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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**City of Glenwood Springs Hosts “Flood After Fire” Informational Webinar September 9, 2020**

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, CO – Due to the increased risk of flash flooding and mudflows following the Grizzly Creek Fire, the City is hosting a webinar to assist property owners at risk with information on protecting their home and property. The webinar will take place Wednesday September 9, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

The Flood After Fire webinar will include speakers from Federal Emergency Management Agency, National Flood Insurance Program, Garfield County Sheriff’s Office, and the Forest Service. The webinar information and link can be found on the City of Glenwood Springs Agenda page at <http://cogs.us/129/Agendas-Minutes>.

As Glenwood Canyon recovers from the devastation caused by the Grizzly Creek wildfire, the City of Glenwood Springs and Garfield County warns residents living in and surrounding wildfire areas about the high risk of flash flooding and mudflows, and urges them to evaluate flood insurance for their homes, businesses, or properties.

Wildfires result in a loss of vegetation and leave the ground charred and unable to absorb water. This creates conditions for flooding. Even areas that are not traditionally flood-prone are at risk of flooding for up to several years after a wildfire. In addition, there is a risk for debris flows onto Interstate 70 in Glenwood Canyon. Drivers are encouraged to download the FEMA mobile app for weather alerts at <https://www.fema.gov/mobile-app> to receive real-time alerts from the National Weather Service and stay alert on changing weather conditions on the road.

“It is important for property owners to be aware of the very real risks that come after a wildfire. The impacts of a wildfire on flooding can occur immediately, or they can take a few years. The City is acting now to educate residents on how to protect themselves and their property or business. I am proud of the coordinated recovery response that is taking place and hope the community utilizes this opportunity to be informed and avoid further tragedy,” said Mayor Jonathan Godes.

Floods are the most common and expensive natural disaster in the U.S. Just an inch of water in averaged- size home can cause more than \$25,000 in damage. Most homeowners and renter’s insurance

policies do not cover flood damage. Flood insurance is a separate policy that protects homes and belongings.

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