

Between the Beans

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Burn Area Recovery & Reclamation

In response to the Ferris, McCloud, and Sharps Creek Fires
July 29th, 2026, 5:30-7:30pm

Dolores County Public Service Center

8477 Road 7.7, Dove Creek, CO 81324

Topics:

- **Recovery Assistance and Resources Available to Landowners**
- **Vegetation Response from Fire and Fireline Disturbance – What to Expect**
- **Assessing Damage to Forest, Pasture and Cropland**
- **Noxious Weed Concerns and Management**
- **Erosion Mitigation**

Speakers

Caleb Marucci –

Supervisory Forester, Colorado State Forest Service SW Area

Gus Westerman –

CSU Extension Dolores County

For Questions, please call: 970-677-2283 or
Email: gus.westerman@colostate.edu



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As of July 26, 2026, the Ferris Fire, mostly within Dolores County, is at 97% containment, acreage remains stable at 64,881 acres, and the suppression repair work is looking good, the San Juan Incident Management Team 7 reports "The feller-buncher nearly finished hazard tree removal along the 521 Road on the southern edge of the fire area. It will resume that work today, then progress up the 504 Road on the east side of the canyon, as the weather allows. Chipping operations and dozer line repair has been completed on private and BLM land on the west side of the fire, south of the Dolores Canyon Overlook. The incident's Resource Advisors guided, inspected, and approved that work. Crews and heavy equipment will continue suppression repair activities today, working to the north towards the county line. " (Courtesy Photo Overlook to the SE)

Spilling the Beans...

By Kendra Cook

The last week of July almost feels like the last days of 'summer' for those with kids, getting ready to start the school year. Dove Creek School's first day of school is August 19th, with various activities and sports starting up before then.

The week's weather seems to taunt us with the possibility of rains - which remain 'scattered' so that not everyone has had a good soaking yet. Spot fires have kept DCVFD and all area firefighters on their toes when smoke is called in to Dispatch.

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2026 DOLORES COUNTY FAIR

Our venue has changed for this year, our fair will now be held at the Dove Creek Community Center.

Wednesday, August 5th
9:00am - Noon: Enter County Exhibits at the Fairgrounds
9:00am - Noon: 4-H Judging
Noon: Closed to the public- Exhibit Judging & Awards

Thursday, August 6th
9:00am - 6:00pm: Exhibits Open to Public
9:00am: **Due to the changes in location, all animals will be judged separately in private. We are sorry for any inconvenience and any disappointment.**
1:00pm - 4:00pm: Kid's Games

Friday, August 7th
9:00am - 6:00pm: Exhibits Open to Public
9:30am: 4-H Horse Show (moved, please call for more information)
4:00pm - 6:00pm: Ice Cream Social
4:30pm - 4:45pm: Small Animal Show Registration
5:00pm - 6:00pm: Small Animal Show

Saturday, August 8th
9:00am - 12:00pm: Open to the Public
12:00pm - 12:30pm: Check-Out Fair Exhibits (NO EXCEPTIONS!)
6:00pm: FFA Oyster Fry

DOLORES COUNTY RODEOS and 4-H Gymkhanas will be rescheduled, please keep an eye on our Facebook for further information.

FAIR BOOKS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT TOWN. CHECK YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 970-677-2283

Note that the Fair this year will be held in the Town of Dove Creek at Weber Park Community Center, as the related fire fighter personnel remain using the Fairground facility into the next few weeks. Find the schedule and the Fair Books with all of the categories and information and sponsor recognition, at the post office and businesses around town. The Jr Rodeo is determining their potential for rescheduling.

Dove Creek / Dolores County Library
Public/School Library
Mondays & Wednesdays 9am-5pm
Children's Library
Tuesdays & Thursdays 10am-4pm

SPECIAL INVITATION

TO EVERYONE WHO WAS AFFECTED BY OR HELPED WITH THE **FERRIS FIRE**

You are the heart of our community. We appreciate you!

