

# GREER RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

Community Newsletter, Fall 2024



Our mission: "**Fast First Response**". We need to get there first, start putting water on a fire until backup arrives.

Our priority goal: "**To ensure every residence in the district is within 5 miles of a fire station**". We don't have to do this, but with insurance companies feeling the pain of increasing wildfire claims, then pulling out of markets, we can choose to get ahead of that problem.

**All members of our Greer Community are asked to please attend this important meeting where we will present our options for the future of our fire district. YOUR INPUT to help make our decision is NEEDED!**

**Date for the next community meeting is:**

**OCTOBER 9 at 10am**

**In the Conference room  
at the Clearwater Memorial Public Library  
402 Michigan Ave, Orofino**

Doughnuts, coffee/tea and water will be available  
Contact: [greerfiredistrict@outlook.com](mailto:greerfiredistrict@outlook.com)

At this meeting, We will present more information about our options to install fire station services within the fire district - assuming we can find a Fire Chief first, of course.

**Before you decide which option you think is best, please read on to see what we need to take into consideration for the final decision**

On page 2 you can see the site options available to us this time around. We need to consider how to achieve our mission - Fast First Response - and secure our 5-mile priority goal. It's not as easy as you might think!"

Please check out the map on page 3, and refer to it as you think through the options.

## About Greer Rural Fire District:

### Commissioners:

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### Secretary:

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### Future meetings:

01/15/2025 @10 am Orofino Library  
04/16/2025 @ 10 am Orofino Library  
06/27/2025 Budget Hearing & Potluck at the Greer City Park

Agendas and minutes of meetings are posted on the Clearwater Community website:

[https://clearwatercounty.org/greer\\_rural\\_fire\\_district.php](https://clearwatercounty.org/greer_rural_fire_district.php)

## Single site or 2 sites?

We are fortunate to have 4 sites on offer, and one where we can stage vehicles and water resources. Only the Goldwagon Drive site, however, fully meets the priority, 5-mile goal. On the map (page 3), you can see the spread of residences by distance from each site. The Top of Grade and Greer Park sites are more than 5 miles from a number of properties, but the Greer Park site is actually closer to many more homes within a 2-mile distance and may well be closer to more volunteer firefighters - when we have a full crew.

When we look at the ideal needs for power, water, and septic services to a fire station, each site has different benefits and drawbacks. Greer Park is easy for mains power connection, and witching has found water at 40 ft, but a septic system is impossible there, and a well is estimated at \$23k. The White site has an existing well nearby that can pipe water to the station, but mains power would cost up to \$27k. A septic system is doable.

Goldwagon Drive needs both water and power at what may be \$37k and \$40k respectively. Septic should not be an issue.

We don't know as much about the top of the Grade site as we do about the others, but the cost of drilling a well may be as high as \$88k. That site, however, could provide us with a tighter collaboration with Weippe fire department, which could be extremely useful. Even so, it's more than 5 miles from 30 of our existing 49 properties.

Should we have two sites? That could double the cost, and we are not exactly overflowing with volunteers yet to manage one, let alone two - but it's an option.

There are, of course, mitigation strategies we can apply e.g. solar power, bringing water onto the site, composting toilets/ porta-potties/ public toilet, dry hydrants and more. We can look at these at the meeting. We need to agree on some compromises and help the Commissioners make some smart decisions. We will also need to plan to raise money beyond our existing resources and/or extend our time to build.

