

POUDRE CANYON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NEWSLETTER ~ SPRING 2021

2021 THE ASHES TO ART PROJECT

**YOU'RE INVITED TO A "FEEL GOOD" MOMENT.
ARTISTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND BEYOND HAVE
RALLIED TO HELP COLORADO'S VOLUNTEER FIRE
DEPARTMENTS AND SO CAN YOU!**

Tell your friends, family and your co-workers too.
Buy original artwork that includes wildfire charcoal
from the Cameron Peak wildfire of 2020.

Feel good knowing all
proceeds will go to the
Poudre Canyon & Rist Canyon
Volunteer Fire Departments.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
MAY 10th through May 15th**

***THE ASHES TO ART PROJECT
ONLINE AUCTION AT [BIDDINGFORGOOD.COM](https://www.biddingforgood.com)***

Over 80 artists from all 50 states and several foreign countries have donated artwork made from the charcoal from the Cameron Peak Fire to be auctioned off online to benefit the Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District and the Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department -- the two department most impacted by the Cameron Peak Fire. This effort is spearheaded by Lori Joseph and Tim O'Hara. They did a similar fundraiser in 2012 after the High Park Fire and raised \$10,000 for Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District. It is a creative fundraising idea that artists can participate in. You can bid online any time from May 10th to May 15th. Auction ends 8 pm mountain time on the 15th.

This is the link for [BiddingforGood](https://www.biddingforgood.com). Items will be available for viewing by May 1. Please go to the site and register in advance of the Auction which starts 5/10 and will end 5/15 at 8 pm MST.

Pictures show some of the artwork available.



FLOODING EXPECTED

After the High Park Fire in 2012, the next year, 2013, brought us flooding. Flooding is expected again after the Cameron Peak Fire when the snowmelt or heavy rain runs unstopped by the lack of vegetation into the Poudre River due to the fire. Larimer County is coordinating the delivery of filled sand bags available to homeowners to protect their residences. Currently, the plan is to have sandbags delivered the week of May 8th (see map for locations). Feel free to pick some up to protect your property. Is your flood insurance up to date? Information about the National Flood Insurance Program: www.floodsmart.gov.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDER (EMR) CLASS

Poudre Canyon FPD will soon have three EMRs in the district once their classes end the end of April and they pass the National Registry of Emergency Medical Responders. These individuals will be able to respond to 911 calls with much of the same knowledge and skills as EMTs.

FROM THE CHIEF - HUGH COLLINS

Thanks to generous donations following the Cameron Peak Fire, a grant from the state, and well managed finances, the department is able to replace the overloaded and underpowered engine currently at Station 3 with a new vehicle. The new engine will be built on a Dodge 5500 chassis, and will feature new lighting, radios, utility body, and winch. The existing pump package that includes a compressed air foam system will be reinstalled on the new engine. The new engine will be similar in appearance to our existing primary engines located at Stations 1, 2, and 4, but will be about 5 feet shorter and more maneuverable when operating on narrow forest roads. The chassis with utility body is expected to be delivered in mid-May, and volunteers will start to install the pump package and equipment at that time.

WE ENCOURAGE HOMEOWNERS TO MITIGATE THEIR PROPERTY

So you have mitigated your property, trimmed limbs and shrubs. What do you do with all the slash? You can burn it in the winter, but you need a burn permit from the county. Or you could contact the fire department. We have a 6 inch chipper and we can help you chip your piles. Call Hugh: 881-2472.

DO YOU SHOP AT AMAZON OR KING SOOPERS?

If you do, consider using smile.amazon.com and linking your purchase to Cache la Poudre Fire and Emergency Group. Register your King Soopers "SooperCard" and then choose Poudre Canyon Fire Protection District as the organization you wish to support. Then a percentage of your purchase will be donated to the fire department.

FIRE BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Find out more about the fire district by attending one of the board meetings. They are second Wednesdays of the every month at 7 pm.

