

News Release

August 30, 2022

Contact: Rich Bauer, Chief, North Blaine County Fire District at 208-622-8234; rbauer@sunvalleyidaho.gov or Jed Gray, Chair, North Blaine County Fire District (208) 622-4100; jed@svassociates.com



Blaine County Awards \$350,000 for Greenhorn First Responder Housing

The Blaine County Commissioners awarded \$350,000 in ARPA funds to the North Blaine County Fire District (“NBC District”) to help build 8 new first responder housing at the Greenhorn Fire Station at East Fork Rd. The initial 4 units are expected to be installed by the end of 2022.

“The NBC Fire District appreciates the County’s funding for much needed housing for firefighters and paramedics” stated Jed Gray, Chair of the District. “The county donation adds to the \$300,000 that the Fire District and the City of Sun Valley have each committed to this \$3.2 million first responder housing project.”

“We are also seeking private donations so we can keep our rental rates to firefighters and paramedics affordable, and have engaged Spur Community Foundation to administer donations”.

Gray also remarked that “The land, 2.3 acres of land owned by the Idaho Transportation Department has been secured with a 99-year lease for \$1 a year, and a \$1.5 million private loan have allowed the project to move forward without delays.”

The property is strategically located Greenhorn Fire Station, on Highway 75 just south of the East Fork light. The Fire District already has 6 housing units on site. The plan calls for installing eight prefabricated homes and an eight-bay detached garage. An order has been placed for six two-bedroom, two bath units, and two one-bedroom, one bath units. The first four units are expected to be delivered and ready for occupancy before the end of the 2022, with the remaining four units ready by summer 2023.

If successful, the fundraising campaign will leverage the \$950,000 already committed by local government partners, pay back the \$1.5 million loan, cover the balance of the project budget and create a small reserve for ongoing maintenance.

Donations can be made through the Spur Foundation by credit card via www.spurfoundation.org, by check payable to "Spur Community Foundation," with a Greenhorn Housing noted on the memo field, and mailed to: PO Box 6184, Ketchum, ID 83340, or by ACH, wire or public securities by calling Spur at 208-450-2600.

###