

# Smoke Signals

## Arrowhead Improvements Association Newsletter

February/March  
2016

### I love Arrowhead in the Winter!

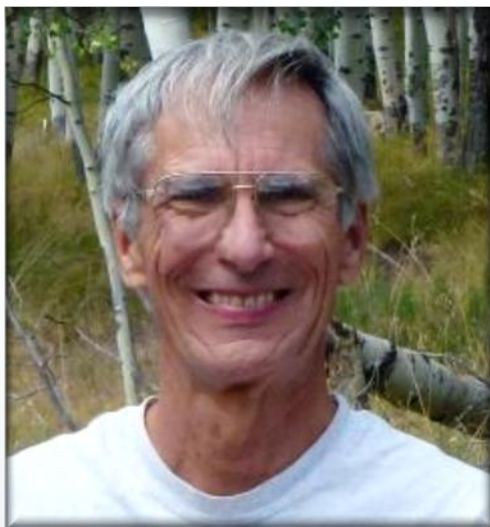
Quotes throughout this issue are some of the entries from a contest we ran in the last issue of Smoke Signals. We drew a winning name from a drawing of all the entries for a \$50 gift card to Arrowhead Mountain Lodge. The winner is...

**Brad and Millie  
Fowler**

Thank you to all who entered! Enjoy winter!



### Meet the New AIA Board Members



**Dale Breckenridge**



**Bridget Isle**

At the January 15th Arrowhead Improvements Association Board of Directors Special Meeting two new board members were sworn in. Dale Breckenridge and Bridget Isle come to the AIA board with a commitment to serving our community.

Dale and his wife live in Grand Junction and spend their summers at Arrowhead. Having lived in Colorado for 16 years, and Arrowhead for 6, they enjoy the mountains, scenery, and relaxed pace of Colorado life. A huge difference coming from the Silicon Valley in California! Dale enjoys the outdoors and all the activities that entails, from riding all terrain vehicles to chopping wood. On rainy afternoons he can be found making side tables or faceting gemstones for his wife.

Bridget and her husband Steve started coming to Arrowhead almost 30 years ago visiting friends. They loved it here, bought their lot, built a house, and moved here full time upon Bridget's retirement in 2010. They spend their time between Arrowhead and their horse ranch in Delta. Both Isles are retired from California jobs, Steve as a Military Flight Instructor and Bridget as a Prison Guard. She also has 20+ years in Real Estate and the Title and Escrow business.

The Isles are avid outdoors people including a love of hunting and fishing. They breed, raise, and show American Quarter Horse Association Performance horses and have been doing so for over 35 years. In addition to having shown horses all over the United States, they have bred several World Champion Reining and Reined Cowhorses.

Welcome Dale and Bridget to the Arrowhead Improvements Association Board of Directors!

## Arrowhead Improvements Association — Board of Directors

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# President's Message



Dear Arrowhead Owners,

I hope all of you had a great Christmas and Holiday Season. The winter parking lot was full, which is an indication that many of you took advantage of an Arrowhead Christmas. I have received feedback that finding a parking space was, at times, challenging. The board is looking into options to increase parking availability during the peak winter use season(s). The board will be discussing these options at future meetings.

During this peak use time that saw several snow storms, I cannot thank the following people enough. My thanks go out to Toby, Jim, and Dave with patrol, road and trail groomer operator Ron, and heavy equipment operator Will, for keeping the Alpine passable and the parking lot clear. Hats off to you guys!!

Please note that due to staffing shortages, Patrol needs 48 hours notice for driveway services.

During the January board meeting we swore in the two recently elected board members. I would like to welcome Bridget Isle and Dale Breckenridge to the board. Their input and participation is welcomed and appreciated!

I would like to thank the two outgoing directors, Kathy Krohn and Tim Carlson, for their time on the board and volunteer service to the community as board members. I appreciate their dedication and commitment to the association and Arrowhead. They were a pleasure to work with.

Also, during the meeting, the 2016 board officers were determined. I will continue as board president, John Moseman will continue to serve as vice president, Al Hale will stay in the treasure's position and Curt Treichel was selected to serve as secretary. Thanks for agreeing to be officers.

