

# FOREST LAKES NEWS

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*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you and yours!*



**LOOK AT  
THAT  
SNOW!!**



**FLMD Office & Shop Closed 12/25 & 12/26**

**HOLIDAY TRASH HOURS**

**12/25 Closed 12/26 Open 8am-3pm**



**Make room  
for those plow  
trucks!**

## **Snow Removal Reminders**

- 1) **Please do not plow/push snow from your driveway onto the main road leaving a berm. This creates a dangerous driving condition and you could be held liable in the event of an accident. If you push snow across the road, 1) make sure you clear the roadway and 2) don't create a problem for your neighbor.**
- 2) **Do not park at the edge of your driveway or on the road to prevent the snow plow from building a snow wall. Make arrangements to have snow plowed as soon as possible so you can get in your driveway.**
- 3) **Please slow down, especially on snow pack roads. We want everyone to enjoy living in the mountains, leave a few minutes early and take your time.**

## **FIREWISE TIP OF THE MONTH**

The Smokey sign at entrance is now current with the low level of fire conditions, but don't let your guard down. Keep a sharp eye on your wood stoves, embers, coals, and watch that turkey in the oven! Forest Lakes is listed as the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest community in La Plata County with the highest-level of risk for fire. Why? The density of our forest combined with the high number of undeveloped, unmitigated lots.

Your FireWise Ambassadors are volunteers who live in Forest Lakes dedicating themselves to educating us all on how to become a more fire-safe neighborhood. We will be ramping up education and communication for 2018 with the Upper Pine Fire Department and your neighbors. Stay tuned.

Safe and Happy Holidays to everyone.

Please be extremely careful with ashes you remove from your stove or fireplace. It is safest to leave ashes in closed metal containers for three days before disposal. FLMD provides metal barrels that are specifically for ash disposal only; the metal containers are located near the large trash dumpsters.

## **SERVICE IMPACT FEES**

If you are converting a garage to living area, adding an addition on to your home, adding living quarters to your detached garage, etc., you must submit plans to FLMD. These areas are subject to the Service Impact Fee which is \$2.25/square foot. Please Note—This fee may be doubled if you have started construction prior to contacting FLMD. Open decks, garages (limited square footage), sheds, etc. are not subject to the impact fee but FLMD does request that you provide a site plan to make sure you are not encroaching on our utility easement. Thank you for your cooperation.

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