

Dear District Residents:

I have decided to cancel our regular April Board of Trustees meeting and want to provide an explanation as to why. As you are aware the Governor has issued a shelter in place order for the entire state through April 10th and the President (through the Centers for Disease Control) has extended social distancing recommendations through April 30th. Additionally, Gallatin County is emerging as Montana's hot spot for the COVID 19 virus and every indication seems to be in a few weeks the number of cases, both in the county and across the state and nation, will be significantly higher.

Since we have no agenda items needing urgent attention in April, we will roll all business to our regular May 19th meeting. I look forward to welcoming any of you interested in the governance of your fire department to that meeting. We will arrange seating to observe the appropriate social distancing suggestions and have a sanitized meeting room. In the event it looks like the state's directive will not be rescinded by the May meeting date we will find a remote access solution allowing public participation.

Thank you for understanding. Stay safe and healthy.

Pete Geddes  
Board Chair  
Hyalite Rural Fire District