As a reminder, the next board meeting will be in May. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

*Mike Wigent*

AIA Board President

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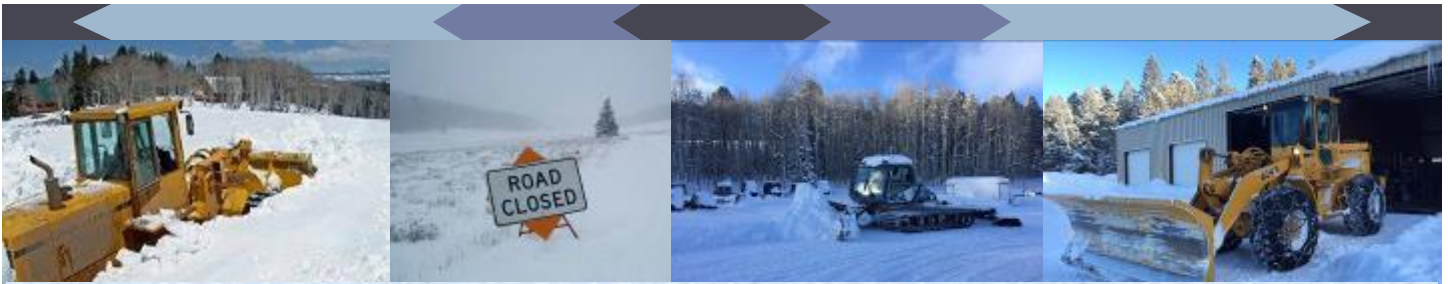
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## HEAVY EQUIPMENT and MAINTENANCE REPORT ~ By Curt Treichel

Arrowhead is a great place, 365 days a year.

Our Heavy Equipment Operators, Will Hobson and Ron Corder, are tasked with ensuring access 365 days a year. We are very fortunate to have two such competent professionals working on behalf of our community.

They both say the snow groomer we purchased in 2014 and the grader front blade we purchased in 2015 are performing as advertised, making it easier for them to groom and/or move snow in a more efficient manner.

There are several things owners and guests can do to help Will and Ron keep our roads open during the winter months.

First of all, please realize Will and Ron have about 25 miles of roads to maintain in what are sometimes some very miserable weather conditions. They put in some very long days and some very long nights on our behalf. Please be patient.

Second, when you encounter the snow groomer or grader, stop, do not get off of the road, and wait for them to find a way to move over and let you pass. They do not want to spend valuable time getting you unstuck because you tried to go around them. Let them call the shots so you can stay on the road and not get stuck. If there is a filing road intersection you can return to and wait, that can be helpful.

Third, periodically a request is put out via the Arrowhead Blast email for all owners to remove every vehicle from the winter parking lot for half a day so Will and Ron can clear the parking lot of snow. Please pay attention to this advertised schedule so your vehicle is not the one in their way to get their work done. If you are going to be off the mountain, make sure somebody on the mountain has your keys so they can move your vehicle for you. (To be added to the email blast: <mailto:arrowheadblast@gmail.com>)

Going forward, Board Member Jim Matteson will be the Board Liaison for Heavy Equipment and Maintenance. Whereas the heavy equipment in my background was airplanes and helicopters, Jim's heavy equipment background was ground based and far more aligned with the needs of Arrowhead. He's the best man for the job.

I have really enjoyed working with Will and Ron for the past year. These two guys are the best. Please give Will, Ron, and Jim your support.



