

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: AUGUST 18, 2026

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Sourdough Fire Station, 4541 S. 3rd Rd., Bozeman, Montana

CALL TO ORDER OF HYALITE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

Reminder to the public that meetings are being recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA

HYALITE CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Financial Reports
2. Approval of Warrants
3. Approval of July 21, 2026 Meeting Synopsis

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Captain Promotion and Pinning
2. Volunteer Firefighters Association Report – *Standing Agenda Item*
3. Presentation of Fire Rescue 1 article by Allie Kuntz
4. Discussion and Decision – Approval of Final Fiscal Year 2027 Budget
5. Discussion and Decision – Appointment of Trustee to the Impact Fee Coalition of Gallatin County Fire District
6. Discussion – Replacement of Rae Fire Station – *Standing Agenda Item*
7. Fire Chief's Report
8. Trustees' Activities
9. Announcements

ADJOURNMENT

This notice is posted on the door of the Administrative Building of the Sourdough Fire Station, the Rae Fire Station, and the Cottonwood Fire Station, and is posted on the Hyalite website and/or Facebook Page at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Notice of the meeting is published in the Bozeman Daily Chronicle at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

AUGUST 18, 2026



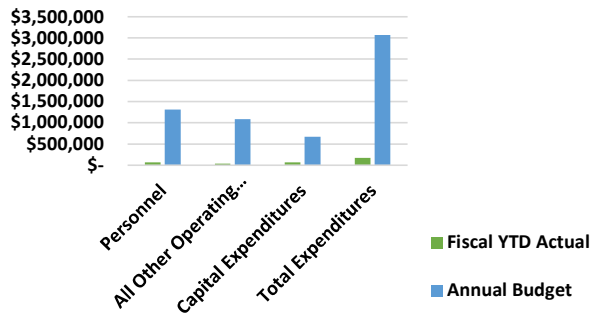
Dashboard for July 2026

At a glance...

	Current month*	Prior year		Calendar YTD
General Fund Cash Balance*	\$ 927,673	\$ 2,124,713	Number of Calls	-
Taxes Receivable*	\$ 85,318	\$ 33,327	Number of Volunteers	-
Accounts Payable	\$ 76,556	\$ 22,782	Number of Training Sessions	-
			Number of Training Hours	-

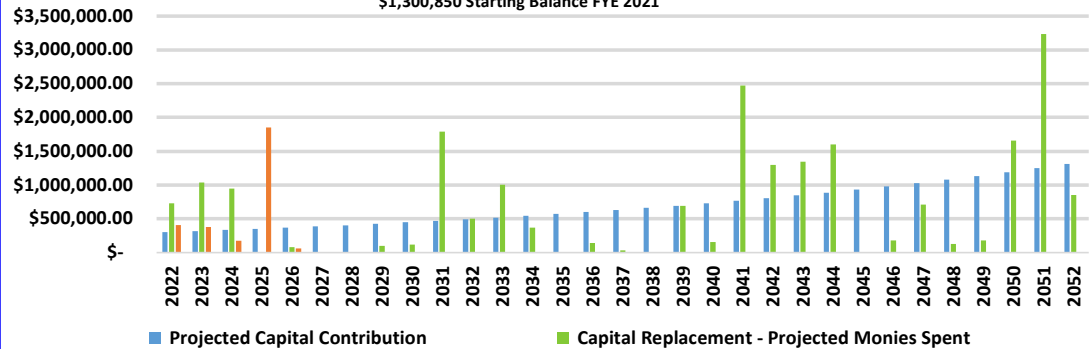
NOTE: The inconsistent nature of our cash flows dictates that we maintain a minimum cash balance of \$400,000.

Budgetary Comparisons - for year to date

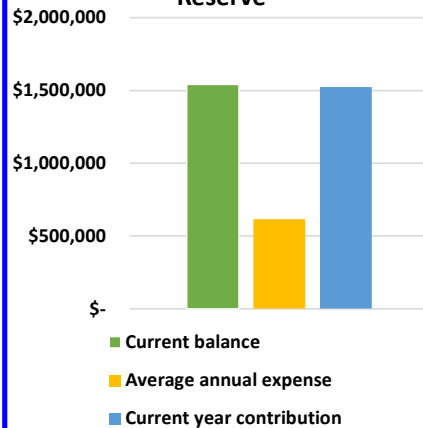


Capital Replacement Schedule

\$1,300,850 Starting Balance FYE 2021



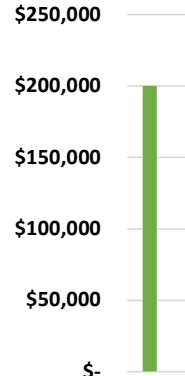
Apparatus and Equipment Reserve



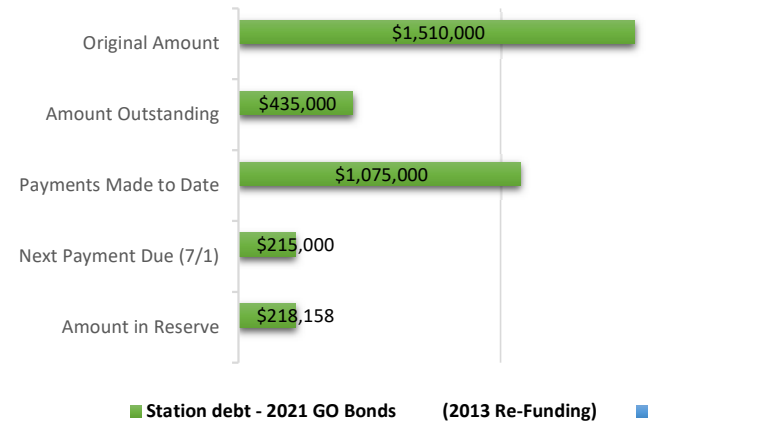
Capital Improvement Reserve



Operational Contingency Fund



Station Debt



Hyalite Rural Fire District

Statement of Financial Position

As of July 31, 2026

	TOTAL	
	AS OF JUL 31, 2026	AS OF JUL 31, 2025 (PY)
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts	\$3,243,959	\$2,958,247
Accounts Receivable	\$250	\$0
Other Current Assets	\$276,317	\$245,965
Total Current Assets	\$3,520,526	\$3,204,213
Fixed Assets		
180000 Capital Assets	3,348,413	3,348,413
Total Fixed Assets	\$3,348,413	\$3,348,413
TOTAL ASSETS	\$6,868,939	\$6,552,625
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$76,556	\$22,782
Credit Cards	\$457	\$2,552
Other Current Liabilities	\$22,394	\$87,512
Total Current Liabilities	\$99,407	\$112,846
Long-Term Liabilities	\$1,071,881	\$1,087,247
Total Liabilities	\$1,171,288	\$1,200,094
Equity		
241000 Unrestricted Fund Balance	902,729	2,009,440
241001 General fixed asset acct group	3,710,898	3,710,898
241002 General LT debt account group	(1,079,517)	(1,094,883)
241003 Nonspendable Fund Balance	31,567	31,567
241100 Reserved Fund Balance	2,310,210	854,099
Net Revenue	(178,237)	(158,590)
Total Equity	\$5,697,651	\$5,352,532
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$6,868,939	\$6,552,625

Note

FS disclaimer: This financial statement has not been subjected to an audit, review or compilation engagement, and no assurance is provided on it.

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Budget vs. Actuals: FY 2026-2027 - FY27 P&L

July 2026

	TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Revenue			
310000 Taxes		2,483,708.00	
315000 On-behalf payment from State		127,000.00	
316000 Entitlement Share		46,000.00	
320000 Firefighter fundraising event		0.00	
340000 Charges for Services	7,524.39	15,000.00	50.16 %
350000 Ambulance Transportation	5,599.42	45,000.00	12.44 %
360000 Miscellaneous Revenues		7,500.00	
365000 Contributions and Donations		500.00	
370000 Investment Earnings		80,000.00	
380000 Proceeds From Sale of Equipment		5,000.00	
397000 Transfer to Funds		0.00	
Total Revenue	\$13,123.81	\$2,809,708.00	0.47 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$13,123.81	\$2,809,708.00	0.47 %
Expenditures			
420000 Public Safety Expenses	1,013.57	79,250.00	1.28 %
420100 Personnel Services	65,851.49	1,307,387.00	5.04 %
420200 Supplies	1,565.39	38,500.00	4.07 %
420220 Meals/Incentives		114,000.00	
420240 Fuel	1,488.09	52,500.00	2.83 %
420310 Election Costs		7,000.00	
420320 Professional Subscription/Dues	22.00	45,000.00	0.05 %
420330 Community Outreach/Education		15,000.00	
420340 Utility Services	7,862.24	70,000.00	11.23 %
420350 Professional Services	115.00	45,000.00	0.26 %
420390 Firefighter Physicals		27,500.00	
420400 Training/Travel - Trustees		2,000.00	
420420 Facilities	8,791.95	32,000.00	27.47 %
420500 Insurance	13,747.66	90,000.00	15.28 %
420930 Safety Equipment	1,110.98	125,000.00	0.89 %
420940 Apparatus	314.23	126,000.00	0.25 %
420970 Capital outlay	70,198.20	676,000.00	10.38 %
490100 Debt Service		218,158.00	
669100 Other Charges		500.00	
900000 Capital improvement Funds		0.00	
Total Expenditures	\$172,080.80	\$3,070,795.00	5.60 %
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$ -158,956.99	\$ -261,087.00	60.88 %
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Hyalite Rural Fire District

