

Submitter: Buck Rudicel
On Behalf Of: Disston area
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Capital Construction
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5701

Dear Members of the Legislature:

Funding a fire substation at Disston in the Row River Valley would significantly improve emergency response times in a high-risk wildfire area, protecting lives, homes, industry, and vulnerable resources such as the critical Layng Creek Watershed which provides drinking water to tens of thousands of people. The region's rural geography means residents currently face longer wait times for fire and medical aid, increasing the potential cost and severity of emergencies. A local station would strengthen wildfire preparedness and prevention, support year-round public safety services, and enhance community resilience. Investing in this infrastructure is a practical, cost-effective step toward safeguarding a vulnerable Oregon community.

Sincerely,

Buck Rudicel

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