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# Arrowhead Snowfall 2015-2016 By Linda Dysart

(measurements taken on deck at 504 Snowshoe Lane)

| DATE       | TIME  | TEMP.   | AMOUNT | TOTAL    | BASE | CONDITIONS                 |
|------------|---|---------|--------|----------|------|----------------------------|
| Dec. 5     | 11:30 AM  | 26 deg. | 3"     | 41"      | 13"  | clearing                   |
| Dec. 11-12 | I was off the mountain but it was reported to me that we had 5" new snow. |         |        |          |      |                            |
|            |   |         | 5"     | 46"      | 17"  | clear                      |
| Dec. 14    | 6:00 PM   | 24 deg. | 1/2"   | 46 1/2"  | 17"  | snowing                    |
| Dec. 15    | 8:00 AM   | 13 deg. | 2 1/2" | 49"      | 19"  | snowing & blowing          |
| "          | 5:00 PM   | 11 deg. | 1/2"   | 49 1/2"  | 20"  | snowing                    |
| Dec. 16    | 8:00 AM   | 7 deg.  | 2"     | 51 1/2"  | 21"  | clearing                   |
| Dec. 17    | 10:00 AM  | 6 deg.  | 5"     | 56 1/2"  | 24"  | clearing                   |
| Dec. 20    | 8:00 AM   | 26 deg. | 1"     | 57 1/2"  | 20"  | lightly snowing            |
| "          | 2:00 PM   | 26 deg. | 2 1/2" | 60"      | 21"  | cloudy                     |
| Dec. 21    | 8:00 AM   | 20 deg. | 3"     | 63"      | 24"  | lightly snowing            |
| Dec. 22    | 11:00 AM  | 30 deg. | 1/2"   | 63 1/2"  | 21"  | light snow most of the day |
| "          | 4:00 PM   | 27 deg. | 1"     | 64 1/2"  | 22"  | snowing harder now         |
| Dec. 23    | 9:00 AM   | 22 deg. | 6"     | 70 1/2"  | 26"  | partly cloudy              |
| "          | 5:00 PM   | 16 deg. | 2"     | 72 1/2"  | 27"  | windy                      |
| Dec. 24    | 5:00 PM   | 11 deg. | 1 1/2" | 74"      | 27"  | lightly snowing            |
| Dec. 25    | 8:00 AM   | 12 deg. | 6"     | 80"      | 33"  | snowing                    |
| "          | 2:00 PM   | 19 deg. | 3"     | 83"      | 35"  | light snow                 |
| "          | 4:30 PM   | 17 deg. | 2 1/2" | 85 1/2"  | 34"  | not snowing at this time   |
| Dec. 26    | 8:00 AM   | 6 deg.  | 1 1/2" | 87"      | 34"  | partly cloudy              |
| Dec. 30    | 8:00 AM   | 13 deg. | 3"     | 90"      | 29"  | snowing                    |
| "          | 12:30 PM  | 15 deg. | 2 1/2" | 92 1/2"  | 30"  | snowing                    |
| "          | 3:30 PM   | 16 deg. | 3 1/2" | 96"      | 32"  | very lightly snowing       |
| Dec. 31    | 8:30 AM   | 12 deg. | 3"     | 99"      | 33"  | clearing                   |
| Jan. 7     | 8:00 AM   | 24 deg. | 1 1/2" | 100 1/2" | 27"  | lightly snowing            |
| Jan. 8     | 10:00 AM  | 16 deg. | 1/2"   | 101"     | 27"  | lightly snowing            |
| "          | 5:00 PM   | 21 deg. | 1/2"   | 101 1/2" | 27"  | lightly snowing            |
| Jan. 9     | 8:00 AM   | 17 deg. | 3 1/2" | 105"     | 30"  | lightly snowing            |
| Jan. 10    | 8:00 AM   | 17 deg. | 3"     | 108"     | 32"  | clearing                   |
| Jan. 15    | 9:00 AM   | 19 deg. | 1"     | 109"     | 27"  | lightly snowing            |
| "          | 1:00 PM   | 23 deg. | 1"     | 110"     | 27"  | lightly snowing            |
| "          | 5:00 PM   | 18 deg. | 1"     | 111"     | 28"  | lightly snowing            |
| Jan. 16    | 11:00 AM  | 20 deg. | 4"     | 115"     | 32"  | some sun                   |
| Jan. 17    | 8:00 AM   | 21 deg. | 2"     | 117"     | 33"  | lightly snowing            |
| Jan. 19    | 8:00 AM   | 26 deg. | 2 1/2" | 119 1/2" | 33"  | clearing                   |
| Jan. 20    | 10:00 AM  | 27 deg. | 2"     | 121 1/2" | 33"  | lightly snowing            |
| "          | 5:30 PM   | 19 deg. | 1 1/2" | 123"     | 34"  | snowing & blowing          |
| Jan. 21    | 8:30 AM   | 19 deg. | 1 1/2" | 124 1/2" | 34"  | clear                      |