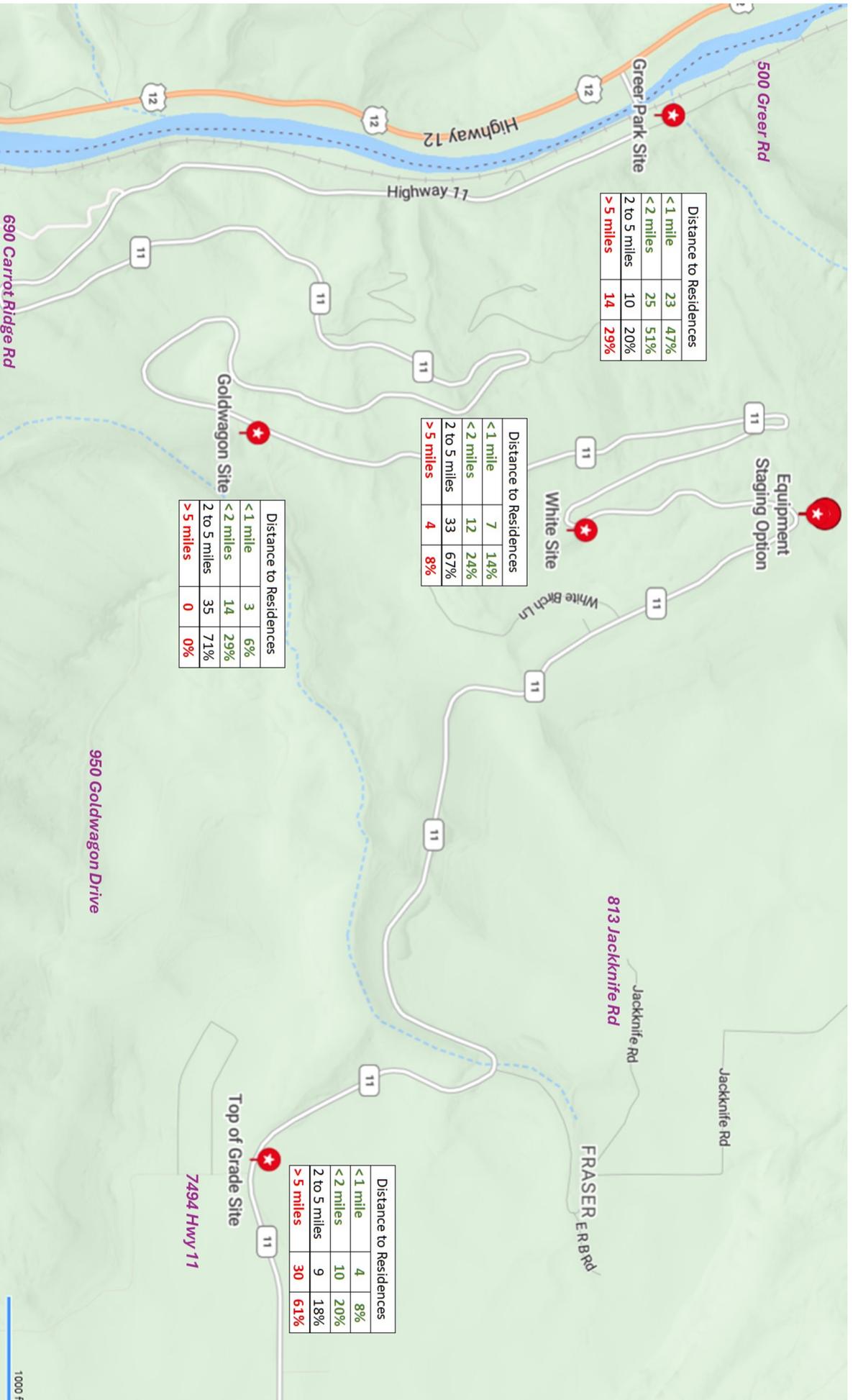


**Are you:  
a team builder,  
a "MacGyver",  
a negotiator,  
a planner, a  
community person?**

**Did you know you  
would make a great  
Fire Chief?**



**Are you: organized, methodical,  
computer savvy, a  
communicator,  
a people person?  
Please come join the team  
as Secretary for GRFD**



# BAKE SALE



## Annual Hunters Bake Sale

Friday, October 11 at the Greer Park  
8 am - 2 pm

Looking for donations of baked goods, hats,  
scarves, crafts.

Contact Linda Beard **ASAP**  
at 208-435-4806 or 208-660-6261  
to sign up with items to sell and/or volunteer  
to work. We are in need of 1-2 hr shifts at the  
sale table. **PLEASE sign up**

We will have coffee, water available



**Chimney Cleaning..**  
**its time before the snow flies!**

Contact: Frank Birch at 208-476-3210

## RAFFLE

with all proceeds going to  
Greer Rural Fire District

*A Cord of Red Fir Firewood,*  
*split and delivered Free*  
*(in the area)*



**Ticket Cost:**  
**\$5 for one or 5/\$20**

**Tickets available at our baked sale, or contacting  
any of our commissioners (see pg 1)**

**Drawing will be done in November by our  
Commissioners.  
Winners will be notified**