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Senator Peter Courtney, Co-Chair  
Representative Dan Rayfield, Co-Chair  
Joint Emergency Board  
900 Court Street NE  
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Dear Co-Chairs:

The Row River Valley, everything upriver from the Dorena Reservoir Dam, is one of the last un-scorched river valleys in the area. The valley has recently been identified as being at “high and extreme risk for fire as well as being in the wildland-urban interface. Year after year, the community watches as neighboring houses burn at great risk to the surrounding forest and of creating a wildfire on par with the Holiday Farm Fire. South Lane Fire responds to fires in the area, out of their district and if available, but the fastest anticipated response time in 30 minutes – they are simply too far down a winding forest road to respond more quickly. The Row River Valley community has organized and built twenty 250-gallon mobile fire trailers, acquired two used fire trucks, and established a rudimentary dispatch system. But this is not enough.

To mitigate these risks, the Row River Valley Special Fire District Committee has been established, made up of eight community members representing different areas of the long, narrow, valley. They are committed to placing measures on the May or November ballot next year to create a special fire district, levy a tax in support of the fire district, and create a levy for startup expenses.

With each summer hotter and drier than the one before, it’s only a matter of time before a wildfire burns in the valley, putting in peril the communities of Dorena, Culp Creek, and Disston. We respectfully request that the Emergency Board fund this effort in the amount of \$80,000 (detailed budget breakdown attached) and allocate these funds to Lane County on behalf of the Row River Valley Special Fire District Committee. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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