



## **BLUE RIVER BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**Tuesday, April 21, 2026**

**5:00 PM**

**0110 Whispering Pines Circle, Blue River, CO**

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### **Agenda**

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**The public is welcome to attend the meeting either in person or via Zoom. Please note, however, that public comments will not be taken virtually, but will only be accepted in-person during public comment periods.**

**The Zoom link is available on the Town website:**

**<https://townofblueriver.colorado.gov/board-of-trustees>**

**Please note that seating at Town Hall is limited.**

#### **Call to Order – Roll Call**

#### **Work Session**

None

#### **Approval of Agenda/Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Regular Meeting of March 17, 2026
2. Approval of Financial Report
  - a. Period Ending March 30, 2026

#### **Communications to the Board of Trustees**

Citizens are welcome to provide in-person comments on non-Agenda items. Comments are limited to 5-minutes per speaker. Written communications for any non-Agenda items will be distributed separately to the Board of Trustees.

#### **New Business**

1. Recognition of outgoing Trustee
2. Swearing in of new Trustees

3. Resolution No. 2026-06 – a Resolution by the Board of Trustees of Blue River, Colorado, Authorizing the Town Manager to Consent to Summit County's Enforcement of County-Wide Fire Bans within the Town of Blue River
4. Ordinance No. 2026-03
  - a. Public Hearing
  - b. Approval of Ordinance No. 2026-03 – an Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of Blue River, Colorado, Sitting as the Board of Adjustment, Granting a Variance to Setbacks for 15 Wilderness Drive, Lot 230 Wilderness Subdivision

### **Old Business**

1. None

### **Reports**

1. Mayor & Trustee Reports
2. Town Attorney Reports
3. Staff Reports
  - a. Town Manager
  - b. Chief of Police

### **Other Matters to be Brought Before the Board of Trustees**

#### **Executive Session**

1. Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) **(b)** to receive legal advice concerning the processing of appeals for final decisions of the planning and zoning commission.
2. Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) **(b)** to receive legal advice concerning requirements for the temporary suspension of provisions in land use codes.
3. Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) **(b) and (e)** to receive legal advice and to instruct negotiators concerning the terms and conditions of an agreement for the Town's use of property adjacent to the Goose Pasture Tarn.
4. Pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) **(e)** to instruct the Town Manager concerning an amendment of the Town's legal services contract.

### **Adjourn**



**BLUE RIVER BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 17, 2026**

**5:00 PM**

**0110 Whispering Pines Circle, Blue River, CO**

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**Minutes**

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**Call to Order – Roll Call**

Mayor Nick Decicco called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Nick Decicco  
Mayor Pro Tem Jodie Willey  
Trustee Noah Hopkins  
Trustee Ted Slaughter  
Trustee Barrie Stimson (Arrival at 5:01 PM)  
Trustee Ben Stuckey (Arrival at 5:37 PM)  
Trustee Jonathon Heckman

Absent: None

Also present: Town Manager Chad Hull, Deputy Town Clerk John DeBee, and Police Chief David Close. Town Attorney Robert Widner attended via Zoom.

**Work Session**

The Work Session was to discuss:

- Red, White, and Blue Fire District Fire Code and Strategic Plan Presentation. Fire Chief Jay Nelson, representing the Red, White, and Blue Fire District, spoke regarding the District's request to require sprinklers on all new or altered housing units greater than 4500 square feet. Chief Nelson noted that the sprinkler requirement in the International Building Code is set at zero square feet and that the District's decision to request 4500 square feet as a minimum stem from a study on the staffing capacity of the District to respond to house fires. The current Town minimum of 6000 square feet for sprinkler implementation was noted to highlight that without sprinklers, the District could not feasibly respond to a fire for homes greater than 4500 square feet in size. The Board requested information on why a Town Ordinance is required for District enforcement, and Chief Nelson noted that the District can only enforce within Town limits if the Town adopts the same requirements as their Fire Code. Enforcement will default to the 2018 Fire Code if the new code language is not adopted by the Board.

The Board also noted the potential for these requirements to be viewed as onerous by developers and requested information on how adoption will impact insurance rates and coverability. Chief Nelson reported that the increase in insurance mostly affects commercial development, but that residential properties will feel the downstream effects as insurance looks to shift costs. There were also approximately 50-60 homeowners in Summit County over the prior year that reached out to the Fire District for assistance after they were dropped by insurance providers.

Chief Nelson also discussed the importance of messaging regarding fire risks this summer due to an increase in fire hazards and additionally reviewed the Red, White, and Blue Fire District's Strategic Plan highlights. The Board and Chief Nelson discussed the use of cisterns within the Town during winter and how the Fire District measures financial sustainability. The Board thanked Chief Nelson for his presentation.

- Presentation on Section(s) 16(B)-4-30(b)(3), 16B-4-20, 16B-4-50, 16-3-20 regarding the use of Setbacks. Commissioner Dan Cleary, representing the Planning & Zoning Commission, spoke on proposed language intended to address confusion around the application of setbacks related to Ordinance 2025-02. Commissioner Cleary noted differences in interpretation of the current setback language and a desire to redefine "road access easement" as the original language was removed via Ord. 2025-02. The current language measures setbacks 25 feet from the road rather than including the 15-foot road easement that was included in considerations prior to Ord. 2025-02. The P&Z Commission expressed support towards including the road easement in setback calculations as prior home builds/additions have been approved with minimal setbacks. The idea of a Town survey to catalogue existing road locations and house positions rather than utilizing Google Earth was also discussed. Commissioner Cleary noted that the Town should consider a zero-fee or low-fee streamlined variance application as variances are only poised to increase regardless of what setback interpretation is applied.

Commissioner Cleary expressed his opinion on the definition of a setback, noting a desire to strike restrictive language which includes rights-of-way, road access easements, and pedestrian easements. Replacing these items with language encompassing any relevant easement to be included in the Land Use Code. Language modifications were also proposed on items related to zoning, the explicit prohibition of interference with any existing or future road usage within a road or access road easement, and a statement that either a lot line or a road easement will be used to determine buildable area depending on which is closer to a proposed building effort. Setbacks would not be determined by any private driveway as this is a private right-of-way. The Board had multiple comments regarding this proposal, which included support for the changes and a concern around fairness in how setbacks will be applied going forward.

