



## COMMISSIONER HEATHER BUCH, District 5, East Lane

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September 29, 2025

To Whom it May Concern:

I write to express my strong support for the Row River Valley Community Partnership (RRVCP) and their leadership in advancing the pre-construction phase of the Row River Valley's main fire station. This project is a vital investment in public safety, wildfire resilience, and the long-term strength of the community.

As the Lane County Commissioner representing District 5, I am proud to continue supporting the work underway, along with the RRVCP's proven ability to unite community members, government partners, and private funders in pursuit of shared priorities.

This work exceeds preliminary planning, and it is what will make this project shovel ready. By completing environmental studies, permitting, site planning, and design, RRVCP is ensuring the fire station can compete for federal funding and secure the major resources needed for construction.

The need for a modern fire station in the Row River Valley is urgent. This area faces some of the highest wildfire risks in Lane County, with limited evacuation routes and growing demands on emergency response services. Building this facility will significantly improve fire protection, strengthen community preparedness, and safeguard the lives of residents and visitors as wildfire threats continue to rise.

I commend RRVCP for their dedication and vision in moving this project forward. I stand with RRVCP in supporting the main fire station and urge partners to join in making this critical public safety investment a reality.

Sincerely,

Heather Buch  
East Lane County Commissioner