## Comparison:

Snowfall for December 2014 = 36 1/2"

Snowfall for December 2015 = 61"

Cumulative at end of Dec. 2014 = 83"

Cumulative at end of Dec. 2015 = 99"

## Comparison:

Snowfall for January 2015 = 7"

Cumulative at end of Jan. 2015 = 92"

## Total snowfalls:

2008-2009 = 267"

1983-1984 = 444"

(from Jim Squirrel!)

2009-2010 = 217"

2005-2006 = 245"

2010-2011 = 249"

2006-2007 = 219"

2013-2014 = 243 1/2"

2007-2008 = 338"

2014-2015 = 187"

The new fallen snow seems to be sprinkled with diamonds and the branches of the evergreens laden with the heavy snow bend low as though bowing in prayer and the aspen lift up their branches in praise. Going through the trees on a snow machine is like driving through a Christmas card, I never tire of the amazing beauty that surrounds us. Then there are the friends and neighbors who are always there to help, whether it is just to borrow an egg or two, or to come in minutes to respond to an emergency. Finally, the fun to be had in community functions, the snowmobile club, the games at potluck or at the Lodge, the book club, and the community dinners, and so much more. All seasons are amazing but winter is best!

~ Kathy Koeltzow



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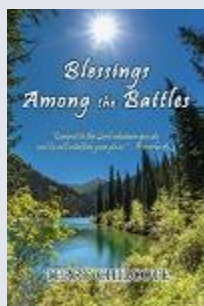


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## Arrowhead Book Club



The Arrowhead Book Club will meet  
at the Arrowhead Mountain Lodge  
at 11:30 on dates below.

Everyone is welcome!  
Call Linda Dysart 862-8287  
for more information.

| Date                       | Book and Author   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Feb. 5                     | <i>Blessings Among the Battles</i><br>by Terri Chilcote |
| Mar. 4                     | <i>The Friday Night Knitting Club</i><br>by Kate Jacobs |
| No meeting in April or May |   |
| June 3                     | <i>Still Life</i> by Louise Penny                       |
| *July 8                    | <i>Eva's Story</i> by Evelyn Julia Kent                 |
| Aug. 5                     | <i>Serena</i> by Ron Rash                               |
| *Sept. 9                   | <i>Pigs in Heaven</i> by Barbara Kingsolver             |
| Oct. 7                     | <i>Snobs</i> by Julian Fellowes                         |
| Nov. 4                     | Read a "banned" book                                    |
| No December meeting        |   |

Happy Reading!

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# Design Review Message

*By Joyce Boulter*

Welcome to all the new owners. There are quite a few new owners this year. Please get acquainted with your neighbors. They can answer many questions about Arrowhead. Please read the Covenants and Regulations. Any changes you want on your property will probably need to go through the Design Review committee. Feel free to call me at 970 862-8449 or email me ([joyce.boulter@gmail.com](mailto:joyce.boulter@gmail.com)) and I will be glad to answer any questions for you. For those wanting to build, spring may not occur before June. We have lots of beautiful snow and it may take a while to melt. Once again we will be concentrating on signs for your lot. Any lot that has a driveway should have a sign indicating the road number. You can add your name and the road name, but all that is required is the number. I hope you will enjoy the rest of the winter and the coming summer in our little paradise.

## REMINDER!

If you are needing driveway services, due to staffing shortages, Arrowhead Patrol needs at least 48 hours notice. Please remember that the Arrowhead Patrol land line was disconnected as of 12/31/15.

All calls for Arrowhead Patrol will need to be made to the Patrol cell phone **970-209-6335**.

If a patrol officer does not answer, leave a message and the on duty officer will contact you as soon as possible.