Transaction List by Vendor

July 2026

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	POSTING	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT	AMOUNT
Adobe						
07/13/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210570 Costco Citi Card - Nickolay 7029	9.99
Allie Kuntz						
07/01/2026	Bill	070126	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/956453585 - INV070126	202100 Accounts Payable	40.00
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806682	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-40.00
Amazon Capital Services						
07/27/2026	Bill	1TGD-YVLL-3LMW	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/972802085 - INV1TGD-YVLL-3LMW	202100 Accounts Payable	53.92
07/27/2026	Bill	1XN3-CD97-NFF4	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/972802082 - INV1XN3-CD97-NFF4	202100 Accounts Payable	224.18
Ashton Cornelius						
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806678	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-330.00
BALCO						
07/20/2026	Bill	88920	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/972802089 - INV88920	202100 Accounts Payable	221.99
Belgrade Ace Hardware						
07/01/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210580 Costco Citi Card - Prato 6073	135.92
Best Rate Diesel and Repair, Inc.						
07/21/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806689	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-2,629.55
Big Sky Fire Equipment						
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806673	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-351.45
07/14/2026	Bill	073126	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/972802093 - INV073126	202100 Accounts Payable	655.41
Big Sky Publishing						
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806676	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-22.00
07/31/2026	Bill	072627299	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/972802094 - INV072627299	202100 Accounts Payable	22.00
BlueCross BlueShield of Montana						
07/01/2026	Bill	X6A680/7.01.26	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/947266753 - INVX6A680/7.01.26	202100 Accounts Payable	7,364.12
07/21/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806690	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-7,364.12
BMB Emergency Medicine LLC						
07/15/2026	Bill	071526	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/963637950 - INV071526	202100 Accounts Payable	500.00
07/21/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806694	Yes	Voided		0.00
07/29/2026	Bill Payment (Check)		Yes	Voided		0.00
Christopher Leeper						
07/01/2026	Bill	070126	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/956453560 - INV070126	202100 Accounts Payable	40.00
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806670	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-40.00
Citi Card						
07/16/2026	Bill	3990/07.16.26	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/964359725 - INV3990/07.16.26	202100 Accounts Payable	5,227.02
07/21/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806699	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-5,227.02
CivicPlus LLC						
07/28/2026	Bill	380987	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/972802081 - INV380987	202100 Accounts Payable	4,700.00
Clearly						
07/01/2026	Bill	INV835221	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/956453578 - INVINV835221	202100 Accounts Payable	91.13
07/08/2026	Bill Payment	7806677	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-91.13

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(Check)						
Connect Telephone and Computer Group						
07/01/2026	Bill	INV305470	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/956453574 - INVINV305470	202100 Accounts Payable	60.00
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806675	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-60.00
Conoco						
07/03/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	20.68
07/03/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	21.10
07/04/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	46.41
07/04/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	81.47
07/04/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	20.13
07/04/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	23.81
07/07/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	7.51
07/07/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	63.19
07/08/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	64.21
07/08/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	35.52
07/09/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	0.74
07/10/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	7.75
07/12/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	25.38
07/12/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	13.45
07/12/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	46.38
07/12/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	69.89
07/12/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	103.34
07/12/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	105.68
07/13/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	25.29
07/13/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	62.34
07/16/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	45.86
07/17/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	44.46
07/17/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	57.72
07/18/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	24.59
07/18/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	82.90
07/18/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	68.20
07/19/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	17.14
07/21/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	54.80
07/21/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	12.40
07/23/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210100 Conoco	235.75
Costco Wholesale						
07/01/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210590 Costco Citi Card - Dahlhauser 4822	194.70
07/05/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210580 Costco Citi Card - Prato 6073	124.94
07/08/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210585 Costco Citi Card - Malone 5334	367.93
07/15/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210565 Costco Citi Card - Trautmann 5893	423.50
Delta Dental						
07/07/2026	Bill	080126	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/956453575 - INV080126	202100 Accounts Payable	194.75
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806665	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-194.75
Dollar Tree						
07/21/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210600 First Interstate Bank - Nickolay 4857	13.50
Door Tech						
07/17/2026	Bill	261046	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/963637955 - INV261046	202100 Accounts Payable	358.23
07/21/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806698	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-358.23
07/22/2026	Bill	261048	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/972802083 - INV261048	202100 Accounts Payable	1,061.35
07/22/2026	Bill	261047	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/972802074 - INV261047	202100 Accounts Payable	175.00
First Due						
07/21/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806692	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-2,800.00

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07/06/2026	Bill	1694746	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/963637954 - INV1694746	202100 Accounts Payable	100.38
07/21/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806696	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-100.38
Gallatin County Fire Council						
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806666	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-3,500.00
General Distributing Co.						
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806684	Yes	56625	101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-895.19
07/31/2026	Bill	0001663179	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/972802084 - INV0001663179	202100 Accounts Payable	384.00
High Tech Coatings						
07/01/2026	Bill	26-2769	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/956453576 - INV26-2769	202100 Accounts Payable	6,075.00
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806679	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-6,075.00
Hughes Fire Equipment, Inc.						
07/06/2026	Bill	643497	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/956453579 - INV643497	202100 Accounts Payable	50.33
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806667	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-50.33
Intuit-Quickbooks						
07/12/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210595 Costco Citi Card - Wyman 9122	115.00
Jake TeSelle						
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806663	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-43.75
Jimmy Johns						
07/06/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210600 First Interstate Bank - Nickolay 4857	112.70
Kenyon Noble						
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806668	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-516.66
KM Construction Company Inc						
07/01/2026	Bill	26022	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/956453571 - INV26022	202100 Accounts Payable	5,895.00
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806680	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-5,895.00
L.N. Curtis and Sons						
07/20/2026	Bill	INV1090786	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/972802095 - INVINV1090786	202100 Accounts Payable	70,198.20
Life-Assist						
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806664	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-2,302.08
Mastercard						
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806671	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-2,336.50
07/22/2026	Bill	4865/07.22.26	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/972802098 - INV4865/07.22.26	202100 Accounts Payable	534.72
07/22/2026	Bill	4857/07.22.26	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/972802097 - INV4857/07.22.26	202100 Accounts Payable	264.04
Montana Dept. of Revenue						
07/10/2026	Check	FIB EPAY	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-1,134.00
07/24/2026	Check	FIB EPAY	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-1,078.00
Montana Firemen's Association						
07/01/2026	Bill	JULY2026	Yes		202100 Accounts Payable	641.32
07/08/2026	Bill	JUNE2026	Yes		202100 Accounts Payable	641.32
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806674	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-1,591.77

Montana State Fund

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07/01/2026	Bill	20544634	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/956453569 - INV20544634	202100 Accounts Payable	8,195.29
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806681	Yes	03-134600-0	101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-8,195.29
MPERA						
07/10/2026	Check	#ERIC	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-8,035.92
07/10/2026	Check	#ERIC	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-206.03
07/24/2026	Check	#ERIC	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-8,036.03
07/24/2026	Check	#ERIC	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-174.34
NAPA Auto Parts						
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806687	Yes	12342	101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-621.03
07/31/2026	Bill	12342/07.31.26	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/972802092 - INV12342/07.31.26	202100 Accounts Payable	287.89
Northwestern Energy						
07/10/2026	Bill	1196979-7/07.10.26	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/963637965 - INV1196979-7/07.10.26	202100 Accounts Payable	781.05
07/10/2026	Bill	0180737-9/07.10.26	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/963637963 - INV0180737-9/07.10.26	202100 Accounts Payable	146.14
07/10/2026	Bill	3252724-4/07.10.26	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/963637961 - INV3252724-4/07.10.26	202100 Accounts Payable	174.52
07/13/2026	Bill	3091809-8/07.13.26	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/963637962 - INV3091809-8/07.13.26	202100 Accounts Payable	619.20
07/13/2026	Bill	0180089-5/07.13.26	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/963637960 - INV0180089-5/07.13.26	202100 Accounts Payable	59.62
07/21/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806695	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-1,780.53
Owenhouse-Ace Hardware						
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806669	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-1,097.89
07/28/2026	Bill		Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/972802099	202100 Accounts Payable	645.53
Papa Johns						
07/13/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210605 First Interstate Bank - Dahlhauser 4865	109.44
Peak One Administration						
07/08/2026	Bill	071026	Yes		202100 Accounts Payable	373.25
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806672	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-373.25
07/15/2026	Bill	INV-006243	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/963637957 - INVINV-006243	202100 Accounts Payable	60.00
07/21/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806697	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-433.25
07/24/2026	Bill		Yes		202100 Accounts Payable	373.25
People Facts						
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806683	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-33.34
Pintler Billing Services						
07/01/2026	Expenditure	2832	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/956453573 - INV2832	101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-758.08
PJ's Plumbing & Heating						
07/29/2026	Bill	99024420	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/972802078 - INV99024420	202100 Accounts Payable	480.00
RAE Water						
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806688	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-140.49
07/21/2026	Bill	GH5370-00/07.21.26	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/972802087 - INVGH5370-00/07.21.26	202100 Accounts Payable	47.04
07/21/2026	Bill	FIRE-00/07.2026	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/972802077 - INVFIRE-00/07.2026	202100 Accounts Payable	93.45
REIC Rentals						
07/01/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210580 Costco Citi Card - Prato 6073	484.90

