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To Whom It May Concern:

The Huntington Lake Volunteer Fire Department (HLVFD) is the first responder for fire, medical aid and rescue services in the Huntington Lake, Grouse Creek and Tamerack areas. In addition, we provide both automatic aid to Big Creek VFD and mutual aid to the Forest Service, Shaver Lake, Big Creek, the Sheriff’s Department, and the California Highway Patrol. Automatic aid is provided to us for fire responses from the USFS, Cal Fire, and Big Creek VFD.

The department maintains a *staffed station 24/7* during the summer months, generally from the first week of June until late August when the overwhelming majority of our 911 calls occur. In the fall and winter months responders living within ¼ mile of the station respond to calls. Our response times are some of the best in the region as the accompanying chart will indicate. You may visit our website www.hlvfd.org for measured response times and distances to a specific neighborhood within our response area.

The Huntington Lake Volunteer Fire Department is not rated by the Insurance Service Organization (ISO), however most carriers grant a protection class rating of 8 based on our response times, quality and functionality of our apparatus, water supply and level of training. The Huntington area is unique in that access roads to cabins close with the first snowfall and accumulations can reach up to 14 feet. While one of the requirements for an ISO rating is full time access, it should be clear that there is little risk of wildfire when *the insured cabin is covered with snow*, as is the forest which surrounds it! Additionally, most cabin owners turn off both electricity and propane when they close their cabin for winter, reducing sources of ignition. Huntington Fire has **NO RECORD OF ANY CABIN LOSS DUE TO FIRE** in recent memory (over twenty years!)

The condos and private residences on the 40 acres of private owned land just above our main fire station have year round, plowed access. The firehouse and apparatus are accessible 24/7, 365 days per year. We have 7 first responders in residence year round and two EMT/firefighters on most weekends and all holidays. Huntington Fire has NO RECORD of any condo or private residences loss due to fire since these properties were built in 1978.

HLVFD maintains an outstanding fleet of apparatus to serve the community which includes the following:

1. 2007 Pierce Type I Pumper: 1,500 gpm pump; Type A foam; 1,000 gallons
2. 2001 Ferrara Type III Pumper: 750 gpm pump; type A foam; 300 gallons
3. 2010 Fouts Type I Water Tender (Tanker); 500 gpm pump; 2,000 gallons
4. Type III 24 foot Fire Boat; unlimited water supply
5. 2009 Med-Tec (Pierce) BLS ambulance
6. Bear Cat Snowmobile and rescue Boggin for winter rescue

Additionally, we maintain two floto pumps, two 3" portable pumps, and a 2,100 fold-da-tank to aid in water supply in the event of a fire. Both pumpers, the water tender, and the fire boat are all capable of drafting from the lake to enhance water delivery. We are also blessed with a hydrant system in the condominium development that maintains 120,000 gallons in pumped storage. While tracts maintain pipelines and water storage systems, capability varies greatly within our response area.

Sincerely,

/s/

Brother Christopher Donnelly, F.S.C.
Fire Chief