

MULTNOMAH COUNTY LAND USE PLANNING DIVISION
APPLICATION for CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
by Multnomah County Rural Fire Protection District No. 14
DECLARATION of RICK WUNSCH

I, RICK WUNSCH, do hereby declare:

1. I am over 18 years of age and fully competent and duly authorized to make this declaration.
2. The facts in this declaration are based on my personal knowledge and are true and correct.
3. I have since 2021 served as Chief of Multnomah County Rural Fire Protection District No. 14 ("Corbett Fire").
4. Corbett Fire provides fire, rescue and emergency services to a 40 square mile service area that includes the communities of Corbett, Springdale, Aims, Latourell, Bridal Veil, and surrounding areas with approximately 4,000 residents. This area includes many acres of wildland/urban interface, forest land, over 2,000 acres of Oregon State Parks, Columbia and Sandy River recreation areas, Interstate 84 and Union Pacific Railroad property.
5. Corbett Fire's stated mission "is to serve and protect our community with integrity, compassion, and professionalism. We are committed to providing prompt and effective emergency response services, fire prevention education, and community outreach programs to enhance public safety and promote a culture of preparedness. We strive to maintain the highest standards of excellence in all aspects of our operations, while fostering a culture of teamwork, accountability, and innovation. Our ultimate goal is to create a safer and more resilient community for all those we serve."
6. Corbett Fire has since 1976 operated and maintained approval of improvements the existing Springdale Fire Station. Existing structures there do not meet existing seismic requirements.
7. Corbett Fire applied to the County for approval of proposed improvements to the existing Springdale Fire Station. That application (County File No. T3-2024-0007) consists of two buildings, accessory structures (generator, propane tank, fencing, gate, retaining walls, stormwater drainage control system), off-street parking/loading areas, and landscaping, all as depicted on in Exhibit G.2 of the referenced file.

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Exhibit H.4

8. These improvements are financed by a bond measure passed in November 2022 by the voters, with the expressed purpose of improving our ability to respond to and mitigate structure and wildland fires. The bond finances a construction program to directly address modern health and safety standards, including the following:

- **ADA Accessibility:** Our new Springdale Fire Station will be fully ADA-compliant—from the parking lot to the restrooms—resolving longstanding accessibility issues in our current facility.
- **Septic System Upgrade:** During project planning, we identified that the existing septic system requires substantial repairs or replacement to meet current sanitary codes. This work is necessary to ensure safe and compliant operations at the site.
- **Wildland Fire Response Capacity:** In response to increasingly frequent and severe wildfires, we've expanded our fleet with three small, highly mobile brush units, a compact fire engine, and a water tender—all designed for maneuverability in challenging terrain. These units require dedicated indoor space, and the new station will provide the necessary housing for them.
- **Statewide Fire Support:** Corbett Fire is regularly called to support firefighting efforts across Oregon. We currently house and staff a State of Oregon wildland fire apparatus at the Springdale Station, further underscoring the need for expanded and modernized facilities.
- **Seismic Resilience:** The new fire station is being designed to the "Essential Facility" standard under the Oregon Structural Specialty Code, which includes the highest level of seismic resilience. This ensures the station can remain operational and support emergency response efforts immediately following a major earthquake.

9. I hereby declare that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I understand it is made for use as evidence in legal proceedings and is subject to penalty for perjury.

Signed this 10 day of July, 2025.


RICK WUNSCH