



**Gallatin Canyon Consolidated Rural Fire District**  
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April 24, 2008

Dave Kraft, Chairman  
Sourdough Rural Fire District  
4541 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.  
Bozeman, MT 59715

Re: Commercial Structure Fire

Dear Board Members,

During the early morning hours of April 22, 2008, the Big Sky Fire Department requested a Mutual Aid response from the Rae and Sourdough Fire Departments for a working structure fire at the Rainbow Ranch Lodge. I would like to express our appreciation for the incredible performance displayed by your fire fighters and command staff.

Not only did your Department respond in a timely and organized fashion, they also operated on scene with professionalism, complete competence, and great effectiveness. Our close relationship with your Department through training and planned operations has obviously paid off in the form of a seamless operational model on the fire ground.

Your fire fighters were able to perform every task requested by the Incident Commander and perform them in a safe, effective, and efficient manner. Along with the fire fighters, J.D. Engle responded as command staff to this event. He was assigned as the Alpha Sector Command (he was in charge of all operations on the front side of the structure...lots of work there!) and played a critical role in creating strategies for the successful suppression of this fire.

In the end, your fire fighters significantly contributed to our ability to provide good service to our customers. Thank you for allowing them to come help us, and we owe you huge for this one!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Revisky".

Jason Revisky, Fire Chief  
GCCRFD/Big Sky Fire Department