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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Evergreen Fire District is a duly formed taxing entity of Flathead County, Montana created July 21, 1954 by action of the Board of County Commissioners following the procedures required by Section 11 of the Revised Codes of Montana, 1947, now the Montana Codes Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 33, Part 21.

Additional area was annexed to the Evergreen Fire District in 1968, 1969, 1973, and 1974.

The district is operated by an elected board of five trustees, who are registered voters residing in the district, and who serve rotating three year terms. Vacancies on the board are filled by appointment by the Board of Flathead County Commissioners as per MCA Title 7.

The district is subject to the budget laws of Montana and operates on a fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30. The district submits its annual budget request to the Clerk and Recorder of Flathead County on or about June 10th of each year. Budgets are approved and the required tax levy set by the Board of County Commissioners on the second Monday of August following the required notices and hearing. Real estate taxes are payable in November and May and are distributed monthly as collected to the district fund based upon the mill levy established to fund the budget request.

The Board of Trustees writes warrants payable by the Treasurer of Flathead County from the funds collected by the Treasurer and held in trust for the district to purchase equipment and pay the operating expenses of the district.

Flathead County is audited annually and individual district audits are conducted as required.

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