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Republic Services						
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806661	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-411.15
Rocky Mountain Supply, Inc.						
07/21/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806691	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-4,400.00
Simple Texting LLC						
07/12/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210585 Costco Citi Card - Malone 5334	0.74
07/12/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210585 Costco Citi Card - Malone 5334	34.65
Spectrum						
07/08/2026	Bill	0431151070826	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/963637964 - INV0431151070826	202100 Accounts Payable	173.05
07/15/2026	Bill	8313200120380424Aug26	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/963637958 - INV8313200120380424Aug26	202100 Accounts Payable	64.99
07/21/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806693	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-238.04
Staples						
07/20/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210600 First Interstate Bank - Nickolay 4857	99.99
Supplycache.com						
07/21/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210600 First Interstate Bank - Nickolay 4857	14.95
The UPS Store						
07/07/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210580 Costco Citi Card - Prato 6073	66.58
07/16/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210600 First Interstate Bank - Nickolay 4857	22.90
Town and Country Foods - 11th Ave.						
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806686	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-646.41
Unemployment Insurance Division						
07/29/2026	Bill		Yes		202100 Accounts Payable	588.88
07/29/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806700	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-588.88
United States Treasury						
07/10/2026	Check	FIB EPAY	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-4,381.52
07/24/2026	Check	FIB EPAY	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-4,097.28
USPS						
07/09/2026	Expenditure		Yes		210595 Costco Citi Card - Wyman 9122	9.57
Verizon						
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806685	Yes		101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-772.51
07/23/2026	Bill	6149399126	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/972802103 - INV6149399126	202100 Accounts Payable	772.05
Wex Bank						
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806662	Yes	0203-00-109722-9	101000 Cash/Investments:General Fund	-1,258.51
07/23/2026	Bill	113938567	Yes	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/972802102 - INV113938567	202100 Accounts Payable	1,850.84

Hyalite Rural Fire District

Check Detail

July 2026

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	CLR	AMOUNT
100000	Cash/Investments					
101000	General Fund					
07/01/2026	Expenditure	2832	Pintler Billing Services	Hubdoc - https://app.hubdoc.com/document/956453573 - INV2832 Medical billing for June 2026		-758.08 758.08
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806661	Republic Services			-411.15 -411.15
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806662	Wex Bank	0203-00-109722-9		-1,258.51 -1,258.51
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806663	Jake TeSelle			-43.75 -43.75
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806664	Life-Assist			-2,302.08 -2,302.08
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806665	Delta Dental			-194.75 -194.75
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806666	Gallatin County Fire Council			-3,500.00 -3,500.00
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806667	Hughes Fire Equipment, Inc.			-50.33 -50.33
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806668	Kenyon Noble			-516.66 -516.66
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806669	Owenhouse-Ace Hardware			-1,097.89 -1,097.89
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806670	Christopher Leeper			-40.00 -40.00
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806671	Mastercard			-2,336.50 -2,336.50
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806672	Peak One Administration			-373.25 -373.25
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806673	Big Sky Fire Equipment			-351.45 -351.45
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806674	Montana Firemen's Association			-1,591.77 -1,591.77
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806675	Connect Telephone and Computer Group			-60.00 -60.00
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806676	Big Sky Publishing			-22.00 -22.00
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806677	Clearly			-91.13 -91.13
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806678	Ashton Cornelius			-330.00 -330.00
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806679	High Tech Coatings			-6,075.00 -6,075.00

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DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	CLR	AMOUNT
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806680	KM Construction Company Inc			-5,895.00
						-5,895.00
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806681	Montana State Fund	03-134600-0		-8,195.29
						-8,195.29
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806682	Allie Kuntz			-40.00
						-40.00
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806683	People Facts			-33.34
						-33.34
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806684	General Distributing Co.	56625		-895.19
						-895.19
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806685	Verizon			-772.51
						-772.51
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806686	Town and Country Foods - 11th Ave.			-646.41
						-646.41
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806687	NAPA Auto Parts	12342		-621.03
						-621.03
07/08/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806688	RAE Water			-140.49
						-140.49
07/10/2026	Check	#ERIC	MPERA	7.10.26 PR		-8,035.92
				7.10.26		-4,604.79
						-3,431.13
07/10/2026	Check	FIB EPAY	United States Treasury	7.10.26 PR		-4,381.52
				7.10.26 PR		-3,428.00
				7.10.26 PR		-476.76
				7.10.26 PR		-476.76
07/10/2026	Check	FIB EPAY	Montana Dept. of Revenue	7.10.26 PR		-1,134.00
						-1,134.00
07/10/2026	Check	#ERIC	MPERA	07.10.26 PR		-206.03
				07.10.26 PR		-95.91
						-110.12
07/21/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806689	Best Rate Diesel and Repair, Inc.			-2,629.55
						-2,629.55
07/21/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806690	BlueCross BlueShield of Montana			-7,364.12
						-7,364.12
07/21/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806691	Rocky Mountain Supply, Inc.			-4,400.00
						-4,400.00
07/21/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806692	First Due			-2,800.00
						-2,800.00
07/21/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806693	Spectrum			-238.04
						-238.04
07/21/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806695	Northwestern Energy			-1,780.53
						-1,780.53
07/21/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806696	Fisher's Technology			-100.38

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July 2026

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	NAME	MEMO/DESCRIPTION	CLR	AMOUNT
						-100.38
07/21/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806697	Peak One Administration			-433.25
						-433.25
07/21/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806698	Door Tech			-358.23
						-358.23
07/21/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806699	Citi Card			-5,227.02
						-5,227.02
07/24/2026	Check	#ERIC	MPERA			-8,036.03
				7.24.26 PR		-4,604.90
				7.24.26 PR		-3,431.13
07/24/2026	Check	FIB EPAY	United States Treasury			-4,097.28
				7.24.26 PR		-3,180.00
				7.24.26 PR		-458.64
				7.24.26 PR		-458.64
07/24/2026	Check	FIB EPAY	Montana Dept. of Revenue			-1,078.00
				7.24.26 PR		-1,078.00
07/24/2026	Check	#ERIC	MPERA			-174.34
				07.24.26 PR		-81.16
				07.24.26 PR		-93.18
07/29/2026	Bill Payment (Check)	7806700	Unemployment Insurance Division			-588.88
						-588.88

**HYALITE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
SYNOPSIS**

DATE: JULY 21, 2026

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Sourdough Fire Station, 4541 S. 3rd Rd., Bozeman, Montana

In compliance with [MCA 2017 2-3-212](#) and the Hyalite Rural Fire District Bylaws, the minutes of HRFD Board of Trustees open public meetings are comprised of an audio recording and a written synopsis. The audio recording is designated as the official record of a meeting. The written synopsis serves to assist the public in accessing portions of the audio recording and is a good faith attempt to provide the public with another method to be informed about the actions of the Board. The minutes are available to the public at www.hyalitefire.org/board-meeting-minutes/ or at the Hyalite Rural Fire District Administrative Offices, 4541 S. 3rd Rd., Bozeman, MT, during its standard business hours.

TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE:

Justin Miller
Pete Geddes
Jason Jarrett
Bob Pailthorpe

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Brian Nickolay, Fire Chief
Sheryl Wyman, Administrative Assistant
Colin Prato, Division Chief of Maintenance
Metta Trautmann, Training Captain

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:

Kade O'Brian, President, HVFA
Family and Friends of Firefighters

0:00:03	CALL TO ORDER OF HYALITE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT Chairman Miller called the meeting to order and reminds everyone the meeting is being recorded. He asks for any public comment on non-agenda items. None given. HYALITE CONSENT AGENDA Chairman Miller asks if there are any requests to pull anything from the Consent Agenda for review. None given. Motion: Trustee Pailthorpe moves to approve consent agenda as presented Trustee Jarrett seconded the motion. Vote: Jarrett-Yes; Geddes-Yes; Pailthorpe-Yes; Miller-Yes; Unanimous approval.
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	<i>[See June 16, 2026 Board Packet for Consent Agenda items Approved]</i>
0:00:40	Agenda Item 1 – Pinning Ceremony of New Firefighters Volunteer Firefighters Ben Tuma, Ashton Cornelius, Clay Darby, Henry Davis, Miriam Genter, Logan Gillespie, David Morton, Sawyer Smith, Keegan Toresdahl are present. Chief Nickolay gives opening statement. Firefighters performed over 250 hours of training. Volunteers introduce themselves to the board. The Chief swears in volunteers. Each volunteer is recognized, pinned, and given their certificate.
0:20:12	Agenda Item 2 – Volunteer Firefighters Association Report President Kade O'Brian advises the board the volunteer association held their annual meeting. Firefighter O'Brian was elected as President, Evan Jones is the Vice President, and board members Ashton Cornelius and Garrett O'Tool. Their focus is currently on preparing for the annual pancake breakfast, scheduled for September 19, 2026. They are currently working on getting donations, and have currently raised approximately \$4,500 which is covering the cost of the breakfast.
0:22:10	Agenda Item 3– Revised Proposal from Firescope Mid-America, LLC (Doug Forsman) Chief Nickolay explains to the board Mr. Forsman submitted a new proposal for consideration. Chief feels this is not quite the direction we are looking for right now. We are looking for more of a public relations and outreach component. Questions and discussion are held among the trustees. Trustee Pailthorpe and Geddes ask questions on any value Doug may bring to the table. Motion: Chair Miller moves to advise Mr. Forsman we are moving in another direction and will contact him if his services are needed in the future. Trustee Geddes seconded the motion. Vote: Jarrett-Yes; Geddes-Yes; Pailthorpe-Yes; Miller-Yes; Unanimous approval. <i>[See Attachment A – Revised Proposal from Firescope Mid-America, LLC (Doug Forsman)]</i>
0:28:20	Agenda Item 4 – Appointment of a Trustee to the Impact Fee Coalition of Gallatin County Fire District Chief states Gallatin Gateway requests a representative to revisit the topic of fire impact fees. A fee is collected per development to help bolster the services for new developments. They would like to create a coalition and for this ask they would like to see the chief and one trustee. It would be a one-time fee for new construction. We have a new commission and would like to approach them with reinstating the fire impact fee.

	Discussion is held among the trustees. The legislature has limited the counties and what they can do as far as collecting impact fees. Trustees are looking for more information from the county as well as what the statute actually says for guidelines. The board would like more information. Trustee Pailthorpe states he would help explore the topic further when the time comes. The topic will be tabled for now with direction to staff to present more information.
0:39:53	Agenda Item 5 – Hybrid Administrative Assistant Position The Chief explains he is looking at making the Administrative Assistant position a hybrid position, allowing the current employee the opportunity to work a hybrid remotely position. She would be in the office during invoice weeks and board meetings. We would need to eliminate the walk in option. Questions are asked by the trustees. We would provide information to the public to reach the station. The Chief feels there will be impacts but nothing significant. Discussion is held among the trustees. The Chief would like to revise the job description and provide Sheryl with an offer letter laying out the position. Motion: Trustee Pailthorpe moves to approve the hybrid Administrative Assistant position. Trustee Geddes seconded the motion. Vote: Jarrett-Yes; Geddes-Yes; Pailthorpe-Yes; Miller-Yes; Unanimous approval.
0:44:27	Agenda Item 6 – Replacement of Rae Fire Station – Standing Agenda Item Chief Nickolay hasn't had much public engagement the last month. He is trying to make contact with the Falcon Hollow and Woodlands Park subdivisions. They work through a property management company and trying to make contact with the actual HOA. We have been working with Liz Loomis and have signed an engagement letter not to exceed \$5,000 for exploratory work. She has asked that we put together a committee. The committee will consist of Brian, Sheryl, Allie Kuntz, and Pete Geddes.
0:48:08	Agenda Item 7 – Fire Chief's Report Chief goes through his fire chief's report. 58 calls in June. 360 as of July 1. Membership is at 43. He is working on presenting a different command model. All residences are full.

	Chris Leeper our recruitment captain is trying to reach different audiences for volunteers. He has posted a sign-up Hyalite canyon. We will be participating in Catapalooza. We are being involved in rodeos and Music on Main. We will be trying an accelerated academy in August with three firefighters. This will consist of 14 full day trainings. At the end of the 14 days, they will have completed the 250 hours of training for their Firefighter 1 academy. A Firefighter 2 academy is ongoing. The EMS operational committee will hold a full day workshop on July 22nd. Staff is working on the transition from ESO to First Due. Assistant Fire Chief Dahlhauser has been overseeing the transition and has done a great deal of work in this area. We have begun to work with Streamline Web services for our new fire district website. Captain Prato has been working hard to get our transition from Google to Microsoft complete. They are working on remedying the fire pump situation at the Sourdough station. The pump is in a vault underground and we have had issues with the vault flooding. <i>[See Attachment B-Fire Chief's Report]</i>
1:00:13	Agenda Item 8 – Trustee’s Activities Trustee Jarrett is still meeting with the Headwater EMS committee. They are currently working on the service delivery model and costs.
1:02:03	Announcements • Next Board Meeting – Tuesday, August 18, 2026 • Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, September 19, 2026
1:02:39	Adjournment of Annual Meeting

REVISED PROPOSAL
FOR CONSULTING SERVICES
FOR
HYALITE RURAL FIRE DISTRICT



FIREScope MID-AMERICA, LLC
11024 NW 20th Street
Yukon, Oklahoma 73099

Firescope Mid-America, LLC

June 23, 2026

Brian Nickolay
Fire Chief
Hyalite Rural Fire District
4541 South 3rd Road
Bozeman, Montana 59715

RE: Revised Proposal for Services

Dear Chief Nickolay and Board Members,

Please find included a revised proposal for services subsequent to my conversation with the Hyalite Rural Fire District Board on June 16, 2026. Firescope Mid-America is committed to delivering services and products that will provide important information for decisions regarding a proposed issue to be presented to your electorate. Through years of experience in managing fire services and consulting with other agencies, I have had opportunities to participate in many planning efforts and confront many issues. I believe that we can jointly develop high quality information that will support important decision for the Hyalite Rural Fire District and its citizens.

If you have any questions regarding the revised proposal, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,



Douglas P. Forsman, President
FIREScope MID-AMERICA, LLC
11024 NW 20th Street
Yukon, Oklahoma 73099-1242
Phone: 501-757-0099
E Mail: firefors2@gmail.com

FIREScope MID-AMERICA, LLC

Proposal:**Firescope Mid-America will provide the following services. We will:**

- Be onsite in Montana for the period or periods necessary and not less than 4 days.
- Review pertinent Departmental records.
- Review records from the dispatching agency.
- Research available information from various agencies regarding community planning and development for Hyalite and adjacent response areas.
- Analyze the information in relation to organizational goals, national standards and recognized good practice.
- Collect and analyze service delivery and management data that is pertinent to the development of information for upcoming project.
- Develop information necessary for public engagement sessions in advance of the project balloting.
- Make other recommendations as indicated by the project research.
- Prepare a written report.
- Operate with integrity, candor, and compassion.

Fees:**We will provide the above services for the project for the following compensation:**

A firm, fixed fee of \$26,000.00 that includes all fees and expenses. A payment of 10% of the fee will be due within 30 days of our receipt of the Notice to Proceed. An additional 20% will be due within 30 days of the completion of the on-site work in Montana. The remainder will be due within 30 days of the mailing of hard copies of the final report.

Additional Services:

Firescope Mid-America will be pleased to provide additional services as requested by the District. Additional services can be quoted based upon the scope of work. In relation to this specific project, we will agree to be present for up to 3 public engagement sessions, related to the potential ballot items and our report, for an additional fixed fee of \$3,000.00 that includes all fees and expenses. This fee is contingent upon the session taking place within a span of 5 calendar days. If desired, we will facilitate the three public engagement sessions for an additional fee of \$600.00.

Notes:

1. Firescope Mid-America cannot complete the required work without the full and candid cooperation of the District's employees, volunteers and Board Members. We will need the assistance of the Hyalite staff in identifying certain officials and other persons whose contributions to the effort will be important. This would include assisting with some scheduling of interviews while we are in Montana.
2. Firescope Mid-America will be interviewing individuals and officials in the process of information gathering. It is our policy that no information is directly attributed to an individual unless they ask for that to be the case. Also, we allow any interviewee to opt out of any list of those interviewed that may be included in any report.
3. If, in our opinion, elements of data or information cannot be verified with reasonable assurance of credibility, that data or information will not be included in any report. It may, however, be shared with the Hyalite staff and Board with the proper context.
4. Firescope Mid-America acknowledges that all work product and reports, written, recorded and/or transmitted electronically are the sole property of the Hyalite Rural Fire District. We will not share the written, recorded or electronically transmitted material with any other person or entity without the written permission of the Hyalite Rural Fire District. We further acknowledge that the materials may be subject to open records requests per Montana Statutes and District policies.

