

Deer Mountain Mutual-Aid Tax Chart Comparison

Agency	Organization / Funding Model	Assessed Valuation	2026 Mills	Property-Tax Revenue	Funding Context
Cañon City Area FPD	Special District	\$565.65M	24.1157	\$8.375M	Property-tax district
Florence FPD	Special District — Fire + EMS	\$196.22M	14.221	\$2.790M	Fire, EMS and capital levies; pension issue noted separately
Wet Mountain FPD	Special District	\$171.63M combined	5.7295 / 5.345	\$981,264	Custer/Fremont rates differ
South Arkansas FPD	Special District	\$124.66M combined	4.519	\$563,354	Chaffee + Fremont
Deer Mountain FPD	Special District — Fire + EMS	\$53.84M	6.927	\$373,220	Fire and EMS supported within district budget
Arkansas Valley Ambulance District	Special District — EMS ONLY	\$44.59M	6.001	\$267,593	Separate EMS taxing district
Tallahassee FPD	Special District	\$29.85M	10.096	\$301,364	Property-tax district covering fire services only in Fremont County
SW Highway 115 FPD	Special District	\$25.09M combined	13.200	\$314,945	Covers roughly 30 square miles. Protects communities along the State Highway 115 corridor
Western Fremont FPD	Special District	\$12.48M	3.528	\$44,024	Property-tax district covering a 14-square-mile territory
City of Salida Fire Department	Municipal Fire Department	N/A	N/A	N/A	Funded through City government; also serves South Arkansas FPD through intergovernmental relationship
Howard Volunteer Fire Department	Volunteer / Nonprofit Fire Department	N/A	501c4	No property-tax collected	Donations, grants, and other support
Wetmore Volunteer Fire Department	Volunteer / Nonprofit Fire Department	N/A	501c3 or 501c4	No property-tax collected	Donations, grants, and other support

The mutual-aid systems compared contain **four different governmental/funding structures**:

Fire protection special districts — Deer Mountain, Cañon City, Florence, Wet Mountain, South Arkansas, Tallahassee, SW Highway 115 and Western Fremont.

Separate EMS taxing district — Arkansas Valley Ambulance District.

Municipal fire department — Salida Fire Department.

Nonprofit volunteer departments without their own special-district — Howard and Wetmore.