**Please call Gunnison 911 if you have a medical, rescue, fire, or search and rescue emergency.**

## HOUSE FOR RENT

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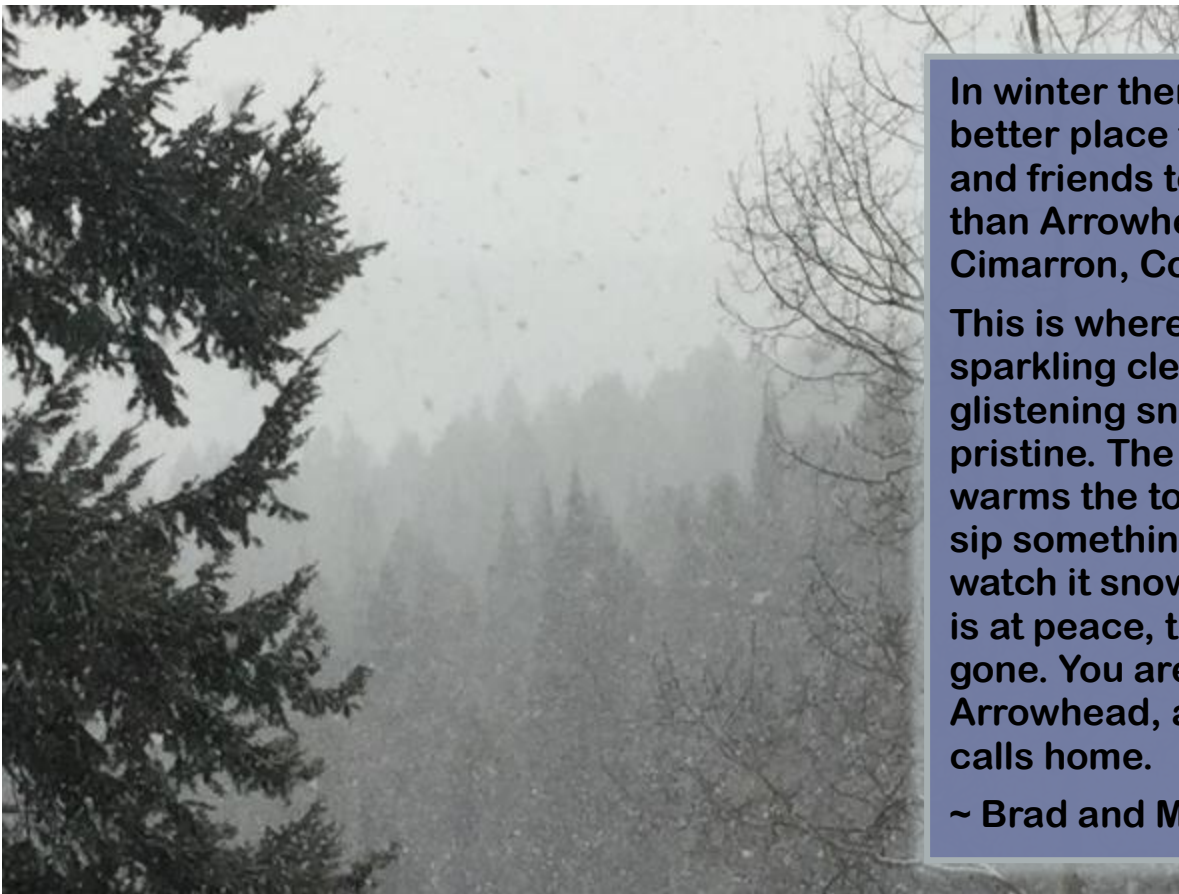
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In winter there is no better place for family and friends to gather than Arrowhead in Cimarron, Colorado.

This is where the air is sparkling clean and the glistening snow is quite pristine. The cabin fire warms the toes as you sip something hot and watch it snow. The soul is at peace, the stress is gone. You are at Arrowhead, a place God calls home.