Planning and Zoning Commissioner Kristofer Carlsted also spoke on the intent of excluding private driveways from the proposed language and noted that the proposition is intended to promote an equal opportunity for all homeowners to go through the variance review process. The Board inquired about whether site plans are required to show the physical location of roads in relation to a proposed project. Commissioner Carlsted confirmed that the road must be included, but there are issues surrounding where the road is technically platted in relation to its current physical location.

- Proposed Ordinance 2026-02 regarding a compensation adjustment for the Board of Trustees. The Board and Town Attorney Robert Widner declined to speak on this item as it was previously discussed as a work session topic at the February 17, 2026 Board meeting.

## **Approval of Agenda/Consent Agenda**

Mayor Decicco moved and Trustee Heckman seconded to approve the Consent Agenda and Financial Report. All ayes.

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Regular Meeting of January 20, 2026.
2. Approval of Financial Report
  - a. Period Ending January 31, 2026.

## **Communications to the Board of Trustees**

Public comments were made by the following: Chris Daley and Dan Cleary. Whit Smith also presented the Board with a plaque on behalf of Summit County Rescue Group in appreciation of the support shown by the Town Board of Trustees throughout the years.

## **New Business**

1. Ordinance No. 2026-02 – an Ordinance of the Board of Trustees of Blue River, Colorado, Setting the Compensation for any New Term of Office for the Mayor or Trustee Commencing on or After April 21, 2026
  - a. Public Hearing  
Mayor Decicco closed the Regular Meeting and opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 PM. A written statement was read on behalf of Jon Warnick and Commissioner Kristofer Carlsted also spoke. Mayor Decicco closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 6:10PM.
  - b. Motion to Approve  
Trustee Willey moved to approve Ordinance No.2026-02 as presented. Trustee Hopkins seconded to approve Ordinance 2026-02. The motion passed with six ayes and one abstention.

## **Old Business**

1. None

## **Reports**

1. Mayor & Trustee Reports – Trustee Slaughter reported that the Wildfire Council is now being held on the last week of the month. A presentation from Frontline Wildfire Defense at the prior Wildfire Council meeting was mentioned. Trustee Slaughter expressed his desire to discuss increasing bus stops in Blue River with the Summit County Transit Board at their upcoming meeting.
2. Town Attorney Reports – None.
3. Staff Reports
  - a. Town Manager – Town Manager Chad Hull reported on a request by the Planning & Zoning Commission to remove Commissioner Troy Watts due to

nonattendance. The Commissioner missed the last five meetings and seven of the previous twelve. The Town Manager cited the Municipal Code, which notes three or more absences as an item to report to the Board of Trustees and also constitutes grounds for removal via a Motion to Remove.

i. Motion to Remove

Mayor Decicco made a motion to remove Commissioner Watts from the P&Z Commission. Trustee Slaughter seconded the motion to remove. The motion passed with all ayes. The Board declined to motion to approve a new Commission member at this meeting.

The Town Manager also reported on a potential open space acquisition opportunity in conjunction with Summit County and the Town of Breckenridge. The February Financial report was mentioned with a note that revenues and expenses are tracking well through the first two months of the year. Town Manager Hull also discussed the transition to ADP for payroll and discussions between municipalities in Summit County regarding the implementation of a possible fire restriction. Short-Term Rentals were also included in the report with reminders that the Town operates under a maximum of two guests per bedroom plus two additional guests. Listings of short-term rentals must show the proper bedroom count, occupancy limit, current STR license issued by the Town, and a note that outdoor parking is limited to a maximum of five vehicles. The Town reserves the right to determine occupancy and bedroom count on any STR license based on Town building records, bedroom count authorized by utility providers based on service capacity, and/or a physical inspection of the property. Town Manager Hull noted that failing to comply with these items may result in notices of violation and an eventual suspension or revocation of any future STR license.

- b. Chief of Police – Police Chief David Close mentioned the need to begin the process of access enforcement for Goose Pasture Tarn. The Board endorsed the concept of vehicles tags to confirm residency along with an encouragement to begin the development and implementation of such a system. The Board expressed concern about trespassing occurring earlier than usual this year due to early-season thaw and restated a belief that Tarn usage by short-term renters or non-residents is a significant issue.

At the Board's request, Chief Close also discussed the temporary closure of Highway 9 on March 12<sup>th</sup>. The closure was due to an active ongoing case in which a fugitive was apprehended. Chief Close expressed his appreciation for the support provided by the Municipal Emergency Response Team as well as a Fugitive Team from Lakewood in apprehending the suspect.

### **Other Matters to be Brought Before the Board of Trustees**

1. None

### **Adjourn**

Mayor Decicco moved and Mayor Pro-Tem Willey seconded to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Submitted by:

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Chad Hull  
Town Manager

**TOWN OF BLUE RIVER, COLORADO**

**RESOLUTION 2026-06**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO CONSENT  
TO SUMMIT COUNTY'S ENFORCEMENT OF COUNTY-WIDE FIRE  
BANS WITHIN THE TOWN OF BLUE RIVER**

**WHEREAS**, C.R.S. §30-15-401(1)(n.5) authorizes the Board of County Commissioners of Summit County to ban open fires within the unincorporated areas of the County when the danger of fire is found to be high; and

**WHEREAS**, from time to time, Summit County deems it necessary and prudent to impose an immediate ban on open burning throughout the County as a means of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of residents of Summit County; and

**WHEREAS**, by the express language of C.R.S. §30-15-401(8), a county fire ban is not applicable or enforceable within the corporate limits of a municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, C.R.S. § 30-15-401(8) provides that a county resolution adopted in accordance with the authority of such state law may be made applicable and enforceable within the corporate limits of a municipality if the municipality "consents." A county fire ban shall be uniform within the municipality and in the applicable unincorporated areas of the county, unless the county and the municipality agree otherwise pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, when it is necessary to ban open burning within Summit County, it is often an immediate need due to conditions that may result in high fire danger. Since the Board of Trustees meets only monthly, waiting for the Board to grant consent before the County may enforce a fire ban puts the Town at risk due to potential delays.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF BLUE RIVER THAT:**

1. The Board of Trustees authorizes the Town Manager to issue written consent to Summit County permitting enforcement of a Summit County fire ban within the Town's jurisdiction when the Manager deems such action necessary or appropriate.
2. The Town Manager shall promptly inform all members of the Board of Trustees when the Manager provides consent to Summit County.
3. This Resolution shall not implicitly repeal or modify any Town law or regulation prohibiting open burning or other forms of outdoor fire, including fireworks displays.

