



## WHY TAYLOR CANYON FIRE STATION?

### // GCFP DISTRICT PROVIDES SERVICES OVER A LARGE GEOGRAPHIC AREA

Gunnison County Fire Protection District “GCFP” provides firefighting, extrication, swiftwater and ice rescue services from the GCFP District’s fire house located in the City of Gunnison. The GCFP District covers a very large geographic area that encompasses portions of Gunnison and Saguache counties. Within the GCFP District’s service area, there are many clusters of development, including Taylor Canyon and Spring Creek, that are a significant distance away from the GCFP District’s fire house located in the City of Gunnison.

### // TCFS VOLUNTEER SUB-STATION WILL PROVIDE CLOSE RANGE SERVICES

Historically, the closest sub-station was in Almont, which is more than five miles away. The addition of the Taylor Canyon Fire Station “TCFS” sub-station will provide quicker response time for services to the Taylor Canyon and Spring Creek area of Gunnison County. In addition, the location of the Fire Station will directly benefit residents of the surrounding area with property insurance, which is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain based on the existing locations of current substations. To qualify for an ISO Public Protection Classification rating of 4Y, improvements must be within 5 road miles of a fire station.



## WHO WILL OWN THE FIRE STATION AND HOW WILL IT BE FUNDED?

Taylor Canyon Fire Station, Inc, (TCFS), applied to the IRS as a non-profit 501c3 organization in January 2021, and we are waiting for a letter of determination. Volunteer fire departments serving other remote clusters of development in Gunnison County have received 501c3 status, and we are optimistic that TCFS will receive the same status soon. It was formed to construct and maintain a fire station serving the Taylor Canyon and Spring Creek area of Gunnison County, to support a volunteer fire department, and to raise funds to facilitate the foregoing activities. The Gunnison County's Fire District primary revenue source is a property tax. Due to Article X Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution (The Taxpayer's Bill of Rights, a/k/a TABOR), the GCFP District's ability to raise revenue to fund capital expenditures is severely limited.

The GCFP District does not have the funds to construct fire sub-stations in close-proximity to each of the remote clusters of development throughout the District. The GCFP District supports the efforts of the individuals residing in these clusters to be as self-reliant as possible due to the great distances from the Gunnison fire house to those areas.

The GCFP District encourages individuals in these areas to form non-profit organizations to raise funds to construct and operate fire sub-stations and volunteer fire departments.

## COMMUNITY REQUEST

**TCFS hopes to raise the \$850,000 necessary to complete the construction of the new 3,000 square-foot volunteer fire station.**

**GSFP is requesting additional volunteers for this new sub-station.**



## HOW WILL GCFP ASSIST WITH THE FIRE STATION EFFORTS?

The GCFP District sets aside funds each year to help these outlying volunteer departments to improve as first responders and to become more self-reliant in the fire management needs of their community. The District houses firefighting apparatus at these outlying departments for use in their operations. They will reimburse a portion of the operating costs of the sub station based on a defined set of criteria.

Existing volunteer firefighters can use the sub-station and the apparatus stored there, however, additional volunteers from the area are requested.

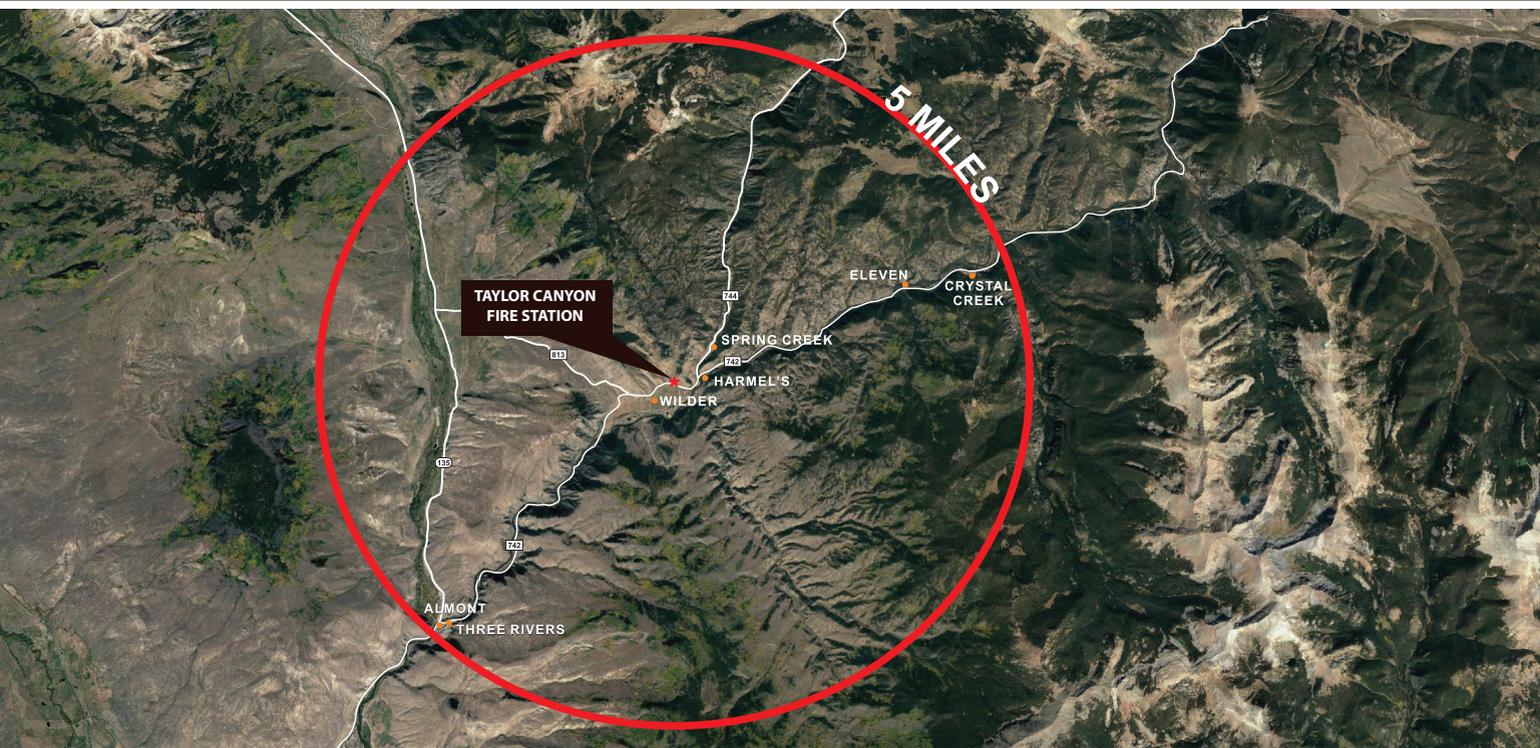
The GCFP will provide equipment in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding executed in January 2021.

## WHAT IS THE TIMING?

TCFS intends to commence construction of the sub-station June 2021. Site and structural plans have been developed, and an application for a land use change has been submitted to Gunnison County. A final Planning Commission decision is anticipated in May 2021. A construction contract with Big C Builders has been awarded and the construction duration is anticipated for 10-12 months, weather depending.



## WHERE IS THE FIRE STATION LOCATED?



## WHO IS THE PROJECT TEAM?

- Architectural and Design - SGM Civil and Engineering
- General Contractor - Big C Builders
- Legal - Law of the Rockies
- Accounting and Finance - Outwest Bookkeeping
- Banking - Community Banks of Colorado

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