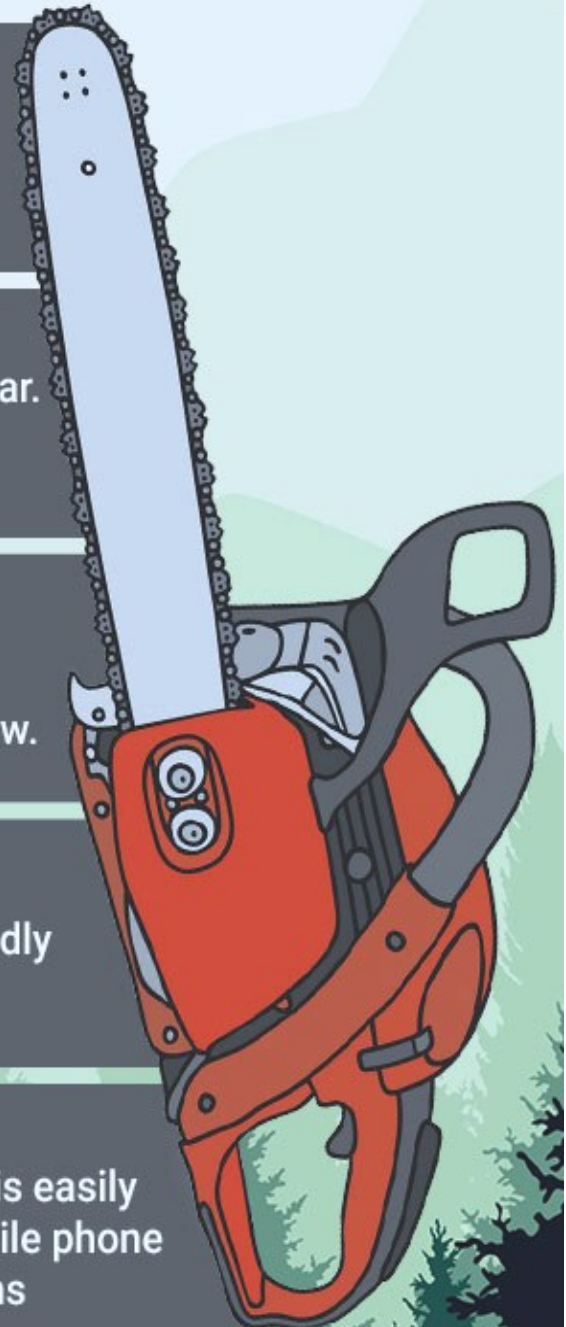
Plan an Escape Route

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



Arrowhead Book Club



Date	Title	Author	Category	Presenter
June 6	Happy Land	Dolen Perkins Valdez	Historical Fiction	Nancy Hale
July 11	A Night Divided	Jennifer A. Nielsen	Historical Fiction	Lorraine Darneal
August 1	What Rose Forgot	Nevada Barr	Comedy/Mystery	Linda Baumgartner
September 5	Hotel Laguna	Nicola Harrison	Historical Fiction	Sue Kindschy
October 3	The Keeper of Happy Endings	Barbara Davis	Fiction	Nicole Huff
November 7	The Paris Library	Janet Skeslien Charles	Based on a true story	Kathy Koeltzow



- Questions: Contact Sue Kindschy at 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 - 11:30a
- January through May read, read, read and share what you would like us to read next year!!

Not yet ready to join the book club? Pick up a book from Arrowhead's Little Free Library!

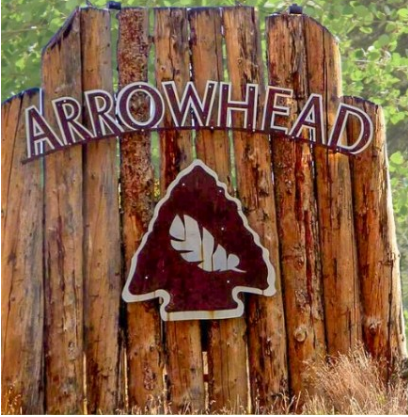
You'll find the Little Free Library **located by the Arrowhead Mountain Lodge's lobby entrance.**

- Please take one or two books of interest and leave one or two of your favorite books to share.
- DO NOT leave boxes of books. Save those for the AVFD garage sale next summer!