Submitter Contact Information:

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Revised Proposal submitted to the Hyalite Rural Fire District in this 23rd Day of June, 2026



Douglas P. Forsman, FIFireE
President



Hyalite Rural Fire District

Fire Chief's Report

July 2026

Prepared by: Fire Chief, Brian Nickolay

1. The Hyalite Fire District responded to a total of 58 incidents in June 2026. Our total call volume for 2026 as of July 1st is 360.
 - Total calls June 2025 - 73
 - Total calls June 2024 - 66
 - Total calls June 2023 - 51
 - Total calls June 2022 - 60
 - Total calls June 2021 - 60
2. Our current roster is at 43 members (effective 7/1/2026).
 - 1 Career Fire Chief
 - 1 Career Assistant Fire Chief
 - 2 Career Division Chiefs
 - 3 Career Captains
 - 0 Volunteer Captains
 - 1 Volunteer Reserve Captains
 - 10 Volunteer Lieutenants
 - 8 Volunteer Firefighters
 - 14 Volunteers Apprentice Firefighters
 - 1 Volunteer Reserve Firefighters
 - 2 Volunteer EMTs
3. We are continuing to work on our overnight command coverage shortages.
 - We currently have zero (0) of our needed five (5) volunteer captains.
 - We have six (6) of our new candidates for captain working on shadowing command shifts currently.
 - Our Training Captain and Recruitment and Retention Captain continue to work the modified schedule and cover a night of command each per week.
 - Myself, Assistant Chief Dahlhauser, Division Chief Malone and Division Chief Prato are working with our new candidates on shadowing. We still will provide coverage at night where we lack availability.
4. We currently have eight (8) resident firefighters living at the Sourdough Fire Station.
 - Current Sourdough Residents -

- Kade O'Brian, Evan Jones, Ruby Weinburg, Zach Fredach, Garrett O'Tool, Logan Gillespie, Henry Davis, and Miriam Genter.
 - Sourdough resident firefighters continue to fill weekend shifts Friday 7pm – Monday 7am.
5. We currently have three (3) resident firefighters living at the Cottonwood Fire Station.
- Current Cottonwood Residents –
 - Sarah Shenk, Keegan Torsdahl, and Ashton Cornelius.
 - Cottonwood resident firefighters continue to fill weekday night shifts Monday – Thursday 7pm – 7am.
6. We currently have three (4) residents at the Rae house.
- Current Rae Residents -
 - Kate Brownell, Tyler Palmer, Colton Rue and Brandon Pelton.
7. Non-resident volunteer firefighters continue to cover six-hour shifts at the Sourdough Fire Station on Monday - Friday 7am – 7pm. With our current level of staffing, we are able to cover 4 of our 10-day shifts with at least 2 volunteers.
8. We continue our regular multi company fire and EMS training every Wednesday night and command training twice a month. Our training through the month of June has focused on utilizing piercing nozzles for structure fires.
9. Our spring firefighter recruit academy has completed. Captains Trautmann and Leeper successfully graduated nine (9) new apprentice firefighters. Our new firefighters are responding to calls.
10. We will be performing our first compressed firefighter academy in August. This will include three (3) recruit firefighters. These three recruits are current members of the fire district now serving as EMTs. The goal will be to successfully put them through a consecutive fourteen-day academy to complete the State of Montana Firefighter 1 training and testing. This academy will be overseen and coached by our training division. If successful we will explore ways to continue and expand this model of firefighter academies.
11. We have begun the process of our annual Firefighter 2 academy. We have three firefighters going through the testing and certification process. The academy is being overseen and coached by our training division.
12. I continue to sit on the Headwaters EMS operational committee in Gallatin County. The operational committee will hold a full day workshop on July 22nd aimed at lining out several areas of a new ambulance system to include ambulance placement and service level. We will also be discussing interfacility transport and event standby.
13. Staff has been hard at work with our transition from ESO to First Due for our fire department software. This has been a large lift but we are nearing completion of the transition. Assistant Chief Dahlhauser has been overseeing the transition process.

14. We have begun to work with Streamline Web services for our new fire district website.
15. Division Chief Prato has been working hard to get our transition to Microsoft complete.
16. I am still on the Board of Directors with Montana State Fire Chiefs Association as a combination section director.
17. I am still on the Montana State Fire Chiefs Wildland Fire Committee.
18. I am still on the Montana Intrastate Mutual Aid Committee through the Montana Disaster and Emergency Services.
19. I am still on the operational committee for the Northern Rockies Coordination Group.
20. I continue to sit on the board of the Gallatin County Fire Council as Vice President. I also continue to chair the Gallatin County Fire Council communications committee.
21. Assistant Chief Dahlhauser continues to chair the SOP committees with the Gallatin County Fire Council.
22. I am still a Gallatin County Deputy Fire Warden.
23. We had no firefighter injuries in the month of June.
24. All apparatus are in service.

Consent Agenda End

Regular Agenda Item 4

**Final Budget and Resolution
for
Fiscal Year 2027**

Board of Trustees for the Hyalite Rural Fire District
Resolution No. 2026-02

Resolution of the Board of Trustees to the Gallatin County Board of Commissioners Providing the Estimated Annual Fiscal Year 2027 Budget for the Hyalite Rural Fire District and Authorizing the Maximum Mill Levy and Additional Mills to Include Debt Service as Authorized by the Voters.

This resolution was introduced and moved by _____, seconded by _____ . The Resolution was adopted by a vote of 5-0 .

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCA 7-33-2105, the Hyalite Rural Fire District Board of Trustees have the authority to provide adequate and standard firefighting and emergency response apparatus, equipment, personnel, housing, and facilities, including real property, for the protection of the fire district; and

WHEREAS, MCA 7-33-2105 requires the Board of Trustees to prepare annual budgets and request special levies for the budgets of Fire Districts; and

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2026, the Hyalite Rural Fire District posted and published notice of the meeting and a copy of the agenda in which the budget for Fiscal Year 2027 was to be considered, and

WHEREAS, on August 18, 2026, a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Hyalite Rural Fire District was held to consider the Estimated Fiscal Year 2027 budget, and

WHEREAS, a quorum of the Board was present; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees allowed the public to comment on the Estimated Fiscal Year 2027 budget in the form of written comment and oral testimony; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees seeks to receive the same amount of tax money in Fiscal Year 2027 as in Fiscal Year 2026, plus the money on newly taxable property, inclusive of the inflationary adjustment authorized by state law, and the Fiscal Year 2027 revenue should be over and above all cash carryovers from Fiscal Year 2026; and

WHEREAS, in determining whether to levy the full maximum mills, the Board of Trustees considered that there has been no significant decrease in calls for service during the last fiscal year, fire calls and mutual aid calls have increased and therefore an additional appreciation in the total number of calls is anticipated in Fiscal Year 2027; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees also considered the number of critical apparatus', equipment and structures owned by the District are in need of repair or replacement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined the maximum number of mills allowed by state law is necessary to adequately fund the ongoing public health, safety and welfare duties and activities of the District in order to meet their statutory obligations; and

WHEREAS, the Hyalite Fire District has assumed the debt from the Sourdough Fire District bond in the amount of two million, nine hundred thousand dollars (\$2,900,000) requiring the payment of principal and interest in Fiscal Year 2027.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. The Estimated Fiscal Year 2027 budget has been established and is hereby presented as described in Exhibit "A".
2. The Board of Trustees request the Gallatin County Commission levy the maximum number of mills allowed by current state statute, based on updated certified taxable values from the State of Montana, Department of Revenue.
3. The Gallatin County Commissioners include the cost of debt service of \$218,158.00 as an additional tax as authorized by the voters.
4. A copy of this Resolution and attached exhibits shall be forwarded to the Gallatin County Finance Director.
5. If needed, the Finance Director is authorized to balance our preliminary budget calculations by either increasing or reducing our future year Capital reserve to meet expected revenue.

Dated this 18th day of August, 2026.