4. Nothing in this Resolution shall prohibit or prevent the Board of Trustees from providing the consent referenced in C.R.S. §30-15-401(8).

5. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon approval and shall have continuing force and effect until repealed by the Board of Trustees.

**ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2026.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk or Deputy

Resolution No. 2026-06 Manager Authority to Consent to County Fire Bans  
April 21, 2026  
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**Exhibit A**

**TOWN OF BLUE RIVER, COLORADO**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF  
BLUE RIVER, COLORADO, SITTING AS THE BOARD OF  
ADJUSTMENT, GRANTING A VARIANCE TO SETBACKS FOR 15  
WILDERNESS DRIVE, LOT 230 WILDERNESS SUBDIVISION**

WHEREAS, the Town of Blue River (“Town”) is a statutory municipal corporation of the state of Colorado incorporated and organized in accordance with parts 1 and 4 of Article 2, Title 31, C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, sitting as the Board of Adjustment, is granted the authority to approve variances from area standards imposed by the Land Use Code as provided by Article 7 of Chapter 16; and

WHEREAS, an application for a variances to setbacks was submitted for 15 Wilderness Drive, Lot 230 Wilderness Subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the application was deemed complete and, to the extent the application did not include particular requirements of Article 7, Chapter 15, the requirements were waived by the authority of the Town Manager; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the requested variances; and

WHEREAS, all required notices for the pubic hearing in the matter were provided and the matter was presented to the Board of Trustees, sitting as the Board of Adjustment; and

WHEREAS, a hearing was held in the matter in accordance with the Land Use Code as provided by Article 7 of Chapter 16; and

WHEREAS, the evidence produced in the hearing established that the criteria for approval stated in Section 16-7-50 of the Land Development Code were satisfied.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF BLUE RIVER, COLORADO, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Grant of Variance.** The following variance is granted for 15 Wilderness Drive, Lot 239 Wilderness Subdivision:

The East and South property lines of Lot 230 are granted ten feet (10’) of relief from the twenty-five (25’) feet standard required for the R-1 Zone District so that the rear yard setbacks shall be fifteen feet (15’).

**Section 2.** **Severability.** Should any one or more sections or provisions of this Ordinance or of the Code provisions enacted hereby be judicially determined invalid or unenforceable, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remaining provisions of this Ordinance or of such Code provision, the intention being that the various sections and provisions are severable.

**Section 3.** **Repeal.** All Ordinances or Codes or parts thereof in conflict or inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency, hereby repealed; provided, however, that the repeal of any such Ordinance or Code or part thereof shall not revive any other section or part of any Ordinance or Code provision heretofore repealed or superseded.

**Section 4.** **Minor Revision or Correction Authorized.** The Town Manager, in consultation with the Town Attorney, is authorized to make minor revisions or corrections to the codified version of the provisions of this Ordinance provided that such revisions or corrections are grammatical, typographical, or non-substantive and do not alter or change the meaning and intent of this Ordinance.

**Section 5.** **Effective Date.** The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after publication following the final passage.

**INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, ADOPTED, AND ORDERED PUBLISHED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Blue River, Colorado, held on the 21st day of April, 2026.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk

Published in the Summit County Journal \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

## Town Manager

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**From:** Town Manager  
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2026 6:00 PM  
**To:** Lou Fishman; Robert Dickson  
**Cc:** kyleparag@caa.inc  
**Subject:** 15 Wilderness Drive Variance Application - Initial Review

Hi Lou and Robbie,

I have reviewed the submitted variance documentation from the CitizenServe portal. I will support the variance request specified within the narrative and revised site plan as it satisfies the requirements in Section 16-7-50 of the Land Use Code "Criteria for Approval."

The variance application will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for administrative review at the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Have a great weekend,

Chad Hull, MPA  
Town of Blue River  
Town Manager  
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March 12, 2026

### Variance Application

15 Wilderness Drive  
Lot 230, Wilderness Subdivision, Blue River Estates

### Standard / Provision:

The Variance Application herein is for relief from the Setbacks listed in the "Zone District Standards" listed in Sec. 16A-4-60 for Zoning R-1. Specifically, we request that the East & South property lines of Lot 230 be granted 10' of relief such that these "Rear Yard Setbacks" are 15' instead of 25'. Lot 230 is a corner lot that is bounded by Gray Squirrel Lane on the North property line, & Wilderness Drive on the West property line. We expect / assume that 25' Front Yard Setbacks will be enforced for the West & East property lines as they have frontage to Wilderness Drive & Gray Squirrel Lane.

### Reason:

The reason for Variance Application is that imposing 25' Rear Yard Setbacks on either or both of the East & South property lines would render Lot 230 unbuildable. Lot 230 does not meet the minimum lot size listed in the "Zone District Standards" listed in Sec. 16A-4-60, & would be considered non-conforming, which is a hardship created by the developer of the Wilderness Subdivision. Typically, lots have 25' Setbacks for the Front & Rear Yards, as well as 15' Side Yard Setbacks. It would be unfair to impose 25' Setbacks for all 4 sides of a corner lot such as Lot 230. The Typical R-1 Zone District Standards create a hardship for corner lots in general, & Lot 230 specifically.

Granting this requested variance, & allowing 15' Rear Yard Setbacks for the East & South property lines will not be materially detrimental to the general public or the Owners of Lots 229 & 231. For those lots, the common property lines are considered Side Yards for Lots 231 & 229, & Lot 230 should be granted that same setback measurement.

### Extent:

As mentioned above, the applicant (us) is requesting that the East & South property lines be granted 10' of relief from 25' of setback to have 15' of setback for these 2 "Rear Yards."