AIA BOD MEETING

July 18th, 1-3p
Arrowhead Firehouse



FELLOWSHIP *with* FRIENDS

EVERY SUNDAY

9:30A

ARROWHEAD FIREHOUSE

*Join us for a joyful
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fellowship!*

ALL ARE WELCOME!



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FIRE DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER

4th of July Picnic @ Firehouse

JULY 4th
10a - 3p

LUNCH SERVED 11:30A - 1P

COME CELEBRATE WITH FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS!

Pulled Pork / Beans / Chips / Cookies

\$13 Donation Appreciated

Hot Dogs/Chips/Cookie available for KIDS - \$8 Donation

BAKE WALK Flea Market Silent Auction Cotton Candy
Arrowhead Merchandise & Gifts **VENDORS** KIDS GAMES

CORNHOLE Tournament Fundraiser - SIGN UP at Welcome Booth by 11am. \$20 per person to compete. 16yo and up.

Bring your lawn chairs and purchase a "special drink" for chillin' in the shade with friends.

**Volunteers for picnic NEEDED! Contact Jenny Lugibihl at 419.277.2065
Want to be a vendor? Contact Joanie at 970.209.9518**

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Arrowhead Fire Protection District

NEW Arrowhead Website:
AFPD.Colorado.gov

Fire House Contact 970.862.8330



**SIGN UP For AVFD
Notifications HERE**

**Register Your Number For
Gunnison Regional Alerts**

**Join the Arrowhead
Volunteer Fire Department Team**

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Volunteer Positions:

- * Firefighter
- * Medical First Responder
- * Dispatchers
- * Scene Support
- * Apparatus Upkeep

**Training/Team Building:
Tuesdays at 9am - 11am
Location - Firehouse**

**AVFD
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YOU!**

**BE A PART
OF OUR
AMAZING
TEAM, AND
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

Come check it out and see if you would like to join!!



ALL FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED IN THE ARROWHEAD SUBDIVISION

AIA REGULATIONS:

ARTICLE 6. HEALTH, SAFETY AND PUBLIC WELFARE (pg. 16)

Section 3. FIREWORKS AND EXPLOSIVES:

No fireworks or explosive devices of any sort are allowed to be used at any time or for any reason within the boundaries of Arrowhead. Fireworks and explosives are dangerous devices and can start a house fire or a forest fire. However, this does not include explosives used by a licensed contractor who has a valid permit for construction purposes, issued by Gunnison County or other governmental agency.

**Setting off fireworks or explosive devices:
\$500.00 for First Violation**

(Schedule of Fines – pages 27 & 28)



GUNNISON COUNTY REGULATIONS:

Absolutely NO FIREWORKS of any type are permitted on Federal or State lands, including:

- BLM Lands
- Division of Wildlife Owned Lands
- National Forests & Parks
- State Forests & Parks
- State Wildlife Areas

In unincorporated Gunnison County, the towns of Crested Butte, Mt. Crested Butte, and the City of Gunnison, fireworks that leave the ground or explode are prohibited.

