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Executive Director & President, Headwaters Trails Alliance

STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

The BOCC supported **Sheriff Brett Schroetlin's** recommendation to lift Stage 1 Fire Restrictions, effective Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 12 p.m.

The recommendation reflects a collaborative effort between local fire districts, the Bureau of Land Management's Kremmling Field Office, the Sulphur Ranger District of the Arapaho National Forest, and the Routt National Forest. Grand County's federal partners will also be lifting Fire Restrictions.



PUBLIC HEALTH | COVID UPDATE

Grand County Public Health Director **Abbie Baker** provided the following COVID-19 update:

- 104 cases in the last 7 days; 159 cases in the last two weeks
 - 661.6 / 100,000 transmission rate puts Grand County in the "(very) high transmission" category
- 29% of cases in the last 90 days have been pediatric (under 18)
- As of Tuesday, 4 individuals were reported hospitalized with an additional 4 due to be reported Wednesday
- 73.5% total estimated community immunity (fully vaccinated combined with estimated natural immunity)

Director Baker has been speaking with the State CDPHE regarding bringing in a mobile testing site to assist with testing capacity. Discussions about where to place the mobile unit are ongoing. Additional data has been added to Grand County's dashboard, including separating pediatric from adult cases and additional vaccine and hospitalization data.



VSO DAILEY HONORED

Grand County Veterans Service Officer **Duane Dailey** received the 2020/21 Louis Nardini Award from the Colorado Veterans Service Officers Association in recognition of his outstanding service to Grand County veterans.

MANAGER'S UPDATE

County Manager **Ed Moyer** provided the following updates:

- Regarding EWP Projects, Manager Moyer requested approval to sign property access agreements in the Corral Creek area related to the State's ownership of certain land parcels.
- On behalf of the Grand County Library District (GCLD), Manager Moyer asked for approval of re-appointment of two GCLD board members. The re-appointments were approved.
- Regarding County Road 522: The services contract with Metcalf Archaeological Consultants was modified due to requirements of the U.S. Corps of Engineers for the re-digitization of historical mapping. This will not affect the project deadline imposed by the Corps. The amendments were approved as presented.
- Mr. Moyer is attending the Colorado River District's Annual Seminar this Friday in Grand Junction.

OCTOBER PROCLAIMED CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS MONTH



Information Systems Director and Chief Information Security Officer **Thomas Johnson** presented a proclamation for October to be recognized as Cybersecurity Awareness Month. The Federal Government, U.S. Department of Homeland Security and many other national organizations recognize October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month. Whether at home or at work, employees and citizens are encouraged to visit www.StopThinkConnect.org to learn about cybersecurity measures that can be put into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses. Commissioners adopted the Proclamation.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- Weekly vouchers and wire payments were approved with no discussion. In addition, Finance Director **Curtis Lange** asked for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the State Department of Revenue related to confidential information and the collection of sales taxes. The MOU was approved.
 - **Budget Hearings are scheduled to begin next week. To view the hearing schedule, preliminary budget (department asks) and and budget schedule, visit www.co.grand.co.us/2022-budget.**
- Economic Development Director **DiAnn Butler** presented an addendum to an EDA CARES Act grant via NorthWest Council of Governments (NWCOG) for Grand County to receive an additional \$20,000. The funds are to be spent enhancing and promoting the Work In Grand website and social media presence on behalf of County employers. The contract addendum was approved.
- Airport Supervisor **Josh Schroeder** presented a revised ground lease for hangar No. 7 at the Granby Airport to include ground lease information. The contract revision was approved.
- Community Development Planner **Taylor Schlueter** presented a request for an extension of an Amended Final Plat and Vacation for Lots 4 & 5, block 5, Grand View Highlands. The request was approved.
- Undersheriff **Wayne Schafer** presented an out-of-state travel request for a Sheriff's Office investigator regarding an ongoing criminal investigation. The request was approved.
- Community Development presented a request for an outright exemption by applicant Kurt Peters. Citing zoning violations, the request was denied.
- During a Public Hearing, the Assessor's Office presented a request for abatement by the property owner of Lot 4 of the Busse Subdivision. The request for abatement was denied.