### Precedent:

There is a long-standing & well-established precedent for having 15' Rear Yard Setbacks for the opposite, other 2 property lines of corner lots, while 25' Front Yard Setbacks are imposed along the roads. For corner lots in the past, the property lines that are opposite the Frontage have been considered Side Yards, rather Rear Yards. At the May 6, 2025 P & Z meeting, the design for 61 Twilight Trail was approved with no comment. 61 Twilight Trail is a corner lot. That design (Lot 489, Lakeshore Subdivision) shows 25' Front Yard Setbacks around the West & South property lines, & 15' Side Yard Setbacks along the North & East property lines. The Renovation / Addition design for that property was approved with the setbacks as shown, without any discussion, concern, or request for revision.

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
 Lot 230, Wilderness Subdivision, Blue River Estates, Town of Blue River, Summit County, Colorado

**AREA MATRIX**

FINISHED / LIVABLE	GARAGE / MECH.	TOTAL
LOWER 984 SF	600 SF	1584 SF
UPPER 1416 SF	0 SF	1416 SF
TOTAL 2400 SF	600 SF	3000 SF

FOUNDATION FOOTPRINT: 1584 SF  
 ROOF AREA: 1791 SF  
 PORCH AREA: 108 SF  
 DECK AREA: 240 SF  
 PATIO AREA: 128 SF  
 PAVING / DRIVEWAY AREA: 1078 SF  
 SNOWSTACK AREA: 708 SF

**HEIGHT INDEX**

GARAGE LEVEL: 99'-6"=U.S.G.S. 10.02910  
 LOWER LEVEL: 100'-0"=U.S.G.S. 10.029 5'  
 UPPER LEVEL: 110'-2"=U.S.G.S. 10.039 6.7'  
 HIGHEST RIDGE: 126'-1 3/8"=U.S.G.S. 10.055 6.1'

**PROJECT TEAM**

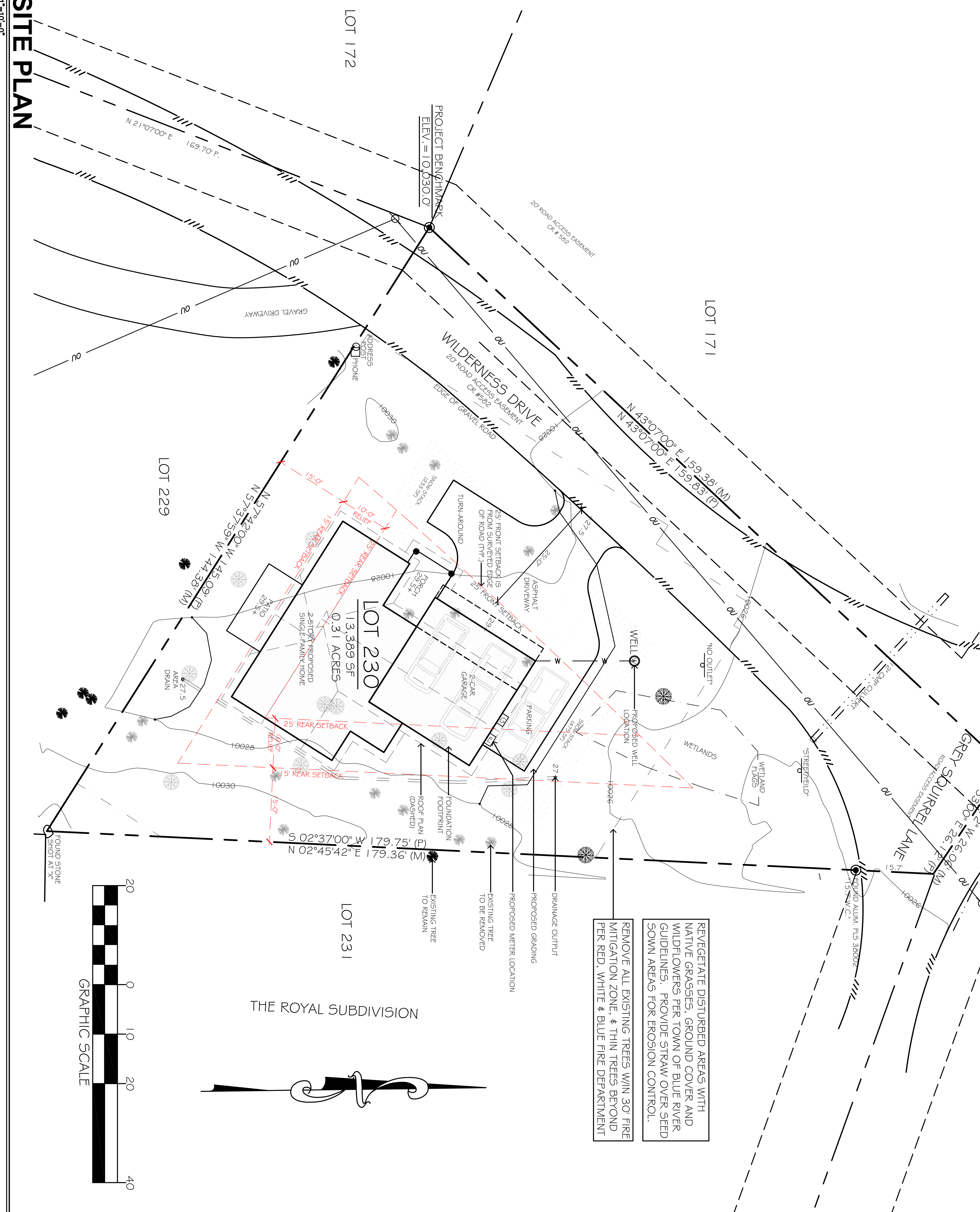
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**SURVEY LEGEND**

- FOUND REBAR & ALUMINUM CAP (P15 #39002)
- FOUND #4 REBAR
- (M) MEASURED COURSE
- (P) PLATTED COURSE
- UTILITY PEDESTAL
- FOUND 12"x12"x12" STONE MONUMENT
- SEWER CLEANOUTS / VENTS (4"Ø PVC)
- WELL
- UTILITY POLE
- OVERHEAD UTILITY LINES
- PINE TREE W/ TRUNK DIAMETER
- SPRUCE TREE W/ TRUNK DIAMETER