Justin Miller, Chairman

Bob Pailthorpe, Vice-Chairman

Ken Beideman, Secretary

Eugent (Pete) Geddes, III, Treasurer

Jason Jarrett, Trustee

Exhibit A

Hyalite Rural Fire District

FY2027 Budget

ANNUAL REVENUE ESTIMATES

DESCRIPTION	FY 25-26 CURRENT BUDGET	FY 25-26 ESTIMATED YEAR END	FY 26-27 REQUESTS	COMMENT
INTEREST	80,000	80,000	80,000	
FIRE INSURANCE COMP				
2% MOTOR VEHICLE TAX	0			
CONTRIBUTIONS/DONATIONS	1,000	500	500	
FIRE IMPACT FEES				
CONTRACTS				
TAXES- PENALTY/INTEREST				
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	45,000	72,500	72,500	Amb Rev+Charges for Svc
LOAN/BOND REVENUE				
OTHER INCOME	172,187	173,000	173,000	St Entitlement & FURS
COUNTY CONTRIBUTION				
SUBTOTAL	298,187	326,000	326,000	
PER UNIT FEE @ \$ _____/UNIT				
REAL PROPERTY TAXES	2,146,203	2,483,708	2,265,550	
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES				
MILL LEVY	219,233	219,233	218,158	
SUBTOTAL	2,365,436	2,702,941	2,483,708	
TOTAL REVENUE	2,663,623	3,028,941	2,809,708	

FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 **REQUESTED:** (select one only)☐

NUMBER OF MILLS

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DOLLAR AMOUNT

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MAXIMUM MILLS

ANNUAL EXPENDITURE REQUESTS

DESCRIPTION	FY 25-26 CURRENT BUDGET	FY 25-26 ESTIMATED YEAR END	FY 26-27 REQUESTS	COMMENT
SALARIES/WAGES	1,134,276	1,307,387	1,307,387	
EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS				
SUBTOTAL	1,134,276	1,307,387	1,307,387	
OFFICE/OPERATING SUPPLIES	174,500	240,475	206,000	
OIL/GAS	50,000	39,160	52,500	
UTILITIES	70,000	51,671	70,000	
REPAIR /MAINTENANCE	125,000	128,943	232,000	
TRAVEL	2,000	0	2,000	
TRAINING	167,000	117,981	193,250	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	204,500	218,780	213,500	
CONTRACT/DONATIONS		0	0	
DEBT PAYMENT - PRINCIPAL	215,000	215,000	215,000	
DEBT PAYMENT - INTEREST	4,233	4,233	3,158	
SUBTOTAL	1,012,233	1,016,243	1,187,408	
USE OF FIRE IMPACT FEES				
SUBTOTAL	0	0	0	
CAPITAL OUTLAY (This year)	132,000	107,843	676,000	FROM OUTLAY FORM
CAPITAL RESERVE (Future)	1,090,978	1,090,978	1,314,978	FROM RESERVE FORM
SUBTOTAL	1,222,978	1,198,821	1,990,978	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,369,487	3,522,451	4,485,773	

FY 2026-2027		DISTRICT NAME: Hyalite Rural Fire District			FUND #: 7220	
BOX 1 - FY 2026 CAPITAL RESERVE BUDGET:				1,090,978		
BOX 2 - CAPITAL RESERVE TO BE USED IN FY 2027:				676,000		
REQUESTED ITEM/ PROJECT DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST	ESTIMATED PURCHASE DATE	AMOUNT RESERVED TO DATE	FY 2027 REQUESTED INCREASE		
A. Capital Apparatus Fund				900,000		
B.						
C.						
D.						
E.						
F.						
G.						
BOX 3 - TOTAL FY 2027 REQUESTED INCREASE (Sum A-G)				900,000		
BOX 4 -TOTAL CAPITAL RESERVE BUDGET FOR FY 2027 (Box 1 - Box 2 + Box 3)				1,314,978		

JUSTIFICATION:

DEFINITION OF CAPITAL OUTLAY:

Each item must have a value of \$10,000 or more and life expectancy of over (2) years.

LAND	910
SOFTWARE	915
BUILDINGS	920
IMPROVEMENTS OTHER THAN BUILDINGS	930
EQUIPMENT/MACHINERY	940
CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS	950

REQUESTED ITEM/ PROJECT DESCRIPTION	REPLACING EQUIPMENT? YES/NO	JUSTIFICATION	ESTIMATED COST
SCBA Air Cascade Sys @ Cottonwood-940	Yes	Rollover from FY26-Current Comp is 15 yo	100,000
Old Sourdough Bay Re-Siding-920	No	Rollover from FY26-with increase	40,000
Ambulance 6-940	Yes		450,000
Engine 6-4 Extrication Equipment-940	No		58,000
Stations Parking Lot Sealing-930	No		18,000
Cottonwood Trng Facility Improvement-920	No		10,000
TOTAL FY 2027 CAPITAL REQUEST			676,000

BOARD APPROVAL

We hereby submit our Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Request for Commission review and approval:

Chairman, Signature	Phone	Trustee, Signature	Phone
Trustee, Signature	Phone	Trustee, Signature	Phone
Trustee, Signature	Phone	Trustee, Signature	Phone

FY 2026-2027	DISTRICT NAME: Hyalite Rural Fire District
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MAILING ADDRESS:	4541 S. 3rd Rd., Bozeman, MT 59715
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BUDGET DOCUMENTS WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING PRIMARY CONTACT. IF DOCUMENTS ARE UNDELIVERABLE TO THE PRIMARY CONTACT, THEY WILL BE SENT TO THE SECONDARY CONTACT. **EMAIL IS PREFERRED DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS.**

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#1 SIGNATORY:	Justin Miller
TITLE:	Chairman, Hyalite Rural Fire District Board of Trustees
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TITLE:	Vice Chairman, Hyalite Rural Fire District Board of Trustees

Regular Agenda Item 5

**Appointment of Trustee to the
Impact Fee Coalition of
Gallatin County Fire District**

Trustee-Specific Summary: How MCA Title 7, Chapter 6, Part 16 (Impact Fees) Interacts with Rural Fire Districts

For a Montana rural fire district trustee, the key takeaway is that **Part 16 provides a legal mechanism to help pay for growth-related fire protection infrastructure**, while **Title 7, Chapter 33 provides the authority and governance structure for the fire district itself**. Together, these statutes can help ensure that new development contributes to the capital costs required to serve it, rather than shifting all costs to existing taxpayers. [\[mca.legmt.gov\]](https://mca.legmt.gov), [\[law.justia.com\]](https://law.justia.com), [\[mca.legmt.gov\]](https://mca.legmt.gov)

What Trustees Need to Understand

A rural fire district's normal funding sources typically include property taxes and other authorized revenues under Chapter 33. Impact fees under Part 16 are different because they are:

- Collected due to new development.
- Restricted to specific capital improvements.
- Intended to address increased service demand caused by growth.
- Not available for routine operations or maintenance. [\[law.justia.com\]](https://law.justia.com), [\[mca.legmt.gov\]](https://mca.legmt.gov)

As a trustee, your responsibility is to ensure the district can document how growth affects fire service capacity and what capital investments are required to maintain service levels. Those documented needs can be incorporated into an impact fee program established by the appropriate local government. [\[mca.legmt.gov\]](https://mca.legmt.gov), [\[law.justia.com\]](https://law.justia.com)

Eligible Fire District Capital Improvements

Under Part 16, impact fees generally support **capital improvements that increase service capacity** and have a useful life of at least 10 years. [\[law.justia.com\]](https://law.justia.com)

Examples that may qualify include:

Fire Stations

Potentially eligible:

- Construction of a new fire station.
- Expansion of an existing station.
- Land acquisition for a future station.

- Station infrastructure needed to serve growth areas.

Example:

A fire district historically served 2,500 residents from one station. A new subdivision adds 1,000 homes on the opposite side of the district, creating unacceptable response times. A second station may be justified as a growth-related capital improvement. Impact fees could potentially fund the growth-related share of that project. [\[law.justia.com\]](http://law.justia.com), [\[mca.legmt.gov\]](http://mca.legmt.gov)

Apparatus and Vehicles

Potentially eligible:

- Fire engines.
- Water tenders.
- Ladder trucks.
- Wildland apparatus.
- Command vehicles when tied to increased service capacity.

Example:

District growth increases call volume from 300 calls annually to 600 calls annually. The district determines that an additional engine company is needed to maintain response standards. The capital cost attributable to growth may be included in the impact fee calculation. [\[law.justia.com\]](http://law.justia.com), [\[mca.legmt.gov\]](http://mca.legmt.gov)

Major Equipment

Potentially eligible:

- Communications systems.
- Radio infrastructure.
- Vehicle storage facilities.
- Long-life firefighting equipment that increases service capacity.

Not typically eligible:

- Fuel.
- Employee wages.
- Volunteer stipends.
- Utilities.
- Routine maintenance.
- Consumable supplies. [\[law.justia.com\]](http://law.justia.com)

Impact Fee Studies and Why They Matter

The most important requirement in Part 16 is that fees must be supported by a reasonable methodology and documentation. A fire district cannot simply estimate what it would like to collect. The fees must be tied to the actual infrastructure demands created by development. [\[mca.legmt.gov\]](http://mca.legmt.gov), [\[law.justia.com\]](http://law.justia.com)

A typical fire protection impact fee study may evaluate:

- Existing population and growth trends.
- Current service levels.
- Response-time standards.
- Existing station coverage.
- Existing apparatus inventory.
- Future capital needs.
- Cost of maintaining service levels as growth occurs. [\[mca.legmt.gov\]](http://mca.legmt.gov), [\[law.justia.com\]](http://law.justia.com)

The study generally answers:

"How much additional fire protection infrastructure is needed because of new development?"

That answer becomes the basis for a defensible impact fee. [\[mca.legmt.gov\]](http://mca.legmt.gov), [\[law.justia.com\]](http://law.justia.com)

Example of an Impact Fee Calculation

Suppose a study finds:

- Growth over the next 10 years requires a new station costing \$6 million.
- An additional engine costing \$900,000.
- Radio and communications improvements costing \$100,000.

