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MONTANA EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, GALLATIN COUNTY

JOHN MALONEY, PATRICK STRANAHAN
and CAROLYN FIFER,

Plaintiffs,

v.

BRIDGER CANYON RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES,

Defendant.

Cause No. DV-13-381B

AFFIDAVIT OF DANIEL E. ASTROM

1. I am a resident in the Bridger Canyon area, within the Bridger Canyon Rural Fire District ("BCRFD").
2. I volunteered as a firefighter for the BCRFD starting in approximately 2000. In April 2002, I was appointed as the fire chief for the BCRFD, and was the fire chief until May 21, 2013.
3. When I was constructively discharged from the BCRFD, approximately 15 other volunteer firefighters also felt they were constructively discharged.
4. I am aware of the lawsuit filed in connection with the BCRFD Board of Trustees' ("Board") failure to provide adequate and standard fire protection for the Bridger Canyon area. I am also aware of the application for a preliminary injunction and temporary restraining order the

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plaintiffs filed, which seeks my temporary return as fire chief for the BCRFD, as well as a court-ordered mediation between the firefighters and the Board.

5. Based on my concern for the safety of the Bridger Canyon area and my understanding a mediation will likely occur in the immediate future, I am ready, willing and able to return to my duties as the fire chief of the BCRFD. It is my understanding and belief that a majority of the discharged volunteer firefighters will return if I return as the fire chief.

6. I make this declaration on personal knowledge, setting forth facts admissible in evidence, and I am competent to testify to the matters contained in this affidavit.

I declare under penalty of perjury and under the laws of the state of Montana that the foregoing is true and correct.

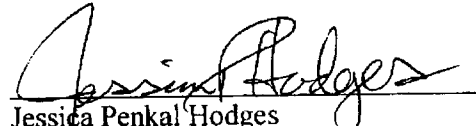
DATED this 11th day of June, 2013, in Bozeman, Montana.


Daniel E. Astrom

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that, on the 11th day of June, 2013, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document, was served by U.S. Mail and E-Mail to the following:

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