

INFORMATION FOR OUR RESIDENTS ON USFS CLOSURES AND COVID-19 UPDATES

Please refer to Resolution No. 20-21 for information regarding the closure of our forests. Following are some details that may be helpful:

On Wednesday, October 21, 2020, the Gilpin County Board of County Commissioners held a Special Meeting to address the closure of United States Forest Service (USFS) lands in Gilpin County which also includes closure of access roads to these lands. These county roads include: Tolland Road, Apex Valley Road, Columbine Campground Road, Bald Mountain Lane, Missouri Gulch Road, Gamble Gulch Road, Moon Gulch Road, Lump Gulch Road, Lower Travis Gulch Road and any other county roads that provide access to the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests. County residents who live within an affected area by any of these temporary road closures will be allowed to use these roads to access their homes.

At this time the County has no management authority over the state parks including Golden Gate Canyon State Park. We are in the process of reaching out to Colorado Parks and Wildlife to encourage closing the state parks during this unprecedented wildfire season. There may be an exception in order to leave some of the campgrounds open and supervised for evacuees from neighboring counties. The county remains under our **Stage 2 Fire Ban which includes but isn't limited to no fires, no smoking outside of your home and no shooting of guns.**

In an effort to address the current spike in COVID-19 cases, the Board of County Commissioners approved Public Health Order Number 20-13 on October 21, 2020. Following are a few highlights:

The Gilpin County Commissioners approved **Public Health Order Number 20-13** which limits the number of people allowed who gather at residences and short-term rentals. This means 5 guests may gather in homes and 10 guests outside of homes. The impetus here is to help slow the spread of COVID-19 which is on the rise in our county and around our country. Be advised, however, that we have learned that later today Governor Polis will issue an executive order limiting all personal gatherings to a maximum of 10 people, up to two households at all levels of recovery (Protect Our Neighbors, Safer at Home and in the Great outdoors, and Stay Safe at Home). The Governor's executive order will apply to the extent it is more restrictive than Gilpin County PHO 20-13. We will provide more information on this when the executive order is issued.

We ask that all of our residents and visitors be fire-wise, respect the USFS closures and remain safe from COVID-19 exposure by wearing masks in public, disinfecting, washing hands and social distancing. The safety of our residents and forests require these necessary actions.

Thank you for your assistance.