

Emergency Services Campus Update

October 2023

The CBFPD continues to work towards implementation of our Emergency Services Campus project that was approved by local voters in November of 2021. The facilities will be located just north of the Crested Butte town boundary and south of the Slate River in unincorporated Gunnison County along County Road 317 (Gothic Road). The new fire station and district headquarters will be approximately 22,500 square feet and will house up to 8 vehicles, 6 response personnel and district administration including our training and fire prevention teams. Immediately behind the fire station will be a 6,000 square foot facility for the Crested Butte Mountain Rescue team with 4 garage bays. Both buildings will have meeting spaces available for public use.

Access to the site will be directly off CR-317 with parking lots on both sides of the site. Emergency vehicles from the fire station will exit directly onto CR-317. The site will be landscaped to comply with the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) code adopted by Gunnison County. A sidewalk will be built along the front of the building leading to the Town of Crested Butte. We are also working to provide trail connections between the Slate River and existing trails in the area.

The buildings will be designed to the 2021 ICC Building Code including the 2021 Energy Code ensuring maximum energy efficiency and a low carbon footprint. Heating and cooling for interior spaces will be done with a variable-refrigerant flow (VRF) air-source electric heat pump system with supplemental natural gas heat for the garage spaces. Solar panels are already planned and funded for the search and rescue building and additional panels will be placed on the fire station as funding allows. Regardless, both buildings will be fully solar ready. The buildings will be connected to the Town of Crested Butte municipal sewer with a lift station to be shared with adjoining properties. Water for the site will be via a domestic well with an augmentation certificate. 25,000 gallons of water will be stored on site for building sprinklers and truck filling as needed for fire protection.

The total site is over 7 acres spanning both sides of the Slate River with additional space available for future expansion. The District is completing the design development (DD) and final pricing for the project now. The land use approval process was completed in May of 2023, final design is underway now, building permits will be requested in early 2024 and construction is expected to begin in the spring as weather permits. Local contractors interested in the project should contact FCI Constructors, Grand Junction office, to obtain information on bidding.