RANGE WEST PROJECT # 18734  
 DATE OF FIELD SURVEY: 10/22/2025  
 CONTOUR INTERVAL=2 FEET

# 15 Wilderness Residence



**SITE PLAN**  
 1"=10'-0"

	<b>15 Wilderness Residence</b> 15 Wilderness Drive Lot 230, Wilderness Subdivision, Blue River Estates, Town of Blue River, Summit County, Colorado	
	© 2026 job # 19025 date 3/1/2026 drawn by RMD checked by RMD Variance Application	EQUINOX ARCHITECTURE LLC P.O. Box 6217, Breckenridge, CO 80424 970.453.9619 (phone & fax) www.equinoxarchitecture.com
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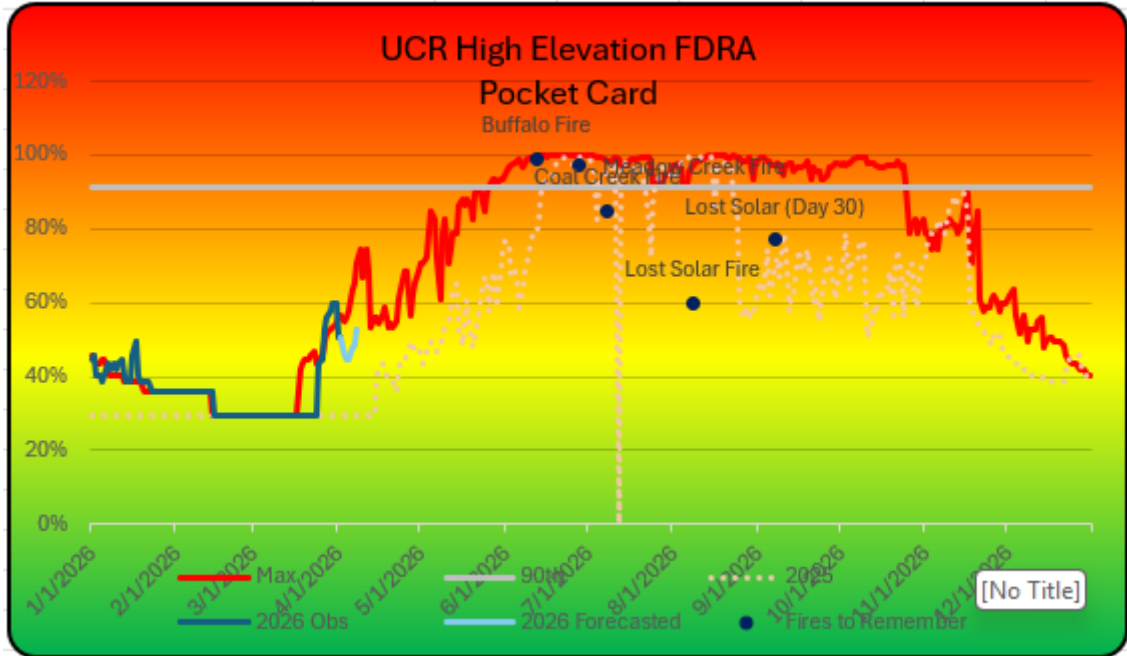



## **Manager's Report – April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026 Board of Trustees Meeting**

1. P&Z Commissioner Removal and Appointment
  - a. Request for applications sent out in 4/14 Town Newsletter
  - b. Received one statement of interest so far – deadline is set at May 8<sup>th</sup> for May Board consideration
2. STR Regulations and Reminders
  - a. Included in 4/14 Newsletter
  - b. Ordinance 2025-09 requires maximum of 2 listed occupants per bedroom plus 2 additional guests
  - c. All STR listings online must properly display bedroom count as noted on STR license, subsequent maximum occupancy, the STR license number issued by the Town, and a maximum of 5 vehicles in outdoor parking
  - d. It is a violation of the Town Ordinance to operate a STR without a proper license. Such action is subject to a notice of violation and eventual suspension or revocation of a future STR license. It is also a violation to list a STR with incorrect or missing information and may also lead to a suspension of the STR license
  - e. Review of STR enforcement practices and staff capacity underway
  - f. Conversation regarding STR Caps may be best practice in upcoming Board meetings
3. March Financial Report
4. Update on Fire Restrictions in Summit County and within other Municipalities
  - a. Discussions held between Managers, Red White and Blue Fire District, and the USFS regarding fire conditions
  - b. Data does not presently support fire restrictions being implemented
  - c. Important to emphasize “pre-green up, clean up” efforts in Town to mitigate fire risks
5. CSFS Article

- a. CSFS recognized Blue River’s effort in wildfire prevention and safeguarding housing in the Blue River Valley through partnership on four mitigation projects
6. Neo Broadband
- a. Surveyors out in Town tagging telephone poles and infrastructure to identify cost estimates for fiber installation
  - b. As a reminder:
    - i. Blue River is not eligible for grants due to existing internet access from Comcast
    - ii. Capital costs of building fiber connections could vary widely
    - iii. Undergrounding of fiber cable is very expensive in geographic terrain of Blue River – many comp. projects in the state have been halted midway due to cost constraints
    - iv. Funding the project may take several forms (debt, possible partial coverage by dedicated internet service provider)
    - v. May be able to partner with Summit County along Highway 9. The County has a long-term goal of fiber internet up to Quandary and Hoosier Pass neighborhoods
7. TextMyGov
- a. Residents in TextMyGov database will receive automated text on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and my Opt Out of future messages.
  - b. Planned usage for road maintenance and weather alerts
8. Discussion of Interest in Land Survey and/or Hydrogeologic Survey
- a. Requests have been made for both surveys to determine long-term health and planning of the community
9. Summit Water Quality Committee
- a. Committee has asked for Town’s position on joining as a voting member of the SWQC.
  - b. Majority of Summit County municipalities and sanitation districts currently sit on the committee
  - c. Pitch of membership to “provide the Town with a direct voice in regional water-quality planning, access to shared technical resources and monitoring data, and an opportunity to collaborate on watershed-scale solutions that support long-term protection of local and downstream water resources.”

