



To: Mayor Bergquist & Town Trustees  
From: Sarah Weekes, Event Manager  
Date: May 11, 2026  
Re: **Consideration of Approval of a New Special Event Permit Application and Resolution 37-2026 for Grand County Wildfire Councils “PBS Documentary Showing: Fire Lives Here” Event, July 16, 2026**

**BACKGROUND:**

The Grand County Wildfire Council (GCWC) is a nonprofit, community-based education and wildfire mitigation organization serving the residents and visitors of Grand County, Colorado. The organization is comprised of representatives from local, state, and federal agencies, local fire departments, homeowner associations, businesses, and community members dedicated to wildfire preparedness and forest resilience.

GCWC is planning to host a screening of *Fire Lives Here*, a documentary examining Colorado’s evolving relationship with wildfire and the increasing use of prescribed fire as a tool to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires and improve forest health. Filmed over a two-year period across Colorado’s Front Range, the documentary highlights the ongoing collaboration among firefighters, scientists, land managers, and local communities to reintroduce controlled fire to Colorado’s forests. The film also documents the planning, coordination, and implementation required for prescribed burns and evaluates the impacts of the Alexander Mountain Fire in areas where forest mitigation treatments had previously occurred. The documentary is intended to provide educational insight into wildfire mitigation strategies, forest management practices, and community resilience efforts throughout Colorado.

Grand County Wildfire Council has submitted a new Special Event Permit application for the PBS Documentary Showing: *Fire Lives Here* and is requesting the Board of Trustees waive the following fees due to its nonprofit status:

- Special event permit fee in the amount of **\$250.00**
- Community House rental fees for the requested dates in the amount of **\$300**
- Audio/visual equipment rental fees for the requested dates in the amount of **\$200**

**REVIEW CONSIDERATIONS**

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 11-6-3(C): Special Event Permit Application Review and Approval, the Board of Trustees shall consider the following factors prior to approval of a Special Event Permit:



***Municipal Code 11-6-3(C): Special Event Permit Application Review and Approval.***

*1. Review Considerations. The following factors shall be considered prior to approval of a SEP:*

- (a) The predominant use of the primary facility being used; and*
- (b) The proposed event and the event hours; and*
- (c) Neighborhood compatibility; and*
- (d) Effect of the proposed event on the community; and*
- (e) The Town's anticipated cost in staff time and equipment use; and*
- (f) The benefit to non-profit from the event; and*
- (g) The benefit to local businesses from the event; and*
- (h) Duplication of services or sale items; and*
- (i) Nature of the past event issues or similar past event issues.*

**FISCAL NOTE**

In 2026, the Board of Trustees has not approved any fee waivers for the Grand County Wildfire Council

**SUGGESTED MOTIONS**

***I make a motion to approve/(deny) THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION AND approve/(deny) RESOLUTION 37-2026, A RESOLUTION SETTING CERTAIN FEES FOR GRAND COUNTY WILDFIRE COUNCILS “PBS DOCUMENTARY SHOWING: FIRE LIVES HERE” EVENT TO BE HELD JULY 16, 2026***