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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION OF PARK CITY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT AND COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of Park City Rural Fire District and the Board of Trustees of Columbus Rural Fire District have voted to consolidate the districts and have adopted a consolidation plan pursuant to 7-33-2120, MCA.

A public hearing on the proposed consolidation will be held before the joint Boards of Trustees as follows:

Date: September 30th, 2026
Time: 6:30 P.M.
Location: 34 Special K Lane (Gymnasium), Columbus MT 59019

The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment regarding the proposed consolidation of Park City Rural Fire District and Columbus Rural Fire District into a single rural fire district pursuant to 7-33-2120, MCA.

The consolidation plan is available for review at the Columbus Fire Station, located at 944 E Pike Ave, Columbus MT, 59019, or www.columbusfirerescue.com. For further information, please contact:

Rich Cowger - Fire Chief
P.O. Box 285 Columbus, MT 59019
406-322-4302
rcowger@columbusfirerescue.com

Real property owners in each affected rural fire district may submit written protests opposing consolidation to that district's governing board. Written protests must be received within 30 days of the first publication of this notice.

Written protests may be submitted to:
Park City Rural Fire District
Joanna Fry
P.O. Box 476
Park City, MT 59063

Columbus Rural Fire District
Lisa Westervelt
P.O. Box 285
Columbus, MT 59019

If, within 30 days of the first publication of notice, the owners of 40% or more of the real property in an existing district and owners of property representing 40% or more of the taxable value of property in an existing district protest the consolidation, the consolidation is void.

Dated this 7 day of September, 2026.

PARK CITY RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
By: Chris Southworth
Title: Board Chair

COLUMBUS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
By: /s/
Title: Chairman of Board
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