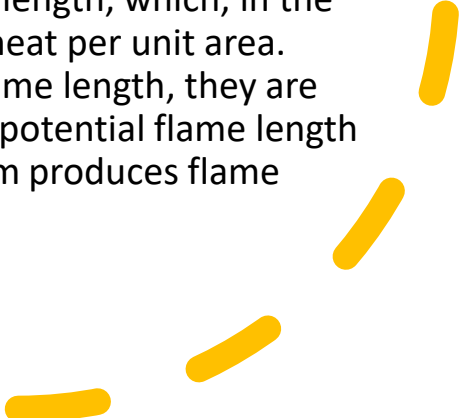
High Elevation Fire Danger Rating Area							
Upper Colorado River Interagency and Aviation Management Unit							
Forecasted Weather & National Fire Danger Rating System (NFDRS)							
RAWS (51510: Deep Creek, 51606: Dowd Jct, 51703: Soda Creek)							
<b>Fuel Model Y (Timber)</b>	4/2	4/3	4/4	4/5	4/6	4/7	4/8
<b>Max Temp</b>	47	32	44	49	50	50	52
Min Temp	26	17	18	24	28	31	33
Max RH	88	80	74	58	59	62	67
<b>Min RH</b>	38	37	26	▶ 20	25	31	29
<b>Winds</b>	▶ 17	11	8	7	7	10	13
Wind Direction							
Gust Wind Speed	33	22	16	14	15	19	22
Gust Wind Direction	ENE	ENE	N	N	NNE	NE	NE
24 Precipitation Forecast	0.20	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02
<b>NFDRS</b>							
<b>ERC - Cumulative Percentile</b>	51%	46%	45%	45%	48%	49%	53%
BI - Cumulative Percentile	57%	0%	0%	0%	52%	53%	59%
Fire Danger Rating Levels							
Adjective Rating	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Local Thresholds - Watchouts:							
<b>ERC &gt; 80%, Temperature &gt; 75, RH &lt; 20%, Winds &gt; 15mph</b>							





- **Energy Release Component (ERC)** is a number related to the available energy (BTU) per unit area (square foot) within the flaming front at the head of a fire. Daily variations in ERC are due to changes in moisture content of the various fuels present, both live and dead. Since this number represents the potential "heat release" per unit area in the flaming zone, it can provide guidance to several important fire activities. It may also be considered a composite fuel moisture value as it reflects the contribution that all live and dead fuels have to potential fire intensity. The ERC is a cumulative or "build-up" type of index. As live fuels cure and dead fuels dry, the ERC values get higher thus providing a good reflection of drought conditions. The scale is open-ended or unlimited and, as with other NFDRS components, is relative. Conditions producing an ERC value of 24 represent a potential heat release twice that of conditions resulting in an ERC value of 12.

- **Burning Index** is a number related to the contribution of fire behavior to the effort of containing a fire. The BI (difficulty of control) is derived from a combination of Spread Component (how fast it will spread) and Energy Release Component (how much energy will be produced). In this way, it is related to flame length, which, in the Fire Behavior Prediction System, is based on rate of spread and heat per unit area. However, because of differences in the calculations for BI and flame length, they are not the same. The BI is an index that rates fire danger related to potential flame length over a fire danger rating area. The fire behavior prediction system produces flame length predictions for a specific location.



# Summary of Current Conditions

- If all criteria are met, implement Stage 1 Restrictions
- If three elements are present, strongly consider Stage 1 Restrictions
- If less than three elements are present, recommend no fire restrictions.

Fire Danger Rating Areas	Approaching or at 90-96% ERC Last 5 Days			Human Caused Fires Last 7 Days		Live Fuel Moistures at or Approaching Historical Thresholds			No Significant relief in Fire Weather Forecast Next 7 Days		Recommend Restrictions
Low	X				X				X		
Middle	X				X				X		
High	X			X					X		

Does not Meet Threshold

Approaching/Partially Meets Thresholds

Meets Thresholds

# Wildfire Preparedness 2026

	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	
	Fire Season 1		Green Up	Fire Season 2		Monsoon	Fire Season 3
Homeowners	Pre-Green Up Clean Up		Mid-Summer Cut & Clear		Reduce Fall Fuels		
	Tool Loaner Program						
	Complimentary Defensible Space Evaluation						
				Fire Restriction/Stage + Recreational Fire Permit Info			
Visitors			SC Alerts + Opt In (timed)				
			Fire Restriction/Stage + Recreational Fire Permit Info				
			Simple Evac Info				
Locals			Go-Bag List (Adults + Children)				
			Simple Evac Info				
			Fire Restriction/Stage + Recreational Fire Permit Info				
General	Wildfire Hub Website						
	SC Alerts + Opt In						
	Wildfire Social Media Campaign (District)						
				Paper Campaign (Main Street Businesses)			

# Wildfire Social Media Campaign

<b>APRIL</b>	Weekly	Pre-Green Up Clean Up: Intro + 1 task/week
<b>MAY</b>	Weekly	Profiles on new FireWise neighborhoods
	Holiday Weekend	Go Bags (Adults & Children)
<b>JUNE</b>	Weekly	Keep It Clean: Intro + 1 task/week
	Mid-Month	Evac Info: Down + Out
<b>JULY</b>	Weekly	Be Wildfire Ready (Safe Camping)
<b>AUGUST</b>	Weekly	Reduce Fall Fuels: Intro + 1 task/week
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	Weekly	

*In addition to regular programming (incidents, fire restrictions, safety messaging, holidays, etc.)*

## Comms Channels

Socials: Insta/FB/X

School and Daycare Newsletters

Connect w/ Breck

ToB Employee Newsletter

Town Council Updates

Posters for Main Street businesses

BTO - email list

B Like Breck

Breck TV

Local TV Commercials

Radio Ads

Locals Trapline (PO/Breck Rec/etc)

Wildfire Hub

Senior Center (2000+)

