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Dear Mr. Byler,

I wanted to acknowledge the meeting we had on November 17th, 2022, where we discussed the formation of a rural fire protection district in the community of Row River. It was a pleasure to meet with you all and I thank you for your time and detailed presentation.

According to Oregon Revised Statute 478.150, prior to the formation of any rural fire protection district or the annexation of any territory within the exterior boundaries of a forest protection district established pursuant to ORS Chapter 477, the petitioners of the proposed district or annexation shall confer with the State Forestry Department in determining the boundaries and lands to be included within the fire protection district.

As District Forester, representing the State Forestry Department within the proposed rural fire protection district boundaries (Row River), I wanted to lend my voice of support in your process. While the formation process (and final outcome) is outside the control of our agency, we do support your efforts and feel a rural fire protection district could be a great asset to your local community members. I also believe that our meeting on November 17th meets the "conferring" clause of ORS 478.150.

Thank you, again, for your time and dedication to the process. Please feel free to reach out to me with any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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