Total growth-related capital need:

Plain Text

1. New Station \$6,000,000
 2. Engine \$900,000
 3. Communications 100,000
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Total \$7,000,000

If projected growth equals 2,000 new housing units, the impact fee analysis may allocate a proportionate share of those costs to each new unit, subject to all statutory requirements and local adoption procedures. The fee must be proportional and supported by documentation.

[\[mca.legmt.gov\]](https://mca.legmt.gov), [\[law.justia.com\]](https://law.justia.com)

Trustee Best Practices

As a trustee, consider the following:

1. Maintain a Capital Improvement Plan

Document:

- Future station needs.
- Apparatus replacement schedules.
- Growth corridors.
- Service-level objectives.

A well-developed capital plan strengthens any future impact fee study. [\[law.justia.com\]](https://law.justia.com), [\[mca.legmt.gov\]](https://mca.legmt.gov)

2. Separate Operations from Capital

Impact fees are intended for capital infrastructure, not day-to-day operations. Trustees should be careful not to blend operational funding requests with impact-fee-funded projects. [\[law.justia.com\]](https://law.justia.com)

3. Coordinate with County and Municipal Officials

Because impact fees are typically adopted by counties or municipalities through ordinance or resolution, fire district trustees should work closely with:

- County commissioners
- Planning departments
- Local governments
- Developers and stakeholders

to ensure fire protection needs are incorporated into growth planning. [\[mca.legmt.gov\]](https://mca.legmt.gov)

4. Maintain Documentation

If challenged, the district should be able to demonstrate:

- Existing service levels.
 - Growth projections.
 - Capital needs.
 - Cost calculations.
 - Proportionate-share methodology. [\[mca.legmt.gov\]](http://mca.legmt.gov), [\[law.justia.com\]](http://law.justia.com)
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Bottom Line for Fire District Trustees

MCA Title 7, Chapter 33 gives the fire district authority to exist and operate; MCA Title 7, Chapter 6, Part 16 provides a tool to help fund growth-driven capital infrastructure. Impact fees can potentially support new fire stations, apparatus, communications systems, and other long-term capital improvements necessitated by development, but only when supported by a documented impact fee study, proportional allocation methodology, and proper local government adoption process.

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Definitions

7-6-1601. Definitions. As used in this part, the following definitions apply:

(1) (a) "Capital improvements" means improvements, land, and equipment with a useful life of 10 years or more that increase or improve the service capacity of a public facility.

(b) The term does not include consumable supplies.

(2) "Connection charge" means the actual cost of connecting a property to a public utility system and is limited to the labor, materials, and overhead involved in making connections and installing meters.

(3) "Development" means construction, renovation, or installation of a building or structure, a change in use of a building or structure, or a change in the use of land when the construction, installation, or other action creates additional demand for public facilities.

(4) "Governmental entity" means a county, city, town, or consolidated government.

(5) (a) "Impact fee" means any charge imposed on development by a governmental entity as part of the development approval process to fund the additional service capacity required by the development from which it is collected.

(b) The term does not include:

(i) a charge or fee to pay for administration, plan review, or inspection costs associated with a permit required for development;

(ii) a connection charge;

(iii) any other fee authorized by law, including but not limited to user fees, special improvement district assessments, fees authorized under Title 7 for county, municipal, and consolidated government sewer and water districts and systems, and costs of ongoing maintenance; or

(iv) onsite or offsite improvements necessary for new development to meet the safety, level of service, and other minimum development standards that have been adopted by the governmental entity.

(6) "Proportionate share" means that portion of the cost of capital system improvements that reasonably relates to the service demands and needs of the project. A proportionate share must take into account the limitations provided in **7-6-1602**.

(7) "Public facilities" means:

- (a) a water supply production, treatment, storage, or distribution facility;
- (b) a wastewater collection, treatment, or disposal facility;
- (c) a transportation facility, including roads, streets, bridges, rights-of-way, and traffic signals;
- (d) a storm water collection, retention, detention, treatment, or disposal facility or a flood control facility; and
- (e) a law enforcement, emergency medical rescue, 9-1-1 system, emergency management, or fire protection facility.

History: En. Sec. 1, Ch. 299, L. 2005; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 556, L. 2025.

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Calculation Of Impact Fees -- Documentation Required -- Ordinance Or Resolution -- Requirements For Impact Fees

7-6-1602. Calculation of impact fees -- documentation required -- ordinance or resolution -- requirements for impact fees. (1) For each public facility for which an impact fee is imposed, the governmental entity shall prepare and approve a service area report.

(2) The service area report is a written analysis that must:

- (a) describe existing conditions of the facility;
- (b) establish level-of-service standards;
- (c) forecast future additional needs for service for a defined period of time;
- (d) identify capital improvements necessary to meet future needs for service;
- (e) identify those capital improvements needed for continued operation and maintenance of the facility;
- (f) make a determination as to whether one service area or more than one service area is necessary to establish a correlation between impact fees and benefits;
- (g) make a determination as to whether one service area or more than one service area for transportation facilities is needed to establish a correlation between impact fees and benefits;
- (h) establish the methodology and time period over which the governmental entity will assign the proportionate share of capital costs for expansion of the facility to provide service to new development within each service area;
- (i) establish the methodology that the governmental entity will use to exclude operations and maintenance costs and correction of existing deficiencies from the impact fee;
- (j) establish the amount of the impact fee that will be imposed for each unit of increased service demand; and
- (k) have a component of the budget of the governmental entity that:

- (i) schedules construction of public facility capital improvements to serve projected growth;
- (ii) projects costs of the capital improvements;
- (iii) allocates collected impact fees for construction of the capital improvements; and
- (iv) covers at least a 5-year period and is reviewed and updated at least every 5 years.

(3) The service area report is a written analysis that must contain documentation of sources and methodology used for purposes of subsection (2) and must document how each impact fee meets the requirements of subsection (7).

(4) The service area report that supports adoption and calculation of an impact fee must be available to the public upon request.

(5) (a) Pursuant to subsection (5)(b), the amount of each impact fee imposed must be based on the actual cost of public facility expansion or improvements or reasonable estimates of the cost to be incurred by the governmental entity as a result of new development. The calculation of each impact fee must be in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

(b) The initial amount of an impact fee calculated pursuant to this section may not be increased more than the rate of inflation as determined by the producer price index by commodity, all commodities, using the 1982-84 base of 100, as published by the bureau of labor statistics of the United States department of labor. The inflation rate must be determined by comparing the most recently published month producer price index by commodity, all commodities, compared to the same month in the prior year.

(6) The ordinance or resolution adopting the impact fee must include a time schedule for periodically updating the documentation required under subsection (2).

(7) An impact fee must meet the following requirements:

(a) The amount of the impact fee must be reasonably related to and reasonably attributable to the development's share of the cost of infrastructure improvements made necessary by the new development.

(b) The impact fees imposed may not exceed a proportionate share of the costs incurred or to be incurred by the governmental entity in accommodating the development. The following factors must be considered in determining a proportionate share of public facilities capital improvements costs:

- (i) the need for public facilities capital improvements required to serve new development; and
 - (ii) consideration of payments for system improvements reasonably anticipated to be made by or as a result of the development in the form of user fees, debt service payments, taxes, and other available sources of funding the system improvements.
- (c) Costs for correction of existing deficiencies in a public facility may not be included in the impact fee.
- (d) New development may not be held to a higher level of service than existing users unless there is a mechanism in place for the existing users to make improvements to the existing system to match the higher level of service.
- (e) Impact fees may not include expenses for operations and maintenance of the facility.

History: En. Sec. 2, Ch. 299, L. 2005; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 358, L. 2009; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 276, L. 2015; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 556, L. 2025.

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Collection And Expenditure Of Impact Fees -- Refunds Or Credits -- Mechanism For Appeal Required -- Cause Of Action

7-6-1603. Collection and expenditure of impact fees -- refunds or credits -- mechanism for appeal required -- cause of action. (1) The collection and expenditure of impact fees must comply with this part. The collection and expenditure of impact fees must be reasonably related to the benefits accruing to the development paying the impact fees. The ordinance or resolution adopted by the governmental entity must include the following requirements:

(a) Impact fees collected for a public facility must be deposited in a special proprietary fund created specifically for each public facility as identified in the service area report. Funds must be invested with all interest accruing to the fund. Impact fees collected for a specific public facility may not be transferred to a different fund and must be spent and accounted for solely for the public facility as identified in the service area report.

(b) A governmental entity may impose impact fees on behalf of local districts.

(c) (i) If the impact fees are not collected or spent in accordance with the impact fee ordinance or resolution or in accordance with **7-6-1602**, any impact fees that were collected must be refunded to the person who owned the property at the time the impact fee in question was paid.

(ii) If a written request is submitted as provided for in subsection (9), the governmental entity shall refund any impact fee due under subsection (1)(c) (i) within 90 days.

(iii) The governmental entity may not impose conditions when issuing a refund pursuant to this part.

(d) Impact fees may only be used to acquire, construct, or improve the specific public facility project for which they were collected and may only be expended in compliance with the service area report.

