



Falls Creek Ranch Association, Inc.

6350 Falls Creek Main

Durango, Colorado 81301

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RE: All-year access to Falls Creek Ranch for emergency vehicles and residents

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Falls Creek Firewise Committee and the Falls Creek Ranch Board of Directors.

We contract snow removal and gravel road maintenance to a local contractor, who stores some of his equipment on the Ranch and who rents our road grader for work here and at nearby neighborhoods.

We pay an annual retainer with a formal contract to provide removal services when snowfalls exceed 6 inches in a storm. We have a dually pickup with a front blade and sanding attachment in the bed to keep our roads open during and after lighter snowfalls. The operators of the dually live in Falls Creek Ranch and neighboring High Meadows, so they can respond as needed for emergencies.

We also have a tractor with blade to clear roads if we have a mud flow or debris flow during the summer months. We recently chip-sealed Falls Creek Main so that it is more easily cleared of snow and so that we avoid washboards and most potholes, typical of gravel roads.

Our side gravel roads are cleared of snow and debris by the road grader or the dually snow removal equipment in a timely manner. Our pledge is to open roads before 7 am for work and school and we often plow through the night to keep our pledge.

Again, our Board assures you that our roads are accessible all year and are well-maintained for emergency vehicle and resident access.

Sincerely,

Paulette Church

Firewise Committee Chair and Wildfire Adapted Ambassador

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