

# Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District Newsletter ~ Summer 2026

Join us at the Mish for the Cache la Poudre  
Fire & Emergency Group Fundraiser

**Boots Fest!**  
A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE  
**POUDRE CANYON**  
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
and celebration of Boots Jaffee's 77th birthday

**JUN 28 2026**

**2-6 PM**

**Delilah West Trio**  
**Cary Morin & Ghost Dog**  
**Dave Dardine Project**

Boots Jaffee : MC and guest harp player

**Pass and Fill the Boot**  
Generous donations per person gratefully accepted!  
All proceeds benefit PCFPD

Limited parking. Shuttle Available from CSU Tennis Complex

## Larimer County Fire Restrictions

On May 5th the Larimer County board of Commissioners issued enhanced fire restrictions. Please note that these restrictions apply to private property in unincorporated Larimer County and do not apply on State or Federal Lands

### Banned :

- Contained Open Fires. This includes open fire in a permanently constructed, stationary masonry or metal fireplaces specifically designed for the purpose of combustion.
- Uncontained Open Fires, including outdoor charcoal, pellet, and wood stoves/grills.
- Smoking in the open is not allowed, including on trails, parks and open spaces.
- Combustible devices.
- Operating or using any device with an internal or external combustion engine without a spark arrest device properly installed and in effective order.

### Allowed:

- Fireplaces or wood stoves located inside a residence
- Gas or liquid fueled fires, including grills and camping stoves
- Open burning (official forest management purposes)
- Execution of authorized burn permits

*Any person who knowingly violates these regulations can be fined.*

## Apply Now ...

Funds are available to help residents in our district mitigate their property from wildfires through grant managed by the county called Home Ignition Zone Mitigation Assistance Program (HIZ MAP). You need to first have an assessment done on your property that provides you with a report on ways you can mitigate your home from wildfires. Then you can apply to get up to \$4,000 of mitigation work on your property from this program.

For more information go to: [HIZ MAP](#)

[Register for Home Ignition Zone Mitigation Assistance Program Webinar June 8, 6-8 pm](#)

To apply for assistance: [HIZ MAP Assistance](#)

To sign up for an assessment: [Poudre Canyon Assessments](#)

## Stump Grinder



With funds from a County Mitigation Grant and a donation from CLPFEG, the District purchased a self-propelled Stump Grinder and a trailer to haul it on. The grinder can chip away a stump to below grade level, but the area around the stump needs to be dug out to remove any large rocks next to the

stump. This not only provides longer tooth life but also minimizes the possibility of creating sparks. While not hard to use, it can be physically demanding. Like the wood chipper, the stump grinder must be operated by district volunteers.

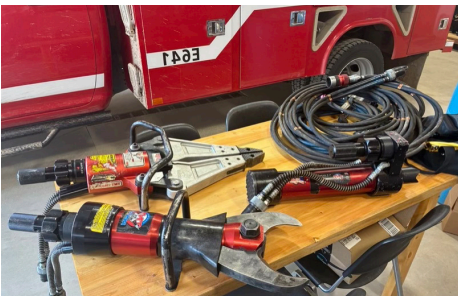
## Dump Trailer

With funds from a County Mitigation Grant, the district has purchased a dump trailer. This purchase is intended to support wood bank projects in the upper and lower canyon. When used in conjunction with one of the district wood splitters, volunteers can convert logs into split firewood and deliver it.



## Donation

Front Range Fire Rescue recently donated a complete set of hydraulic extrication tools. They, like many departments, have gone to battery-operated tools, and they



were looking for a home for some of their old equipment. We have decided to stay with hydraulic tools to avoid the cost of conversion, and this donation allows us to carry extrication gear on Engine 641. To address the possibility of needing to use extrication equipment away from the engines, we asked CLPFEG for money to purchase an additional 50' sections of hose. This will allow us to operate further from the hydraulic pump, which needs to be situated on relatively level ground.

## Meet PCFPD Secretary

My name is Jenn Collins, and Colorado has been home to me since I was one year old. Much of my youth was spent camping and fishing with my family in the Red Feather Lakes area.

In the late 1980s, my parents purchased property off Boy Scout Road, which became our family getaway and is now my home. I loved spending time here while my two sons were growing up, and now I have the joy of sharing that same experience with my granddaughters. My husband and I also cherish the peace and tranquility of the area where we live.

In August 2025, I joined the Poudre Canyon Fire Department because I wanted to support our community, build stronger connections, and give back in a meaningful way. I value being part of a team that genuinely cares for one another and for the community we serve.



## Fire Board Meeting Schedule

Find out more about the fire district by attending one of the board meetings. They are on the second Wednesdays of the every month at 7 pm. Even months in the upper canyon, odd months in the lower canyon.



Team Training on Wildland Fire



The Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District is part of a Community Wildfire Defense Grant called the [Red Feather Lakes Area Wildfire Defense Project](#). This project has launched the [Home Ignition Zone Mitigation Assistance Program](#) (HIZ MAP), which may provide up to \$4,000 of wildfire mitigation around a home to eligible homeowners.

To be eligible for HIZ MAP, your home has to have had a Home Ignition Zone (HIZ) assessment completed by the [Poudre Canyon Wildfire Community Alliance](#).

If you already have had an HIZ assessment completed, you can directly [apply](#) to participate in the Mitigation Assistance Program. Applying does not guarantee assistance.



Please apply to this program as soon as possible as work will soon be underway. Your home may be prioritized if you are in a neighborhood with others who are also applying, and this may increase the amount of money allocated to each home in that neighborhood, up to \$4,000.

## HIZ MAP PROCESS:



### 1. Schedule & Complete a Free Home Ignition Zone Assessment

Contact the Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District to schedule a free assessment: [poudrecanyonfiredistrict.org](http://poudrecanyonfiredistrict.org)

### 2. Determine Eligibility for HIZ MAP

Your property must be privately owned, located within one of the participating communities, and have a completed Home Ignition Zone Assessment. Primary residences, secondary/seasonal homes, and renter-occupied properties may all qualify.

### 3. Apply to HIZ MAP

Once your assessment is complete, apply to the HIZ MAP program. Eligible community members can receive **up to \$4,000 worth of work for wildfire mitigation** on qualifying properties within the project areas.

[Learn More & Apply](#)

Please note: Applying does not guarantee assistance. This program supports defensible space and vegetation management work, but does not cover home-hardening improvements such as roofing, vents, or gutters.

You can find out more information about the Home Ignition Zone Mitigation Assistance Program (HIZ MAP) at <https://www.poudrewatershed.org/hizmap>. Please write to Bette Blinde at [b.blinde@poudrecanyonfiredistrict.org](mailto:b.blinde@poudrecanyonfiredistrict.org) with any questions.