



MEETING DATE: April 2, 2025

FROM: Jack Rosevear

RE: Update on the Forest Service (USFS) occupancy of the Grizzly Fire Station (Station 4).

REASON FOR RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

At the December 2025 meeting, the Board voted to extend termination of occupancy of the USFS at the Grizzly Road/Fire Station 4 location until April 1, 2025. The Board will review circumstances and determine extension or final termination of occupancy.

BACKGROUND:

The Board voted to extend termination of USFS occupancy at the Grizzly Station until April 1, 2025. At the April 2, 2025 the Board will review circumstances to determine if the termination should continue. Changes in the Plumas Forest fire leadership indicate the ability to work closer together for emergency response, recover past due rent and enter into an equitable long term lease in the future.

FISCAL IMPACT:

To date, there has been a negative budget impact with District out of pocket costs for Station utilities for almost two years. The District would continue to incur expenses for the Station after the USFS personnel and equipment have moved out. Utilities and expenses for all of the District's 9 fire stations are rising and are have a definite negative impact on the budget, especially with the three stations acquired from the Eastern Plumas Rural FPD . Achieving a market value lease for Station 4 would have an eventual positive impact, as would recovering the many months of past due rent. Allowing additional time would be beneficial to clear roadblocks in Washington and clear the path to move forward in a positive direction in partnership with the USFS.

IMPACTS TO THE CUSTOMER:

The USFS desires to have a closer working relationship with the Fire District, including automatic aid for emergency responses to medicals, vehicle accidents and all fires. This is a

tremendous increase in cooperation and partnership with the USFS. Losing the opportunity to have mutual response of an available staffed fire engine for District emergencies would have a negative impact on the Fire District and Community for safety and service.

RECOMMENDATION:

Allow USFS to remain at Station 4 pending clearance from Washington Headquarters to move forward with lease agreement, depending on the Forest's promotional process for the Fire Chief 1 position. It is expected the impact of the Administration change in Washington will eventually allow progress to recover past due rent and achieve a long term lease agreement. The advantages of the USFS engine and staff remaining at Station 4 are in the best interests of the Community and Fire District.