BGV

Vail Resorts

ToB Leadership

Challenge cohort to

develop some content

later in the summer



## Pre-Green Up Clean Up

- Walk your home's perimeter and remove trash/debris
- Rake or leaf blow the first 5 feet around your home
- Trim shrubs and tree branches within 5-10 feet

**RWB Fire is prepared for wildfire season, are you?**



## Mid-Summer Cut & Clear

- Cut and maintain grasses within 30 feet of your home
- Remove stored items from underneath decks
- Remove excess vegetation in the 0-5 foot zone

**RWB Fire is prepared for wildfire season, are you?**



## Reduce Fall Fuels

- Weed whack wildflowers and grasses within 100' of your home
- Clean gutters, roof, and exterior vents
- Leaf blow often as the aspen drop their leaves

**RWB Fire is prepared for wildfire season, are you?**



Colorado State Forest Service News

# Healthy forests fuel Colorado's economy in Blue River Valley

09 Apr, 2026

## Proactive wildfire mitigation protects residents and can also save taxpayer dollars

Nestled in southern Summit County, the Blue River Valley is a jewel of Colorado's mountain tourism economy. Its breathtaking views and year-round outdoor recreation attract more than 4.5 million visitors annually. But behind the beauty lies a forest in need of care. The Colorado State Forest Service has been working hard on a series of projects that are restoring a healthy forest, reducing wildfire risk for communities and supporting the local economy.



## Forests In Focus: Blue River Valley

Colorado State Forest Service



Watch on

Since 2021, the CSFS has led a landscape-scale plan to reduce wildfire risks near the towns of [Blue River](#) and [Breckenridge](#). By connecting four [Good Neighbor Authority](#) projects over time, including the recent completion of the Blue River East project, the CSFS and partners are creating healthier forests that are better able to withstand wildfire and other threats like spruce and pine beetle outbreaks and other insects and disease.

The GNA program allows federal and state agencies to work together on forest management projects and helps foresters complete projects that span land across multiple ownerships. The work in the Blue River Valley will regenerate a new, healthy forest that contains trees that are a variety of ages.

## Protecting 3,000 homes, 57 roads, local jobs

The four GNA projects — Blue River East, Blue River West, White Cloud and Spruce Creek — have reduced wildfire risk for about 3,000 homes and protected the Blue River watershed, an essential source of drinking water for communities across

Colorado. A CSFS [Incentives for Local Governments](#) grant also funded right-of-way mitigation on 57 roads and community chipping events to improve road safety and reduce fire spread.

The wood products industry is integral in completing fuels reduction treatments, to reduce project costs, help with carbon sequestration and keep Colorado's forest products local instead of burning or chipping the wood. The White Cloud project supported local jobs by working with [Colorado Timber Resources](#), an area wood products business, to repurpose harvested trees. Profits from an accompanying timber sale offset the cost of treatment, saving \$300,000 the Summit County Strong Future Fund can now use to protect more homes and communities.



Before and after aerial views of the Blue River West Good Neighbor Authority forestry wildfire risk for nearby homes and evacuation routes and help firefighters engage with the background. Photos: Bill Wolf, CSFS

## Healthy forest, thriving economy

Keeping this particular forest landscape healthy is crucial to Colorado's economy. Summit County is a hub for tourism and recreation, drawing millions of visitors each year to ski, hike, mountain bike and enjoy the outdoors in every season. The surrounding [White River National Forest](#) has also seen a rise in visitors, to 18.4 million people annually in recent years, according to the U.S. Forest Service. Proactive wildfire mitigation, like the Blue River projects, not only protects residents, enhances wildlife habitats and keeps water sources clean. It also can save taxpayer dollars in potential firefighting and restoration costs while maintaining healthy forests that continue to draw visitors.

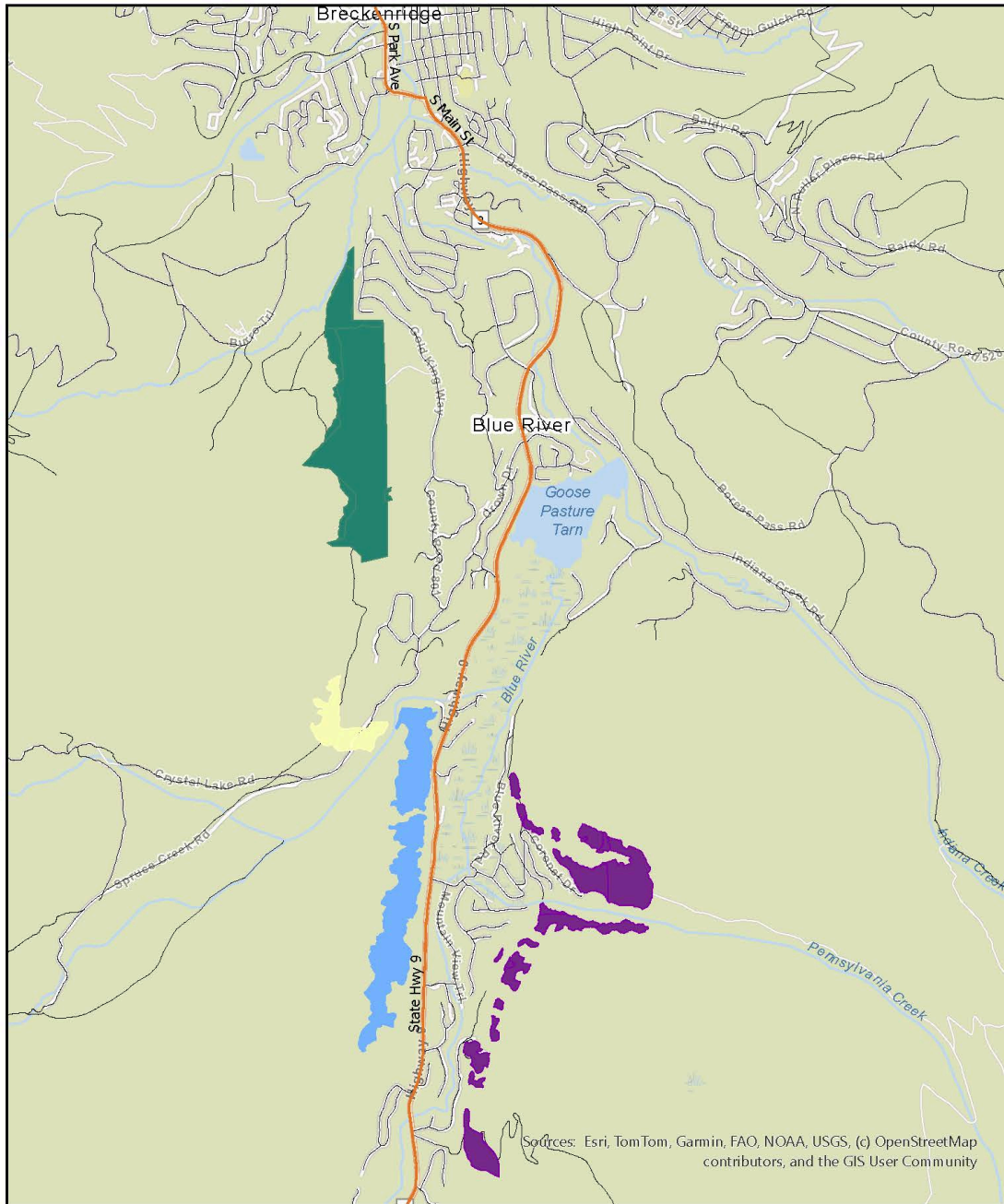
As well as working with private landowners and timber industry professionals, CSFS foresters partnered with the U.S. Forest Service, Summit County Government, the towns of Blue River and Breckenridge, the Red, White and Blue Fire Protection District and Denver Water to secure funding and implement these projects. Along with funding from The Nature Conservancy, the Summit County voter-approved Strong Future Fund has been instrumental in financing these initiatives and ensuring the safety of communities in wildfire-prone areas.

