

OURAY COUNTY

Grants received for fire mitigation

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On Aug. 15, Gov. John Hickenlooper announced that Log Hill Volunteer Fire Department and Ouray County are two of the entities that will receive grant funding from the Wildfire Risk Reduction Grant Program, created by Senate Bill 13-269 to support projects that reduce wildfire risk to property, infrastructure and water supplies.

Administered by the West Region Wildfire Council, the grants include \$57,382 for LHVFD's Log Hill Community Wildfire Risk Reduction Project and \$10,920 for Ouray County's Top of the Pines Wildfire Risk Reduction and Watershed Protection Project.

The Log Hill project will support mitigation actions on 200 acres of private property and property owned by the LHVFD on Log Hill Mesa, according to LHVFD Vice Chief Tom Austin.

Austin explained the mitigation actions required a one to one match for the private landowners as well as the fire department and would be completed within 18 months.

The grant will give participating landowners support to create defensible space on private property as well as support larger fire mitigation actions on shared community property in the Log Hill area.

Austin said the grant would support construction of a shaded fuel break on the escarpment to protect the fire department building and the Dallas Creek water treatment facility as well as other fire reduction actions on 15 acres of LHVFD property. The mitigation actions will reduce wildfire risk to an important escape route (County Road 1) from the area, Austin said.

Ouray County's grant includes wildfire mitigation actions to be taken by the county Weed Department.

The state issued more than \$4 million in grants to 25 projects in areas of overlapping human development and forested landscapes known as wildland-urban interface. The state will solicit a second round of grant proposals in 2014 for \$5.8 million in additional funds.

County safe from West Nile for now

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The Western Slope may be in the middle of the West Nile Virus (WNV) peak season, but it looks like Ouray County is successfully avoiding the mosquito-transmitted disease.

Though at least six cases have been confirmed in Delta County, so far there have been no reports or complaints of WNV positive cases in Ouray County.

Public Health Director Elisabeth Lawaczek said the most at-risk areas in the Western Slope include Delta, Mesa and Montrose counties, all of which experienced a "severe year" last year and will likely be deemed severe this year. There was one reported case in Ouray County last year, though it's unknown whether the individual had been infected within the county.

Although Ouray County has been safe from the disease this year, Lawaczek said that doesn't mean WNV can't be a threat in the future.

The Centers for Disease Control and

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration are

predicting that as the weather continues to warm, some mosquito-borne diseases may arrive in areas where they are not usually found because some mosquito species will begin to survive in areas they haven't before. The Colorado State University Extension's website explains that infected mosquitos are capable of "overwintering" in Colorado, meaning the virus is able to survive winter months. It is unknown what that means in terms of future outbreaks.

Lawaczek, whose background includes coordinating WNV surveillance and prevention control for the Colorado Health Department, said she's not predicting any issues in the county, but "there's always a possibility down the road and in the future."

It's very unlikely that Ouray will experience any problems because the city's altitude wards off infected mosquito species. However, the town of Ridgway is more likely to see cases of

the disease as mosquitos are more prevalent in the area.

WNV season begins in July and continues through early September. CSU Extension reports that only a small percentage of mosquitos actually carry the virus, and only one in five people bitten by an infected mosquito will develop symptoms.

Symptoms of a positive case of WNV include fever, headache, body aches and skin rash. Only one in 150 people infected develop more severe symptoms, and mortality occurs in fewer than one percent of clinical cases. If symptoms develop, they appear within three to 14 days of infection and typically last about a week for mild cases.

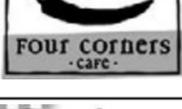
Prevention is key to fighting the disease. Lawaczek encourages everyone, especially those in Ridgway, to wear insect repellent at dawn and dusk and, as weather permits, wear long sleeves and long pants to protect against mosquito bites.

For more information on WNV visit www.cdc.gov/westnile.