~ Brad and Millie Fowler

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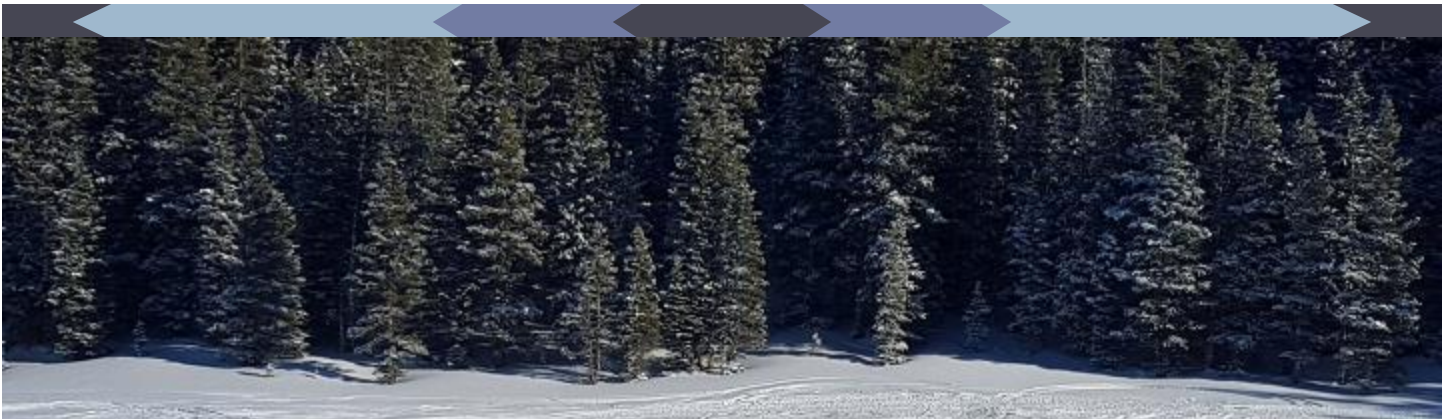
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## FORESTRY MESSAGE

BY BILL CONWAY

### BARK BEETLES

The threat of bark beetles killing the trees on your property is very real. Even if you have never had Douglas fir killed by beetles on your property, experience at Arrowhead shows that it can happen quickly. There have been several cases where a dozen or more large trees have died on a lot within one or two years. The number of beetle killed trees has increased dramatically all around Arrowhead, on private and BLM land, the last few years. By far the best and cheapest prevention tool is MCH packs. While they are not a 100% guarantee, they have proven to be very effective at Arrowhead and many other places in the west.

The deadline of February 28 is fast approaching to order MCH packs for 2016. If you need assistance determining how many to order you can contact me at [bbconway@earthlink.net](mailto:bbconway@earthlink.net). I can tell you how many you have ordered in the past or I can look at an aerial photograph and give you an estimate of how many to order.

For those of you that are not familiar with how the MCH process works; here is the basic timeline.

- November - Forest Manager obtains the bulk rate MCH price from Synergy Semiochemicals in Barnaby, BC, Canada.
- December through February - Individual owners place their orders with the Forest Manager.
- March - The combined order is placed for the Arrowhead community property and individual lots (total of about 11,000.)
- Order arrives in late April and is put in cold storage.
- Mid May - Forest Manager puts out beetle traps to determine when beetles first start to fly.
- Late May - MCH purchasers are contacted individually and on the website that it is time to put up MCH packs. The packs are effective for 8 to 10 weeks, which is the primary flight duration of the beetles.

The cost of MCH packs is the same as the final price last year at \$1.21 each. Make checks out to AIA and send to Bill Conway, 1734 SE 52<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Portland, OR 97215. Please include your Arrowhead and off Arrowhead address, email, and phone number so you can be contacted to confirm your order, arrange pickup of MCH packs and receive information on when to put the packs up.

### DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Although the Arrowhead forest is at less risk of wildfire than many areas in west; there is still a risk of wildfire in our community. Insurance companies are understandably concerned about insuring properties in the Wildland Urban Interface throughout the west. Look for information on the Arrowhead web site in late March on grants that can be used to pay part of the cost of doing defensible space work on your property.