May 12 Lower Poudre Canyon Community Building
June 9 Upper Poudre Canyon Community Building
July 14 Lower Poudre Canyon Community Building
August 11 Upper Poudre Canyon Community Building

POUDRE CANYON FIRE DISTRICT.ORG

Want to learn more about our fire district? Go to PoudreCanyonFireDistrict.org. If you would like to make a donation to the department, just click on the Support/onation page and take it for a test drive. . .

FIRE BOARD MEMBERS:

Gene Mericle	970 219-4700
Bette Blinde	970 881-2902
Paula Collins	970 881-2472
Greg Danhoff	970 881-2202
Boots Jaffee	970 495-1335



FLOOD PREPAREDNESS

According to Larimer County Emergency Services, approximately 50% of the Cameron Peak burn scar is currently hydrophobic and will not absorb snowmelt or rain. With that in mind, there is a serious potential for flooding along the Poudre, its tributaries, and the dry washes that lead to it. Of particular concern to the County are the Laramie River Valley, Roaring Creek, Seven Mile Creek (Rustic), and the streams along the Pingree Park Road and Buckhorn Road. The Sheriff's Office has added another level to the Voluntary and Mandatory Evacuation notices, the new level is LEAVE NOW. To get automated alerts for your area sign up and NOCO Alerts or text "FLOOD2021" to 888777. The dams at the big reservoirs are not felt to be at risk, but may see long term effects from silt deposits. If you feel your house is in danger of flooding from runoff events, sandbags will be available the week of May 8th at various locations in the canyon. Take what you need, but please bring any extras back for your neighbors to use. Roll-off dumpsters are planned to be located in the area for debris removal, and when the decision is finalized, their locations will be shown on this map: [Dumpster Map](#).

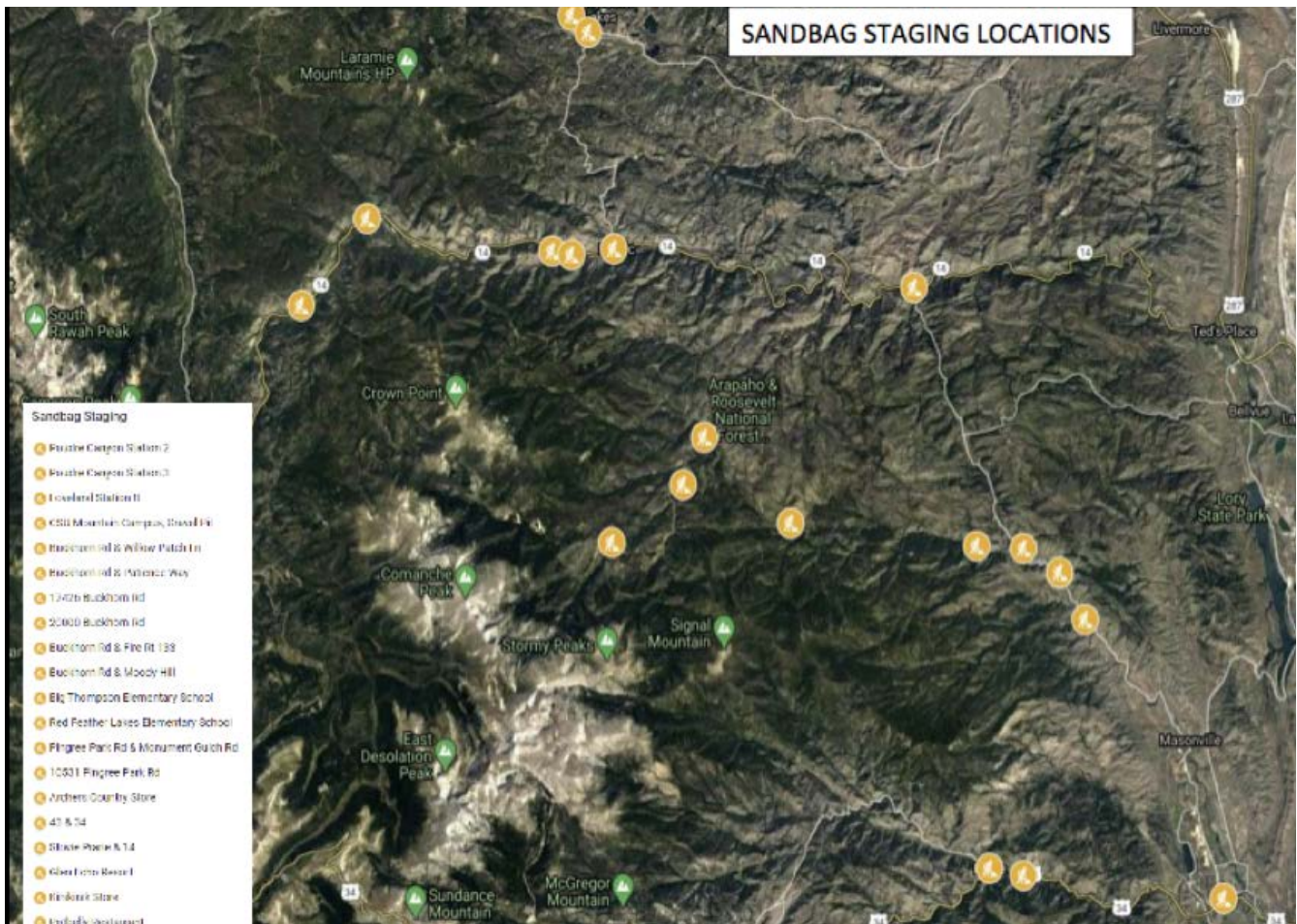
1. Funding and assistance for private lands, roads, and property - the Long-Term Recovery Group has confirmed that they have both funding and volunteers that can