OURAY COUNTY Dining Guide

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			Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Outdoor / Patio	Reservations Accepted	Bar Service	Catering
	BEAUMONT GRILL 507 Main St. 970-325-7000 Open Daily 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Freshly made, wholesome American-Style Cuisine including steaks, seafood, sandwiches, salads, nightly fresh fish specials, vegetarian choices, and gluten-free options. The extensive cellar boasts one of the Western Slope's largest wine selections with over 300 vintages from around the world.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	CREEKSIDE CAFE 970-325-4736 3.5 mi N. of Ouray ~ Mile Marker 98 Open Daily: Breakfast 7:30-10:30	Open to the public. Mid-June - Mid-August for breakfast daily. Live entertainment Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights. Full breakfast menu served through Labor Day.	✓			✓	✓	✓	
	BUEN TIEMPO MEXICAN RESTAURANT & CANTINA 515 Main St., Ouray 970-325-4544 Mon-Fri 5:30-close; Sat-Sun 11:30-close	Serving chile rubbed prime rib, blue corn spinach enchiladas, carne asada, carne advoda, fajitas, fish tacos and much more. Also featuring 10 different margaritas! Come see our unusual ceiling!		✓	✓	✓		✓	
	GOLDBELT BAR & GRILL 800 Main St. 970-325-7323 Open Daily 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.	Goldbelt features homemade pizza, burgers, wraps, pulled pork and rubeens. Come sit on the biggest patio in Ouray and enjoy a frozen margarita with a view of the San Juans. Call for pick up.		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
	MAGGIE'S KITCHEN 705 Main St. 970-325-0259 Open Daily 11 a.m. Call for take-out.	Come on in and enjoy one of our special burgers -- never frozen -- hand-cut french fries, homemade coleslaw, beer-battered onion rings, rib-eye sandwiches, tilapia, catfish poboys, fresh salads daily.		✓	✓				
	THE MINE SHACK 920 Main Street 970-325-4299 Mon-Sat 6:30am-7:00pm, Sun 12-7	Good food fast! Breakfast, egg/bagel sandwiches, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, sausage/biscuit 6:30-11. Top it off with Espresso, Latte, Coffee, Fruit Smoothies, Frappe's. Lunch includes: Bagel sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Bratwurst, Salads, Chips, Nacho's. Early Risers? Call by 5pm the day before your event/adventure for bag lunches to be picked up at 6am.	✓	✓		✓		✓	
	O'BRIEN'S PUB & GRILL 726 Main St. 970-325-4386 Open 7 days a week 11 a.m. - close www.obrienspubouray.com	Traditional Irish Meals and American Cuisine. Beer Battered Fish and Chips, Shepherd's Pie, as well as Slow Cooked Corned Beef & Cabbage. Also offering Fresh Salads, Homemade Soups, Burgers and Pub Sandwiches. Come sample one of our four unique Whiskey Flights. Sports are always on our flat screens!		✓	✓	✓		✓	
	THE ADOBE INN 251 Liddell Dr. 970-626-5939 Bar 5 p.m.; Dinner 5:30-9:00 p.m. Daily	A locals' favorite! Chosen as one of "Colorado's Finest Small-Town Restaurants." Outstanding Mexican fare, prepared with care and selective ingredients for uncommonly good common dishes. "Our chips and salsa are to die for." Full bar and a south-of-the-border atmosphere. Woodfire nightly.			✓		✓	✓	
	COLORADO BOY PUB & BREWERY 602 Clinton • 970-626-5333 Open at 4 Fri & Sat; at 4 T-Th & Sun Closed Monday	Colorado Boy Pub & Brewery, a cozy, popular brewery in historic Ridgway, serves award-winning microbrews made on premise, wines, artisan pizza & growlers to go. Stop by for a cold one & a souvenir hat or t-shirt! www.ColoradoBoy.com			✓	✓		✓	
	FOUR CORNERS CAFE 304 S. Lena 970-626-3737 • 970-626-2624 Open 7 days a week Breakfast: 7-11 a.m. • Dinner: 5-10 p.m. www.Chipeta.com	Southwest with style. Located at the Chipeta Solar Springs Resort. Featuring fresh & local ingredients. Awarded the best view in Ouray County. Reservations recommended. Live music Wed., Fri. & Sat. evenings 6-9 p.m. Dining: 5-10pm. Full bar & catering available. Local Breakfast Club Discount.	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	PANNY'S PIZZA 250 Palomino Trail 970-626-2122 Mon-Sat 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Voted best pizza and ice cream in Ouray County. Also serving gluten free pizza, fresh salads w/homemade dressings, hot sandwiches & homemade soups. Dine in/carry out. We feature cold beer and two outside decks with million dollar views of the San Juans and Cimarrons. Fantastic food served fast and friendly.		✓	✓	✓			
	TRUE GRIT CAFE 123 N. Lena St. 970-626-5739 Serving Lunch & Dinner Daily 11 a.m. - Close www.truegritcafe.com	True Comfort. True Taste. True Grit. Featuring local Ouray County beef. Mon. night Burger Night; Thur. night Taco Night; Fri. night Catfish Fry. Sat. night Prime Rib. Vegetarian & gluten-free options. Gourmet burgers, Tex Mex, salads, soups & desserts.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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