## Blue River Valley GNA Projects

The CSFS completed four major Good Neighbor Authority projects covering over 338 acres in the Blue River Valley. These projects reduce wildfire risks, regenerate forests and improve the forest's ability to protect water sources and recover from threats like wildfires, insect outbreaks and disease. This helps ensure long-term forest health in the Blue River Valley and protects the forests for present and future generations.

Project name	Acres	Year completed	Cost	Funding source
Blue River East	86.5	2025	\$206,322	Summit County Strong Future Fund, The Nature Conservancy, U.S. Forest Service
Blue River West	109	2023	\$279,694	Summit County Strong Future Fund, The Nature Conservancy, U.S. Forest Service
Spruce Creek	9	2023	\$49,996	Summit County Strong Future Fund
White Cloud	134	2022	\$0	Timber sales from this project saved about \$300,000

# CSFS Fire Mitigation Efforts in the Town of Blue River



Prepared By:  
Colorado State Forest Service  
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September 2025

0 1,500 3,000 6,000 Feet

1 inch equals 2,917 feet

Datum: NAD 1983 UTM Zone 13N

### Legend

- White Cloud
- Blue River West
- Spruce Creek
- Blue River East



Four forest health projects in the Blue River Valley – Blue River East (shown in purple), Blue River West (blue), White Cloud (green) and Spruce Creek (yellow) – have been completed since 2022. These Good Neighbor Authority projects help lower wildfire risk for residents, protect the Blue River

watershed and fortify a vital Colorado tourism economy and local timber industry jobs. Map: CSFS

**Video credits:** Amy Bulger, producer; Bill Wolf, drone pilot

## Tags assigned to this story

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Good Neighbor Authority

Granby

Wildfire Mitigation



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## Additional Information

- Colorado Forest Atlas
- Forest Action Plan
- Forest Health Report

**From:** [Kayli Foulk](#)  
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Hi Chad,

My name is Kayli Foulk, and I'm a project manager at Spheros Environmental and serve as co-technical coordinator for the Summit Water Quality Committee (SWQC). I'm reaching out to explore whether the Town of Blue River may be interested in becoming a member of the SWQC.

As background, the SWQC was formed in 1984 through an intergovernmental agreement to support protection of water quality in Summit County, primarily through regional nutrient control efforts tied to Regulation 71 and protection of Dillon Reservoir, as well as related monitoring and studies in the Blue River watershed.

Our membership currently includes Summit County, almost all of the towns and sanitation districts, with Denver Water Board and Climax Molybdenum participating as non-voting members. The Town of Blue River was not originally included, but we wanted to reconnect and see if the Town might be interested in becoming a member. Membership in SWQC would provide the Town with a direct voice in regional water-quality planning, access to shared technical resources and monitoring data, and an opportunity to collaborate on watershed-scale solutions that support long-term protection of local and downstream water resources.

I've Cc'd our chair, Kristin Brownson, and we'd be happy to set up a call to discuss the committee and answer any questions you may have.

Best,

Kayli

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## End of Month Report: March 2026

### Calls for Service

Total number of a calls: 160

Top 10 calls as follows:

Traffic Stops	89
Motorist Assist	7
Medical	6
Reckless Driver	5
Extra Watch Request	4
Other Agency Backup	3
Parking Violation	3
Warrant Arrest	2
Motor Vehicle Accident	2
Intrusion Alarm	2

**Summary:** The Department called in the Emergency Response Team, (SWAT) comprised of Dillon and Frisco PD units, to assist with the apprehension of a fugitive. Warmer temperatures lead to an increase in traffic enforcement opportunities. Traffic and traffic related incidents remain a large focus of the Department's efforts representing over 50% of calls for service.

Arrests: 4 = 1-felony, 3-misdemeanor  
 Motor Vehicle Crash: 2 = 1 on Hwy. 9 and 1 on town roads  
 DUI: 1

### Citations Issued

Municipal = 17  
 County = 4

### Current Administrative Focus

- Tarn – Updating Use Agreement, developing pass/permit system and application. Review of current codes and overall protocols in place.
- Fire Code Enforcement – Working with Red, White, and Blue to standardize a cooperative enforcement strategy.
- High Visibility Enforcement – also known as DUI enforcement. Managing remaining grant funds to be utilized by end of agreement in July.

Report prepared by:  
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