



Black Forest Together

News Flash #100

October 8, 2015

Important Updates and Events

100th News Flash - Thank You To Our Readers!

Our Black Forest Residents Say...

On Friday, September 25 a large group of USAFA cadets helped on many different projects in Black Forest, and we have received tons of thank you's from Black Forest residents that we want to share.

"My guys were awesome and I'd love to pass on their hard work to their commanders...the firewood they moved, split and stacked will help us tremendously this winter. As a very much struggling single mom of five, I could not have done this alone."

"They were all cheerful and helpful (and respectful) throughout. It would have taken me several exhausting days to get all this done by myself, and I'm very grateful for all they did in a short space of time."

"It would have taken my husband and I weeks to get done what they got done in 3 hours!"..."Thank you.....thank you.....thank you!!!!!!!"

"Thank you to BFT for organizing what we consider a very successful event"..."We had a rock wall re-built, the barn floor leveled, slash & logs removed, trees planted, & burned livestock panels painted. We couldn't be more pleased. The cadets were outstanding! Thank you again"

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster - Training Opportunity

Last week, we introduced you to the South Central Region VOAD organization, or Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster, which covers El Paso, Teller, Lake, Park, and Chaffee counties. VOAD serves as the forum where organizations share knowledge and resources throughout the disaster cycle - preparation, response, recovery and mitigation - to help disaster survivors and their communities. We are pleased to invite you to the first South Central VOAD Training Academy, which will be held in Woodland Park at the Impact Christian Church on October 22, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The training academy will be followed by a general membership meeting of the SCR VOAD from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. This training is FREE and available to anyone!

Click to view the [Course Descriptions](#) and [Sign Up Form](#) If you are interested in attending you can complete the sign up form and email it to coscrvoad@gmail.com. If you have questions please contact Sally Broomfield at sally.broomfield2@redcross.org or 719-339-0618. Please complete sign up by Thursday, October 15!

Black Forest In the News

[Firehouse](#) - "Former Black Forest Chief Suing District Over Firing"

[The Independent](#) - "Maketa dismissed from Black Forest lawsuit"

[KOTA News](#) - "Higher temps, more fires, 1,000 years ago in Rockies"

[9 News](#) - "Former fire chief suing Black Forest fire district"

[The Gazette](#) - "Former fire chief Bob Harvey suing Black Forest fire district for \$1 million"

Work Project Spotlight

Want to be a Chipper Operator?

If you are interested in becoming a chipper operator for Black Forest Together, please contact Donna Arkowski (darkkorch@msn.com) about an upcoming training opportunity on the morning of Saturday, October 1. You can also visit our [website](#) for upcoming work project dates, volunteer position descriptions, and easy project sign-up.

Happy Autumn to all as we wind down our 2015 BFT work project season...only 6 more weeks to go!

Thursday, October 1

Thanks to this wonderful group from last Thursday's chipper project! Photo courtesy Terry Stokka.



Thursday, October 8

A great crew hard at work on Crump Road today. Photos courtesy Lisa Hatfield.



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Contact the Black Forest Together Resource Center
(719) 495-2445**

11590 Black Forest Road, Suite 30, Black Forest, CO 80908
In the Forest Center, just west of Subway - [\[MAP\]](#)

**Hours: Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Wednesday 3 pm - 6 pm.
1st and 3rd Saturdays by appointment**

Appointments must be made by the preceding Thursday at noon.
To make an appointment, call 495-2445 or [send us an email](#).

Weather Delays or Closures:

The Resource Center will follow [School District 20's delay or closure policies](#).

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Black Forest Together is a 501 (C) 3 tax-exempt charitable organization.

Mission Statement

To help the people of the Black Forest region to recover, rebuild and restore their lives, protect the Forest's water quality and ecological health with an emphasis placed on community values, economic stability and the richness of our natural environment today and in the future.

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