

BECKWOURTH PEAK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

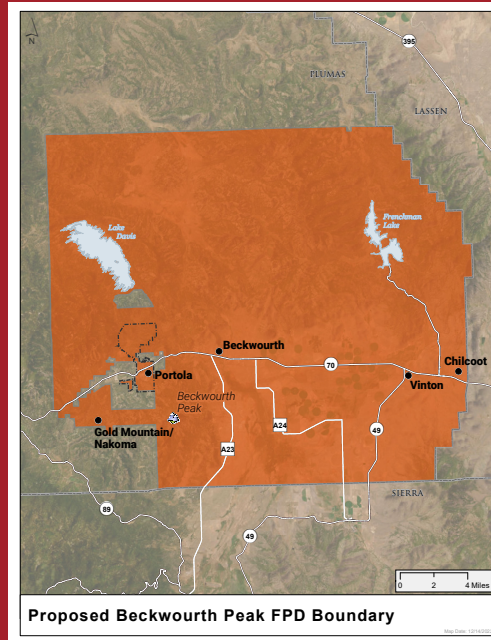
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Attention Residents & Property Owners!

Attend a workshop to learn about the Proposed New Fire Protection District that will serve the Beckwourth, Chilcoot, Gold Mountain/Nakoma, and Vinton communities and City of Portola: Beckwourth Peak Fire Protection District

Friday, January 13th at 6:30 p.m.
Grange Hall
92202 CA-70 in Vinton

Saturday, January 14th at 10 a.m.
Memorial Hall
449 W. Sierra Ave. in Portola



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BRIEF BACKGROUND

In January 2020, the Local Emergency Services Study Group (LESSG) was formed with the goal of exploring ways to combine efforts to strengthen and improve fire protection, rescue and emergency medical services (EMS) in Eastern Plumas County. The LESSG consists of representatives from Sierra Valley Fire, Beckwourth Fire, City of Portola, and Gold Mountain CSD. LESSG participants collectively agreed to the development of a feasibility study to explore solutions to best fulfill fire, rescue and EMS needs. The study demonstrated that there would be benefits to consolidate and form one new fire protection district (FPD) with coordinated divisions representing each existing station to serve the Eastern Plumas communities*:

- One new Fire Protection District with clear boundaries
- Efficient use of resources to better serve communities with fire, rescue and emergency medical services
- Combine existing equipment, infrastructure, and resources
- Coordinated training and response among divisions
- Mix of part time and full time staff and volunteers
- Only one Board of Directors

The proposed new Beckwourth Peak Fire Protection District would be funded via three main funding mechanisms:

- New Special Tax
- Current Property Taxes
- Donations and Grants

**The new district does not include areas served by Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District*

The new special tax would replace existing assessments for local FPDs currently collected on property tax bills.

NEXT STEPS

LESSG, with direction from participating agency boards, is actively working on an application to submit to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) to consider approval of forming the Beckwourth Peak Fire Protection District. If approved, a measure will be placed on the November 2023 ballot. Voters will vote for or against: a) forming the new district, b) approving the special tax and c) electing board members. There are many complex steps that will take place leading up to November 2023 elections and LESSG encourages residents to be involved in the process. Background materials, studies and supporting materials developed under LESSG are posted on fireprotectplumas.org.



LESSG will host the first in a series of meetings to provide detailed information about the formation, funding, and special tax voting processes for Beckwourth Peak Fire Protection District on Friday, January 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall in Vinton and Saturday, January 14th at 10 a.m. at the Memorial Hall in Portola. Please attend!

Questions? Contact LESSG at FireProtectPlumas@gmail.com or visit fireprotectplumas.org.