

GREER RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

Community Newsletter, Summer 2025



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."

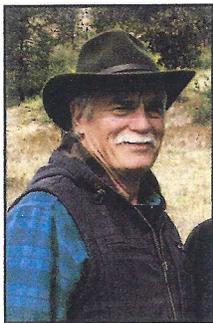
MEET OUR NEW FIRE CHIEF

Jim Watkins appointed as Fire Chief – Jan 2025

Jim Watkins, is a newcomer to the fire district, coming to Idaho in 2024 from Texas. " My main goal and reason for becoming fire chief is to help get a fire station built and to prevent homeowners from losing their fire coverage. Currently we are trying to get a flatbed truck that we can convert to a type 6 brush truck that we will equip with a 300 gallon water tank, pump, engine and 200ft of hose for faster response time once the county recognizes our district as a functioning fire department."

In the week leading up to our meeting/potluck in the park, you may see me to stop by your home to introduce myself and familiarize myself with our Greer rural community. Recruiting volunteers in high on our priority as well. Please contact me (information to the right) if you are interested in joining the team.

Matt Turner – new Commissioner for Sub-District 3 - Feb 2025



Matt is no stranger to the Fire District. He has a long history with the area and finally retired, with his wife, Susan, to his property on Lolo Creek in 2015 – just in time to lay in a fire line to protect them from that fire!

Matt served as our Fire Chief officially from 2020 to 2023 and has covered the role since then, while we searched for a replacement.

Our existing two commissioners, Jenne Byrne and Mike Thacker, welcome Matt's help as the lead in getting a fire station built and fulfill its mission: Fast First Response.

About Greer Rural Fire District:

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Future meetings:

06/27/2025 Budget Hearing &
Potluck at the Greer City Park

Meetings are OPEN to all in our community, we urge you all to attend!

Agendas and minutes of meetings are posted on the Clearwater Community website:
https://clearwatercounty.org/greer_rural_fire_district.php

Hunter's \$ale and Fall Fund Raiser\$

In October we had our annual Hunters Bake Sale meeting our \$1000 goal according to event coordinator, Linda Beard. We also kicked off sales for our raffle. With the raffle running only 2 months long, we were still able to raise an additional \$ 500. Just think how much more we could have raised with a better organized raffle and longer time frame to sell tickets!!



Jerry Martin receives his cord of wood from Chris Rimes and son.

Diana Bishop shows off her new Turkey decoration, just in time for Thanksgiving!



Von Anderson-Berreth with 2 of the 4 miniature Yeti family she won.

Full Time Secretary Needed!



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

It's Never too early to start thinking about our Annual Hunters Bake Sale!!

**Friday, October 10, 2025
at the Greer Park
8 am - 2 pm**

Contact Linda Beard **ASAP**
at 208-435-4806 or 208-660-6261
to sign up with items to sell and/or volunteer to help organize our main annual fundraiser

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

Volunteers are needed and welcome with ideas, motivation and drive to organize and see these fundraisers through!

IT'S HAPPENING!

Clearwater County has agreed to lease the Greer Rural Fire Department a portion of the Greer City Park to build our fire station!!

We are currently waiting for the judge's signature on the contract. Once that has been signed, we are free to pursue bids on the materials, obtain permits required and start breaking ground. Volunteers will be needed for this community project we have been working so long and hard for. PLEASE consider what you can do to help.

With a fire station within 5 miles of the majority of our community, the goal here is to help our community keep their property insurance available and affordable. Many of us over the years have seen our property insurance **increase as much as \$500 per year!** New applicants may not be able to secure reasonable insurance without a station nearby. Whether you are a full time resident, out of area owner, or a renter, **we are all affected by wildfires.** Please help as you can by volunteering your time, your fund raising skills, monetary donations. **WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

Protecting your Homes from Wildfires.

A good thing to consider doing before fire season is cleaning out your gutters of pine needles, leaves and other things that have accumulated throughout the year. All it takes is a spark to set these things on fire. Check your perimeters around your home and eliminate dry brush, leaves and pine needles.

Frank Burch, a handyman in the Dent Bridge area, cleans gutters and chimneys. A couple of our Greer residents have used his services in the past. Give him a call at 208-476-3210.

Ron Dwyer, another community member, is available to come to your home to provide a fire hazard evaluation of your home and property. Give him a call at 208-435-4308 to set an appointment.



Community Budget Meeting and Potluck

Friday, June 27

11 am in the Greer City Park

To start off, we will discuss our budget, current status on property for the fire station, our plan and next steps for the station once we allowed to begin.

Following our speakers, we will enjoy a community potluck lunch. Fried Chicken will be provided. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share, as well as your beverage of choice and chairs!

Hope to see you all there for this important annual meeting.

"Erb Brothers General Store in Greer, Idaho."



Idaho History 1800 to Present.

Admin Skip Myers · Apr 30, 2023 ·

Wagon pulled by team and men on porch in front of Erb Brothers General Store in Greer Idaho. Check out the muddy streets and that dog keeping cool laying in the street. Wonder what the floors of the businesses looked like. Date 1901. Donor George Wells.

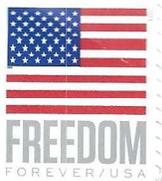


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