<https://www.gunnisoncounty.org/852/6280/Wildfire-Information>



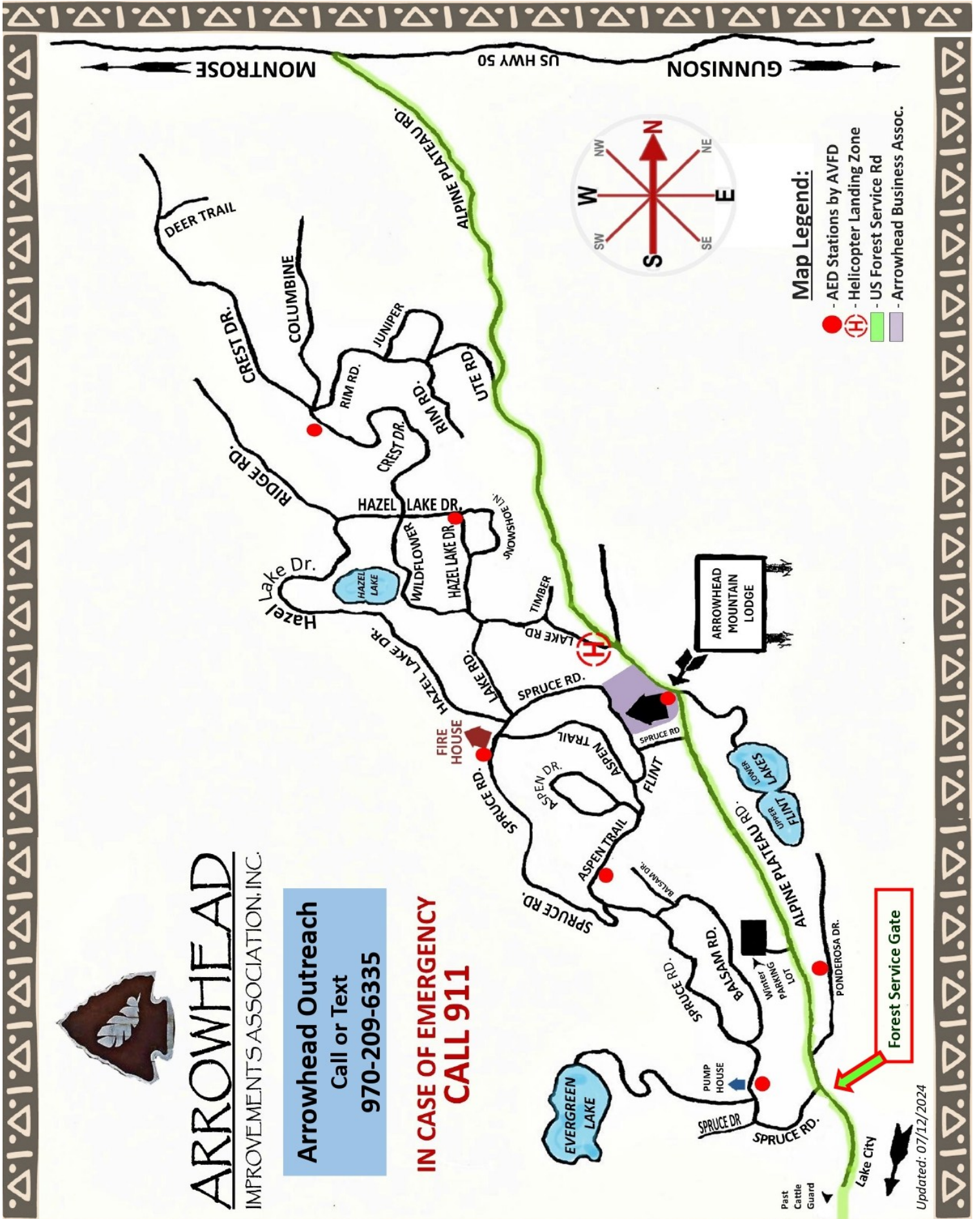
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Share your Photos!

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 crediting the talented photographers!



Thank you to Nancy Dobson,
Lisa Scott, Lillian Blackman,
and Jon Kindschy for sharing
their amazing photos!



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Arrowhead Outreach
Call or Text
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**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY
CALL 911**

Forest Service Gate

Updated: 07/12/2024



AIA Property Owner Information

Important Phone Numbers

- Emergency Fire and Medical - call 911 (Gunnison)
- Arrowhead Outreach - call or text (970) 209-6335
- Arrowhead Firehouse - (970) 862-8330
- Evergreen Lake Water Company - Office 970-862-8204 (Emergency 970-862-8211)
- 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 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

Arrowhead Outreach CALL 970-209-6335



The Arrowhead Outreach team is always available to help with:

- Vehicle stickers & visitor passes REQUIRED to use AIA filing roads
- Firepit Approval (Annual Inspection Required)
- Fishing Passes for Flint Lakes (Required)
- Regulations Information & more!

Email: ArrowheadOutreach@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

DRC Manager:
Joanie Thompson
jthompsonaia.drc@gmail.com



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!

Owner Information Quick Guide

[CLICK HERE to Enlarge, Download and/or Print](#)

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 - AIA](https://www.facebook.com/ArrowheadImprovementsAssociation)
- Join our Blast Email Listing

And Most Importantly . . .

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