(2) All impact fees imposed pursuant to the authority granted in this part must be paid no earlier than the date of issuance of a building permit if a building permit is required for the development or no earlier than the time of wastewater or water service connection or well or septic permitting.

(3) A governmental entity may recoup costs of excess capacity in existing capital facilities, when the excess capacity has been provided in anticipation of the needs of new development, by requiring impact fees for that portion of the facilities constructed for future users. The need to recoup costs for excess capacity must have been documented pursuant to **7-6-1602** in a manner that demonstrates the need for the excess capacity. This part

does not prevent a governmental entity from continuing to assess an impact fee that recoups costs for excess capacity in an existing facility. The impact fees imposed to recoup the costs to provide the excess capacity must be based on the governmental entity's actual cost of acquiring, constructing, or upgrading the facility and must be no more than a proportionate share of the costs to provide the excess capacity.

(4) Governmental entities may accept the dedication of land or the construction of public facilities in lieu of payment of impact fees if:

(a) the need for the dedication or construction is clearly documented pursuant to **7-6-1602**;

(b) the land proposed for dedication for the public facilities to be constructed is determined to be appropriate for the proposed use by the governmental entity;

(c) formulas or procedures for determining the worth of proposed dedications or constructions are established as part of the impact fee ordinance or resolution; and

(d) a means to establish credits against future impact fee revenue has been created as part of the adopting ordinance or resolution if the dedication of land or construction of public facilities is of worth in excess of the impact fee due from an individual development.

(5) Impact fees may not be imposed for remodeling, rehabilitation, or other improvements to an existing structure or for rebuilding a damaged structure unless there is an increase in units that increase service demand as described in **7-6-1602(2)(j)**. If impact fees are imposed for remodeling, rehabilitation, or other improvements to an existing structure or use, only the net increase between the old and new demand may be imposed.

(6) This part does not prevent a governmental entity from granting refunds or credits:

(a) that it considers appropriate and that are consistent with the provisions of **7-6-1602** and this chapter; or

(b) in accordance with a voluntary agreement, consistent with the provisions of **7-6-1602** and this chapter, between the governmental entity and the individual or entity being assessed the impact fees.

(7) An impact fee represents a fee for service payable by all users creating additional demand on the facility.

(8) An impact fee ordinance or resolution must include a mechanism whereby a person charged an impact fee may appeal the charge if the person believes an error has been made.

(9) Any person or entity who is owed refunded impact fees as provided in this part may request in writing from the governmental entity that prompt payment be concluded. A person or entity who submitted a written request pursuant to this subsection may bring a cause of action against the governmental entity in a court of competent jurisdiction for failure to comply with this part. If a claimant prevails in an action brought against a governmental entity pursuant to this subsection, the court shall award the claimant payment of all amounts due, court costs, expert witness fees, and attorney fees incurred by the claimant. If the claimant is unsuccessful, the court shall award the governmental entity court costs, expert witness fees, and attorney fees.

History: En. Sec. 3, Ch. 299, L. 2005; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 358, L. 2009; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 330, L. 2023.

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Impact Fee Advisory Committee

7-6-1604. Impact fee advisory committee. (1) A governmental entity that intends to propose an impact fee ordinance or resolution shall establish an impact fee advisory committee.

(2) An impact fee advisory committee must include at least one representative of the development community. The committee shall review and monitor the process of calculating, assessing, and spending impact fees.

(3) The impact fee advisory committee shall serve in an advisory capacity to the governing body of the governmental entity.

History: En. Sec. 4, Ch. 299, L. 2005; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 276, L. 2015.

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Fire Chief's Report



Hyalite Rural Fire District

Fire Chief's Report

August 2026

Prepared by: Fire Chief, Brian Nickolay

1. The Hyalite Fire District responded to a total of 72 incidents in July 2026. Our total call volume for 2026 as of August 1st is 432.
 - Total calls July 2025 - 73
 - Total calls July 2024 - 59
 - Total calls July 2023 - 91
 - Total calls July 2022 - 58
 - Total calls July 2021 - 60
2. Our current roster is at 43 members (effective 8/1/2026).
 - 1 Career Fire Chief
 - 1 Career Assistant Fire Chief
 - 2 Career Division Chiefs
 - 3 Career Captains
 - 1 Volunteer Captains
 - 1 Volunteer Reserve Captains
 - 10 Volunteer Lieutenants
 - 4 Volunteer Firefighters
 - 14 Volunteers Apprentice Firefighters
 - 1 Volunteer Reserve Firefighters
 - 1 Volunteer Reserve Driver/Operator
 - 3 Volunteer Recruit Firefighters
3. We are continuing to work on our overnight command coverage shortages.
 - We currently have one (1) of our needed five (5) volunteer captains.
 - We have five (5) of our new candidates for captain working on shadowing command shifts currently.
 - Our Training Captain and Recruitment and Retention Captain continue to work the modified schedule and cover a night of command each per week.
 - Myself, Assistant Chief Dahlhauser, Division Chief Malone and Division Chief Prato are working with our new candidates on shadowing. We still will provide coverage at night where we lack availability.
4. We currently have eight (8) resident firefighters living at the Sourdough Fire Station.
 - Current Sourdough Residents -

- Kade O'Brian, Evan Jones, Ruby Weinburg, Zach Fredach, Garrett O'Tool, Logan Gillespie, Henry Davis, Miriam Genter.
 - Sourdough resident firefighters continue to fill weekend shifts Friday 7pm – Monday 7am.
- 5. We currently have four (4) resident firefighters living at the Cottonwood Fire Station.
 - Current Cottonwood Residents –
 - Keegan Torsdahl, Ashton Cornelius, Sarah Shenk, and Ben Tuma.
 - Cottonwood resident firefighters continue to fill weekday night shifts Monday – Thursday 7pm – 7am.
- 6. We currently have three (4) residents at the Rae house.
 - Current Rae Residents -
 - Kate Brownell, Tyler Palmer, Colton Rue and Brandon Pelton.
- 7. Non-resident volunteer firefighters continue to cover six-hour shifts at the Sourdough Fire Station on Monday - Friday 7am – 7pm. With our current level of staffing we can cover 4 of our 10 day shifts with at least 2 volunteers.
- 8. We continue our regular multi company fire and EMS training every Wednesday night and command training twice a month. Our training through the month of July has focused on wildland fire tactics.
- 9. Our Training Division is getting ready to begin our accelerated recruit firefighter academy. We have three recruits going through this academy. They are our previous EMT/Support personnel. This academy will run in the last two weeks of August.
- 10. Our Recruitment and Retention Captain Chris Leeper has been busy with recruitment for our fall recruit firefighter academy. Chris has expanded areas where we are trying to recruit new firefighters. These areas include the Music on Main event and Stampede Rodeo. We will also be recruiting at Catapalooza coming up in August.
- 11. We assisted the Central Valley Fire District with a residential structure fire on July 4th. We provided one structure engine and one command.
- 12. We assisted the Fort Ellis Fire Service Area with a residential structure fire on July 10th. We provided one command unit, one structure engine, and one water tender.
- 13. We assisted the Bozeman Fire Department with a multi-family structure fire on July 29th. We provided one command unit and one structure engine.
- 14. The fire district continues to be involved with the EMS Steering Group in Gallatin County. I am still one of the steering committee members.
- 15. I am still on the Board of Directors with Montana State Fire Chiefs Association as a combination section director.
- 16. I am still on the Montana State Fire Chiefs Wildland Fire Committee.

17. I am still on the Montana Intrastate Mutual Aid Committee through the Montana Disaster and Emergency Services.
18. I am still on the operational committee for the Northern Rockies Coordination Group.
19. I continue to sit on the board of the Gallatin County Fire Council as Vice President. I also continue to chair the Gallatin County Fire Council communications committee.
20. Assistant Chief Dahlhauser continues to chair the SOP committees with the Gallatin County Fire Council.
21. I am still a Gallatin County Deputy Fire Warden.
22. We had no firefighter injuries in the month of July.
23. All apparatus are in service.
24. Division Chief Colin Prato has been putting in an incredible amount of work to complete our fire apparatus pump, ladder, and hose testing. All testing has been completed. All our apparatus passed pump and ladder testing. We did have fire hose fail testing. Colin is still compiling the final report from hose testing.
25. For several years we have been struggling with one of the three HVAC units at the Sourdough Fire Station. This unit heats and cools the residential rooms at the Sourdough Fire Station. The unit has a known failure of when the outside temperature drops below zero. This causes the unit to overheat and go into failure. This has caused the inside temperatures to drop to fifty degrees at times and requires the unit to be reset manually. This issue has occurred for several years. We have worked with the HVAC company that installed the unit originally several times to resolve the problem. None of the attempted fixes have resolved the issue. This year we began to have air conditioning problems with this unit. We have brought in a new HVAC company to look at both issues. It has been determined that the HVAC unit is failing and is recommended we replace the unit. We are looking at a very expensive replacement for the unit - \$24,000. We will have a meeting with the new HVAC company in the coming weeks to develop a plan forward.