Join us for the **12TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY BBQ** BY THE ROCK School Supplies

A BIG THANK YOU TO ATMOS ENERGY FOR PROVIDING THE BBQ FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY!

LOCALS APPRECIATION

JULY 29TH 5:00PM - 7:00PM

THE DOVE CREEK COMMUNITY CENTER
403 W 7th Street, Dove Creek

A Community is stronger through the trials they encounter and overcome. The Ferris Fire took over most of our 'summer' in Dove Creek, with so many involved in its suppression and protecting and caring for the community it impacted. The large Incident Management Teams that came to town did a tremendous job working through intense heats to secure a perimeter containment line with no loss of life, and everyone is grateful and thankful.

It's also time to take a moment and recognize all of our local support and those who sacrificed attending the Pick n Hoe, family reunions, vacations or other parts of their lives to be present and participate in protecting our community. At this year's ROCK School Supplies Community BBQ, we invite everyone to come out and enjoy some food courtesy Atmos Energy, pick up supplies for the students, and share in a moment of recognition and appreciation for all of our local workers and volunteers. A sincere Thank You!

Town of

Dove Creek

TOWN MANAGER POSITION

The Town Manager is under the general direction of the Town Board of Trustees to manage, direct, and supervise the daily activities and programs of the town. Provide professional guidance, leadership, and advice to the Town Board of Trustees. Direct the daily activities and programs of the Town through the Town’s departments. Develops and maintains quality customer service to citizens and promote consistency and transparency in the Town’s actions. Administer all Town departments, except the Town Clerk, Town Attorney and Municipal Judge. Serve at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees. Actively support and uphold the Town of Dove Creek’s mission and values.

This position will be a full-time position, and the pay is bi-weekly with a salary of \$75,000.00 plus benefits annually. A background check, clean driving record and clean drug test will be required prior to employment and a drug test may be requested at any time during employment.

A job description for this position and an employment application may be obtained online at <https://townofdovecreek.colorado.gov>.

Any person interested in applying for this position must submit a cover letter, resume, list of references, and employment application. Please send all correspondence, completed applications, or direct any questions to info@townofdovecreek.com 970-677-2255.

All information must be received by **August 6, 2026 by 4:30pm** to be considered for the position. Failure to include all requested information will result in the application not being considered for any position with the Town of Dove Creek.

Dove Creek Town Meeting

July 28, 2026 6:30pm

The Agenda will be available on the front door of the Town Hall and should be on the website, with the ZOOM link and password on the top of the agenda page.



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July 29 5pm - Bring a Thank You Sign for the Local Heroes!



The ROCK summer programs finished up their summer activities, including creating a banner to thank the first responders. Bring your own signs this Wed. to the BBQ in the Park - 5pm at Weber Park.



Thanks to all of the great volunteers and the Director of the Reaching Out to Community and Kids - Carol Marie Howell (center).



The Dove Creek Rec. Dept capped off their summer youth activities with a balloon boat water race and lots of other activities and crafts projects.



The Youth Activities, under the organization of Director Kristy Chadd, includes all types of educational activities with guest instructors. All of the programs are offered thanks to a great group of volunteers to lend their time.





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7 Day Weather Outlook

MONDAY JULY 27	TUESDAY JULY 28	WEDNESDAY JULY 29	THURSDAY JULY 30	FRIDAY JULY 31	SATURDAY AUGUST 1	SUNDAY AUGUST 2
 Mostly Sunny, Hot, Afternoon Thunderstorms 91/65	 Partly Sunny, Scattered Afternoon Storms 90/63	 Mostly Sunny with Afternoon T-storm 87/62	 Mostly Cloudy with Spotty Afternoon Storms 89/66	 Mostly Cloudy, Afternoon T-storms 90/65	 Mostly Sunny 88/64	 Mostly Sunny 90/63

Stay weather aware – conditions can change. Have a great week, Dove Creek!

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