

# GREER RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

Community Newsletter, October 2025

## Fire Station Update - Oct 4, 2025

You may have noticed some activity across the parking area from the Greer park, some survey stakes or perhaps a few volunteers digging post holes. After a lot of effort over the years by a lot of different people, the Greer community is finally going to get a Fire Station.

Clearwater County officials have been instrumental in making this happen by offering Greer a 100 year lease for the land where the park, toilet and future fire station are. This lease also obligates the Greer community to provide basic maintenance of the toilet - so look for volunteers (more are needed for a twice a week check) to keep an eye on the toilet and keep it supplied with TP. The toilet is well used by travelers and is needed to keep the riverfront areas clean and healthy. Vandalism can be a problem in the park so residents should keep an eye on it and report any issues either to the Sheriffs department or one of the Greer Fire Commissioners.

With the lease signed in early August, fire commissioners decided on the basic needs of a fire station and decided on a 24 x 40' "Pole Barn" structure for the fire station due to its low costs and ease of construction. Bids were then created and sent out to seven different suppliers offering complete turn key buildings or Construction materials only (Building Material suppliers and internet auctions) for volunteer builders. The preference, of course, was to have a turn key supplier do all the work, but the financial reality is that we cannot afford turn key construction. The good news was that we could afford the building materials themselves, and the best evaluated bid came, and was awarded to our local Best Builders Supply.

In compliance with Clearwater County code, we also sought out the services of an Idaho Licensed Contractor to oversee the building construction and guide our volunteer construction efforts. We were very fortunate to have Rick Burnham volunteer to take on this role and help our construction efforts. Thank You Rick !

**The basic survey work and digging of post holes is nearly completed and it is time to seek out volunteers for the next phases of Fire House construction. We are seeking volunteers for this work to begin on Sat. Oct. 18 (9 AM) and continuing every Sat until completion. Volunteers should bring their own Personal Protection Gear (gloves, boots, hats, safety glasses), raingear, water, lunch and be prepared for physical labor.**

**Come help us build your Fire Station / Community Center;  
Starting Saturdays Oct. 18th at 9.00 am - Greer Park.**

*\*\* We welcome our new Fire Chief, Melana (Mel) Whitaker  
and thank Jim Watkins for his service. \*\**

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