*Bill Conway*

Arrowhead Forest Manager

541-729-6259 [bbconway@earthlink.net](mailto:bbconway@earthlink.net)

It seems like each winter is a bit different at Arrowhead. Our first winter full time at Arrowhead we had so much snow, it totally covered all the street signs. If you didn't know how to navigate, you were lost. But the best part is about how silent it is during the winter months. I love to just stand out in the snow and hear NOTHING but the wind in the trees and the birds that winter here in our community! We all are totally blessed to live in such a beautiful slice of heaven right here in Colorado.

Merry Christmas to all and peace be to Arrowhead!

~ Bridget Isle



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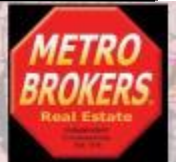
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# HEALTH on the MOUNTAIN



**By Joyce Boulter**

Most of us have a few days when we experience the winter blahs and cabin fever, especially in April, when we are waiting for the snow to melt. These symptoms are usually short lived and disappear as soon as we have a few sunny days.

Seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is a depression that occurs mainly in the winter, but may also occur in the summer. It usually occurs after the age of 20, is more common for older people and more often in northern regions. The symptoms include:

- ♦ An increase in appetite, usually for sweet or starchy foods
- ♦ Weight gain
- ♦ Drop in energy level
- ♦ Fatigue
- ♦ Oversleeping and irritability
- ♦ Difficulty in concentration
- ♦ Avoidance of social situations and sensitivity to social rejection

Winter depression is caused, as you would think, by the body's reaction to the lack of light or shorter duration of sunlight. One of the most common treatments is to increase light or sun exposure. It is best to get about 30 minutes of extra sunlight in the mornings. Tanning beds contain harmful ultraviolet rays. Sitting under a bright light that is a natural light may help.

SAD is a serious depressive disorder that requires treatment by a physician. For a diagnosis of SAD, the symptoms need to occur two winter seasons in a row followed by non-depressive seasons. Summer seasonal disorder is the opposite. It has decreased appetite and weight loss with a high energy level.

Most of us on the mountain are not in jeopardy for SAD, as we have lots of sun and beautiful days. Remember that it is important to use sunscreen during the winter as well as the summer, to protect your skin from the harmful ultraviolet rays. Exposure to the sun in the early morning or late afternoon is generally safe. About 30 minutes a day is sufficient to keep SAD away.

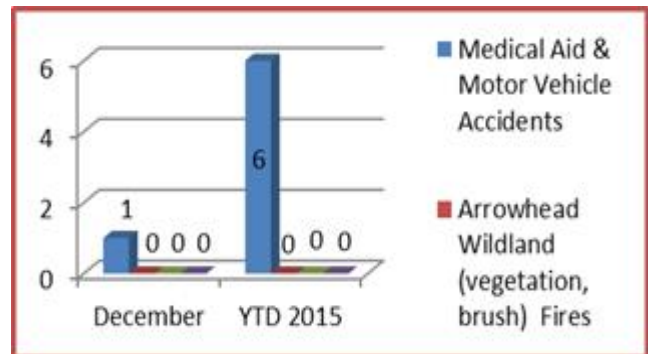
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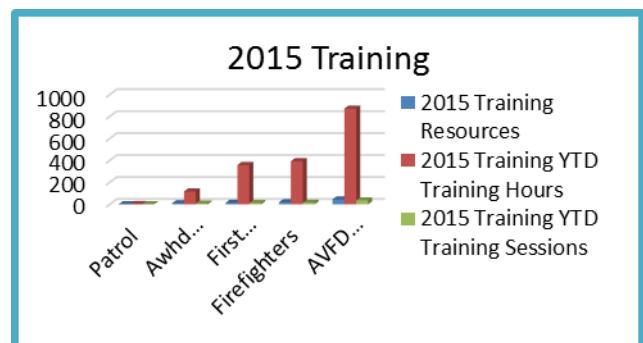
## Emergency Events

| Description                                  | December | YTD 2015 |
|--|----------|----------|
| Medical Aid & Motor Vehicle Accidents        | 1        | 6        |
| Arrowhead Wildland (vegetation, brush) Fires | 0        | 0        |
| Structure Fires (Commercial & Residential)   | 0        | 0        |
| Interagency Assistance                       | 0        | 0        |
| <b>2015 YTD Total</b>                        |          | <b>6</b> |



