



## SAFETY TIPS FROM THE GRR FIRE DEPARTMENT April 2023

Our snowy winter has lowered the wildland fire risk for the moment. Be aware of runoff hazards as the snow melts. The terrain that drains along the Nixon Gulch creek extends 5-6 miles north of GRR and contains a great deal of snow. The melt may recharge our ponds and water table, but excessive runoff in past years has washed out portions of Nixon Gulch Road. If this happens, the county may close part of Nixon Gulch Road, usually between Lay Pass and Twin Rivers Cutoff.

Make wildland fire mitigation preparations if you have not already done so. Consider getting a free Wildland Fire Risk Assessment from the GRR Fire Department. Contact Chief Sprow [marlinsprow32@gmail.com](mailto:marlinsprow32@gmail.com), or email [admin@grrfd.org](mailto:admin@grrfd.org) to set up an appointment. Check out the GRRFD website Getting Informed section for more information about wildland fire preparedness recommendations: <http://www.grrfd.org/get-informed/>. This section includes the GRR Evacuation Plan.

As the snow melts it will be time to clear winter debris from the lawn and gardens. Rake up leaves or evergreen needles from under trees, bushes, and around the home. Discard these in your trash, the landfill, or compost them. **Please do not discard any waste in the Reservoir quarry area.** This is private property and not a dump site. Trimming the lowest branches of trees is one way to prevent fire spread from grass fires into the trees. Here are a couple of links you can follow for more information: <https://www.extension.uidaho.edu/publishing/pdf/bul/bul0644.pdf>, and <https://www.montana.edu/news/5742/taking-care-of-shade-trees>.

Keep wildland fire risk in mind when planning landscaping projects.

The New Fire Station Project is nearing completion though we do not have a completion date. The Fire District plans a Grand Opening Celebration when the station is complete, probably in May.

The GRR Fire Department needs volunteers! We have opportunities for those interested in becoming volunteer firefighters, reservists, and auxiliary members. Email [admin@grrfd.org](mailto:admin@grrfd.org) if

you are interested. We welcome new medical reservists Angie Steward, EMT and her husband Nick Derene, AEMT to the department.

Please visit the GRR Fire Department website to learn more: <http://www.grrfd.org/>.