



November 14, 2020

Board of Directors  
Timberline Fire Protection District  
660 Highway 46  
Black Hawk, CO 80422

Directors:

This letter documents our gratitude to Timberline Fire Protection District for your assistance installing the 30,000-gallon fire-suppression cistern at Roosevelt Ridge. In particular:

**1. Fire Chief Paul Ondr**

Chief Ondr dedicated substantial time helping us with every detail of the project. Specifically—

- He researched TFPD's maximum lift at elevation 9100 feet, which determined that we had to install a gravity-discharged cistern.
- He — along with Assistant Chief Chris Schimanskey and Deputy Chief Chris Bondus — helped choose the best location for the water tanks and hydrant.
- He advised regarding the correct frost line, as the tanks sit on the north face.
- He helped identify the exact hydrant to purchase, which was not easy (he even sent pics!).
- He reviewed the schematic.
- He intervened on our behalf with Gilpin County to expedite the permit. This alone kept us on schedule.
- Five days before breaking ground, we had to move the install site 50 feet north. Chief Ondr — while on vacation — dispatched Deputy Chief Chris Bondus to meet us on location with a mere 12-hour notice. Deputy Chief Bondus was very helpful.
- Chief Ondr inspected the excavation, which proved critical: While on location he advised using pea gravel beneath the dry hydrant to allow proper drainage. No one in the field knew to do this, and failure here could have led to serious problems.
- He advised the exact direction that he wanted the hydrant pointed.
- He was always available at a moment's notice, immediately returning our phone calls and emails.
- And he set one unmistakable goal — *"Water flowing from the hydrant."*

In the last five months Fire Chief Paul Ondr distinguished himself as an exemplary community leader. He brought expertise to every detail of this project and without him we would have floundered — this job would be incomplete. We are very thankful for all his help.



# CISTERN COMMITTEE

ROOSEVELT RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

## 2. The Board of Directors for Timberline Fire Protection District

We recognize that over the years, the Executive Board<sup>1</sup> for Roosevelt Ridge HOA put the TFPD BOD in a difficult position by sharing potential plans and timelines without the due diligence required to make them relevant or executable. The successful completion of this vital safety project was made possible because the TFPD BOD implemented a permit freeze and stood firm in not releasing it until the community cistern installation was certified. We appreciate this was not an easy position to uphold, but it was necessary due to the history of hollow commitments and what appeared at times to be bad faith negotiations. Therefore, we thank you for not relenting. Your resolve compelled the Executive Board to focus: *No cistern, no permits*. And just as we could not have installed the cistern without Chief Ondr's assistance, so we could not have installed the cistern without your integrity and the civic caring for our safety even though we could not see it for ourselves. Thank you very much.

Respectfully,

*Sheri Keller*

Sheri Keller  
Lot 11

*Charlie Nolan*

Charlie Nolan  
Lot 15

<sup>1</sup> HOA director Eric Anderson did not sit on the Executive Board when the others misled TFPD and he has never been a party to any of the malfeasance.