## Training

| 2015 Training        |           |                    |                       |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Groups               | Resources | YTD Training Hours | YTD Training Sessions |
| Patrol               | 1         | 3.00               | 2                     |
| Awhd Dispatch        | 10        | 117.75             | 8                     |
| First Responder      | 14        | 358.25             | 12                    |
| Firefighters         | 20        | 393.50             | 15                    |
| <b>AVFD Combined</b> | <b>45</b> | <b>872.5</b>       | <b>37</b>             |



## Training Highlights

Guest trainer Dale Erickson – continues basic firefighting knowledge/skills

- ♦ Fitness Training 2015 Total - 132
- ♦ Next Training session – January 12<sup>th</sup>, First Responder – complete; January 19<sup>th</sup>, Firefighter

## Personnel

Fire Fighters = (22)

Arrowhead Dispatch = (8)

First Responders = (14)

## Medical:

- ♦ Monthly AED preventative maintenance performed.
  - ♦ Batteries – good
  - ♦ Enclosure status – Temperatures remain stable

## Building & Grounds Inspections

### Fire House

- ♦ Shovel NE Bay access/egress for FR snowmobiles
- ♦ Use drag to maintain snow level NW side (Continued on next page.)



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## Fire Apparatus & Equipment

Hoses: No new updates

Trailer Status: Trickle charger placed in pump battery, no issues starting pump motor

Fire Brush Trucks:

- ♦ Red/White – parked in Firehouse fully operational
- ♦ Blue Brush – no new updates, fully operational
- ♦ Blue First Responder - Parked at 121 Lake for winter with trickle charge placed on vehicle battery

Snow Cat:

- ♦ Run January 06; no issues noted
- ♦ Trickle charger placed on main battery

Vehicles: Snowmobiles – Staged in Firehouse full operational, Batteries operational

## Interagency & County & Association Meetings:

Monthly Western Region Wildland Fire Council – Montrose, no new updates

## Communications

- ♦ Performed communications checks with Snow Cat during operation run to Soldier Summit
- ♦ Robb Penne 5 emails with attached AFD/AVFD data from AIA web site.
  - ♦ Next step – work with AIA BOD's and AFD BOD to agree upon a date to remove all AFD/AVFD data from AIA Web site.
  - ♦ Suggestion to AIA BOD to keep the following documentation, posting to the Forest Living pages:
    - ♦ Community Wildfire Protection Plan
    - ♦ 2013 Wildland Fire Mitigation Brochure
    - ♦ Firehouse Protocol Use & Use Request Form (may not post to Forest Management page)
- ♦ AVFD investigating the feasibility of installing an ATT Microcell at Firehouse, enabling use of ATT mobile telephones.
  - ♦ Follow up needed – verify internet speed = complete 01/12/2016 ~1.0 MBP
  - ♦ Signal response levels at various points within Fire House to optimize cell signal – in progress

**Budget:** No new updates for current reporting period

## Miscellaneous:

- ♦ Forest Refuse Burn 2015
  - ♦ Completed without issue 12/19/2015
  - ♦ 6 fire fighters on site
  - ♦ 1 First Responder
  - ♦ Snow-Cat with MRU (trailer)
  - ♦ First Responder Equipment
  - ♦ First Responder patient transport
    - ♦ Material delivery date 01/20/2016 to Recla Metal
    - ♦ Saved ~\$250 by coordinating the deliver with large bulk order to Montrose Recla warehouse
    - ♦ Next step – pick up material and start fabrication
- ♦ Fire Chief Coordinated with Denver Air Quality District
  - ♦ Form submitted 24 hours prior to ignition
  - ♦ Form submitted post ignition
  - ♦ Annual Report submitted to Air Quality Staff – Denver
  - ♦ AIA Board President and Forest Manager copied on forms
- ♦ Annual 2015 Fuel Usage report submitted to Al Hale and Mike Wigent – January 4, 2016
- ♦ Fire Bay
  - ♦ Floor drainage solution from AIA status – requires follow up in 2016 with AIA BOD and AFD BOD to finalize solution.



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