



To: Mayor Bergquist & Board of Trustees

From: Alayna Carrell, Town Clerk

Date: January 26, 2026

Re: Consideration of Approval for Slash Pile Burning at Grand Lake Lodge

BACKGROUND

The Town has received correspondence from Grand County Natural Resources expressing support for allowing slash piles at the Grand Lake Lodge property to be burned through the County's Slash Pile Permitting System. The letter, dated January 2, 2026, confirms that County staff have inspected the piles and determined they are well constructed and appropriately sized for burning.

Grand County Natural Resources further notes that Grand Lake Lodge has historically been permitted by the Town to burn slash piles, having pulled permits in four of the past seven years, with no complaints or issues reported. The correspondence emphasizes the importance of wildfire mitigation as a landowner responsibility and commends Grand Lake Lodge for its continued efforts to create defensible space and reduce wildfire risk on the property.

The full correspondence from Grand County Natural Resources is attached for the Board's review.

DISCUSSION

Approval to allow slash pile burning within Town limits requires Board of Trustees consideration and authorization. The recommendation from Grand County Natural Resources provides professional confirmation that the piles meet safety and construction standards and that the activity aligns with broader wildfire mitigation goals for the community.

SUGGESTED MOTION

I move to approve/deny the request to allow slash pile burning at the Grand Lake Lodge property through the Grand County Slash Pile Permitting System, based on the recommendation of Grand County Natural Resources.