



TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: JACK ROSEVEAR

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RE: BECKWOURTH PEAK FIRE DISTRICT'S SIX-MONTH ANNIVERSARY

Board Members and Staff: Congratulations on the District's six-month anniversary! The following is a summary of activities and accomplishments since July 1, 2024:

- July 1- Operations began
- July 17- Completed a new salary survey for OES reimbursements.
- July 20- Honored the life and legacy of Captain Scott Thompson- 9407
- July 21- District participates in its first OES preposition- It lasts 24 hours.
- July 22- Preposition extension request denied- Lightning strikes start the Mill and Smith Fires- many structures saved. Communities of Delleker, Portola City, Gold Mountain and White Hawk threatened. 3,000 acres burned with a suppression cost of \$4,000 per acre.
- July 21-September 11- Preposition Staffed Shifts- 19 (24-hour shifts). Numerous calls responded to by staff, including a CPR save and response to fires- Bear Fire- Loyalton (structures saved).
- July 22- October 7- Major Incident Deployment Staffed Days-19 (24-hour shifts- Gold, Crozier, Bear, Airport).
- 8/3- 12/22- Merger with Eastern Plumas Rural Fire District- 3 Fire stations, 9 Apparatus. Numerous meetings with EPRFPD Board, LAFCO and Board of Supervisors. Achieved Tax Sharing agreement with Board of Supervisors. Thank you, Director Cary Curtis, for your tireless efforts to get this done with adequate financial support.
- September 8- Enhanced staffing plan (Option D) established- testing/hiring process for three FT shift personnel and three BCs. Result- 24-hour staffing at Station 1 and consistent staffing for the East Battalion. Promotion of a Captain. Established Training Officer and Safety Officer positions. Big thank you to President Rich McLaughlin for his budget work and the Board's support to implement enhanced

staffing. This has tremendously improved our response times and ability to serve the Community.

- 8/30 & 12/14- Hosted a District formation celebration and Christmas Dinner events.
- October-December- Worked closely with the Plumas County Auditor to review fire tax exemption requests and assisted property owners with questions regarding their tax bills.
- 12/17- FEMA AFG grant submitted for station diesel exhaust systems (5) and Extractors (2) Requesting \$300k.
- Conversion of District apparatus with updated County compliant re-numbering and new District logos.
- Annual hose and ladder testing.
- Branding of District with personnel uniforms, badges, patches. New turnouts proposed.
- Formed an Automatic Aid agreement with Graeagle FD.
- Established a new policy manual through Lexipol and added the training platform Target Solutions (paid by Insurance carrier).
- Station signs designed and currently being made- installation soon.
- On-Boarded five new firefighters- two additional in progress.
- Participated in Community Events (Grizzly Community Firewise, Gold Mountain Annual Homeowners Meeting, Portola HS Homecoming Parade, Portola Christmas Parade, Loyalton Christmas and July 4 parades.
- Agreement with Cal Fire for dispatching assistance in the Hwy 395 corridor. Taking positive steps to form a lasting relationship for the future, which includes full-time dispatching for the District.
- Established adequate insurance coverage for all District assets and nine fire stations, including Eastern Plumas Rural FD. Actively involved in working with District's insurance advisor and GSRMA risk management manager to reduce liability and policy cost.
- Sold six surplus fire apparatus and returned three unused Federal Excess Program engines. Sales revenue towards purchase of water tender- \$45k.
- Fundraiser event for Christmas tree sale.
- Total OES Reimbursements- \$380,000- all payroll paid within the pay period worked.
- 2024- Responded to 688 incidents. 367 calls from July 1. The first District response on 7/1 was a Lift Assist. (See attached call breakdown). The last call for the Beckwourth Fire District, with 75 years of service, was a lift assist which turned into a medical transport. Tremendous thanks and gratitude to the Officers and Firefighters of the Beckwourth Peak Fire District. None of this would be possible without you. I am grateful for your extra efforts and sacrifices for the residents and visitors of our District. I am proud to have the opportunity to support your great work and response to others in need.

Winter/Spring 2025- Goals/Expectations:

- Hire Administrative Assistant/Finance Officer for 32-hour 4 day per week- office staffing.
- January 30- Submit Office of Traffic Safety Grant for \$235k for rescue equipment and PPE by January 30
- Verify relationship with USFS to enhance mutual response/training and renegotiate lease for Station 4. Recover past due rent.
- Host Training Classes- Wildland certification classes (5) and Operator 1A/1B.
- Submit FEMA SAFER grant applications for full time staffing and Volunteer Recruitment and Retention.
- Begin Strategic Planning Process with Chief Forrest Craig.
- Convert to full time Cal Fire Dispatch (Susanville Interagency Fire Center aka SIFC) for Fire Season 2025.
- Receive remaining \$110k in OES reimbursements
- Prepare the 2025-26 Preliminary Budget
- Decide to enter into an agreement with Gold Mountain CSD for operation of their fire engine and training their Fire Cadre as Fire District members, for wildland fire operations in the 2025 Fire Season.
- Work with Truckee Meadows Community College Fire Academy to create a remote Firefighter 1 academy in East Plumas County.
- Prepare for Fire Season 2025.