help with private road damages from the fire, arranging contractors to help with household debris transport, and meet other financial needs. If you haven't already contacted them to determine what might be possible, please reach out at the following phone number: 970-232-1150.

There were restrictions for federal assistance for some areas that are gated communities, but those restrictions do not apply for the Long-Term Recovery Group so please reach out.

2. Debris - The county's debris contractor assessed the fire area and determined that moving trees to a mulching location will be difficult or impossible in some areas. Therefore, the county decided to change the debris plan to chip the trees on site. The county will need Right of Entry permissions to conduct this work on private roads and lands so if you have not reviewed the form, please use the following link to sign or review: [Right of Entry](#).

This will be done for both roadway vegetative debris and stream debris. For those who have hazard trees in other places on their property, please contact the case management phone number above for volunteers who can help to remove those trees. If the county does not have permission from the landowner, they will have to leave the debris as is and leave the hazard trees in place for



that specific property. If you need the form mailed to you, please contact Lori Hodges, Director, Office of Emergency Management, W: 970-498-7147 | C: 303-656-3214 | hodgeslr@co.larimer.co.us.

3. Insurance Question on Right of Entry Form - If you have insurance to help with clean-up and debris efforts, you should use that first, and then other programs that the county offers can be available for whatever remains. The county will not be seeking reimbursement from homeowners for the work we do in the fire area.

BURN-SCAR FLOOD PREPAREDNESS

Here is the [link to register for the zoom webinar](#) if people want to participate and ask questions.



BURN-SCAR

FLOOD PREPAREDNESS

LUNCHTIME Q&A SESSION

Be prepared for flood impacts and hazard preparedness related to the Cameron Peak Fire Burn-Scar

MAY 14 | 12 PM - 1 PM MST

REGISTER AT [TINYURL.COM/CPFFLOOD](https://tinyurl.com/CPFFLOOD)



Record snowfall doesn't deter your volunteers from responding to help someone in need.



Cameron Peak Fire from County Road 68C.