



APPLEGATE VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

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To: [Property Owner's Name]

Property Address: [Property Address]

Subject: Notice of Property Inclusion in Applegate Valley Fire District #9 Coverage Area - Response Requested within 90 Days

Dear Property Owner,

This letter is to inform you that the Board of Directors of the Applegate Valley Rural Fire Protection District #9 (Applegate Fire District) has passed Resolution 2024/2025-2, which designates your property within our Service Coverage Area in accordance with ORS 478.702. This inclusion is part of our ongoing commitment to improving community safety and emergency response.

Please note: Inclusion in our "Service Coverage Area" and is not the same as "Annexation." Your property has not been annexed into the district at this time. However, you have the option to annex your property or to decline annexation.

Applegate Fire District is currently negotiating an agreement with Rural Metro Fire Department in which those that annex will be provided fire protection services by Rural Metro Fire until Applegate Fire has the full capacity to service your area independently. I am confident that we will have an agreement in place shortly.

Key Details of Annexation:

By consenting to annexation:

- Your property will receive comprehensive fire protection services from Applegate Fire or Rural Metro Fire, or both.
- You will receive a certification letter verifying fire protection services.
- Your property will be subject to the following Applegate Fire District tax assessments:
 - Permanent Rate: \$1.6787 per \$1,000 of net assessed value.
 - Temporary Levy: \$1.25 per \$1,000 of net assessed value, expiring June 30, 2029.
- There is no fee for the annexation process.

If you do not consent to annexation:

- Per ORS 478.702(7)(b), insurance companies may not provide a discount on your property insurance if it is not annexed.

- In order to ensure Fire Service Coverage, you will need to maintain a subscription directly with Rural Metro Fire Department.
- Your property will automatically be annexed into the Applegate Fire District if any of the following events occur:
 - Ownership of the property is transferred.
 - A new structure subject to fire damage is built on the property.
 - A building permit related to the property is issued.

If you do not consent to annexation AND you do not maintain a subscription directly with Rural Metro Fire Department:

- Applegate Fire and Rural Metro will not be obligated to respond to your property during an emergency.
- If fire response services are provided to your property, Applegate Fire District will bill you at three times the cost of services rendered as outlined in ORS 478.702 and the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office Standardized Cost Schedule. Rural Metro may also bill you for their services.

Next Steps

To confirm your decision, please use the enclosed response form and Self Addressed Stamped Envelope to respond within 90 days of this notice. Failure to respond has the same result as declining annexation.

In order to assist you in understanding your options and ensuring the safety and protection of your property, we have added a page to our website <https://applegatefd.com/expansion.html> which we are regularly updating.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Wolfard".

Chris Wolfard
Fire Chief