



## **SAFETY TIPS FROM THE GRR FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### **July 2023**

June was a wildland firefighter's favorite color: green. Drying during July will ramp up fire danger, particularly as cheat grass matures and dries.

Parched grasses and other fuels burn hot and fast, especially on hot, windy days. "Red Flag Days" are the most hazardous. While grills are OK to use, avoid open fires in pits under windy conditions unless they are covered by spark-retarding screens.

#### **REGISTER FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION**

All GRR residents should register with the Gallatin County Emergency Management Community Notification System. This is the primary warning system Gallatin County uses to notify residents of emergencies, disasters, and evacuation orders. This can be found at: <https://www.readygallatin.com/public-warning/community-notification-system/>. This is the only system that provides immediate notification of pre-evacuation warnings and evacuation orders for properties in the GRR Fire District. With that in mind, please review the GRRFD Evacuation plan in the GRRFD website: <https://www.grrfd.org/get-informed/>

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.

The new Fire Station Project is in a holding pattern waiting for the builder and plumbing contractor to re-install floor trench drains that were improperly installed. The completion date is indeterminate at present; we hope it will be done in August.