



## **TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT STAFF REPORT**

**Board Meeting Date: October 7, 2025**

**DATE:** August 12, 2025

**TO:** Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve a revised US Highway 395 Mutual Aid Communications Plan between the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, Susanville Interagency Fire Center, and Beckwourth Peak Fire Protection District clarifying wildland response request procedures occurring on US Highway 395 in California between the Sierra County/Lassen County line and the southern end of Constantia Road/US 395; and if approved, authorize the Fire Chief to execute extensions and future operational amendments to this agreement. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

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### **SUMMARY**

Recommendation to approve a revised US Highway 395 Mutual Aid Communications Plan between the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD), Susanville Interagency Fire Center, and Beckwourth Peak Fire Protection District (BFPD) clarifying wildland response request procedures occurring on US Highway 395 in California between the Sierra County/Lassen County line and the southern end of Constantia Road/US 395. If approved, the Board is asked to further authorize the Fire Chief to execute extensions to the agreement and future operational amendments to this agreement.

### **PREVIOUS ACTION**

September 2, 2025, The Board of Fire Commissioners approved a US Highway 395 Mutual Aid Communications Plan between TMFPD, Susanville Interagency Fire Center, and BFPD for the purposes of establishing a communications plan for emergencies occurring on US Highway 395 in California between the Sierra County/Lassen County line and the southern end of Constantia Road/US 395 to provide the closest resource response in a safe and effective manner and ensure single point ordering.

## **BACKGROUND**

The revision to the previously approved plan can be found on page 2, paragraph 4 of the communication plan. This change is at the request of the other contracting agencies to clarify that wildland response resources are ordered through Minden Dispatch, whereas the ordering mechanism was left silent in the original agreement.

The following background was provided to the Board at the September 2, 2025, Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting:

Since 2012, TMFPD has responded to incidents along the US 395 corridor from the Washoe County, NV/Sierra County, CA line north to the intersection of US 395 and Constantia Road in Lassen County. The first three miles of this corridor lie within Sierra County, with the remaining nineteen miles in Lassen County.

This section of highway is frequently used by TMFPD units traveling to northern Nevada. Historically, TMFPD has provided mutual aid in this corridor—often as the only responding agency.

In 2024, BPPFD was established and assumed responsibility for emergency response along US 395 from the Sierra/Lassen County line north to the southern intersection of Constantia Road and US 395 (TM4206), as outlined in Appendix A of the proposed communications plan. BPPFD provides this service under an agreement for “Structural Fire Suppression and Emergency Medical Response Services” with the Hallelujah Junction Fire Protection District.

Although BPPFD now has jurisdiction, TMFPD units remain the closest responders to much of the corridor. Therefore, a coordinated communications plan is necessary to enhance safety, efficiency, and clarity among all responding units.

The plan’s primary objective is to ensure the closest available resources are dispatched quickly and safely, with a single point of ordering. To achieve this, participating departments and dispatch centers must work collaboratively to coordinate the fastest possible response. Establishing clear communication protocols between field units and the Susanville Interagency Fire Center benefits all agencies involved.

This plan does not alter or override existing ambulance transport responsibilities or agreements. It also does not obligate TMFPD to respond to US 395 incidents if doing so would reduce service levels within its own jurisdiction.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact to the District.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Board approve a revised US Highway 395 Mutual Aid Communications Plan between TMFPD, Susanville Interagency Fire Center, and BPPFD clarifying wildland response request procedures occurring on US Highway 395 in California between the Sierra

County/Lassen County line and the southern end of Constantia Road/US 395; and if approved, authorize the Fire Chief to execute extensions and future operational amendments to this agreement.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board/s agree with the staff's recommendation, a possible motion could be:

*"I move to approve a revised US Highway 395 Mutual Aid Communications Plan between TMFPD, Susanville Interagency Fire Center, and BPPFD clarifying wildland response request procedures occurring on US Highway 395 in California between the Sierra County/Lassen County line and the southern end of Constantia Road/US 395; and if approved, authorize the Fire Chief to execute extensions and future operational amendments to this agreement."*