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Malheur County Seat

August 26, 2022

Janie Grund

Vale, Or 97918

Re: New Property

To whom it may concern,

It has come to the attention of the Fire Department that a request for a new structure will be establish at 1648A Sandhollow Rd. This area lies within the boundaries of the Vale Rural Fire Protection District. Upon payment of the annual dues and proper registration with the county the Department will provide fire protection to the property. Membership to the Rural Fire Protection district can be achieved by filling out a Membership form at City Hall. Membership cost are \$150 for Primary address and \$100 for any additional addresses.

An inspection of the property has been completed and has revealed there is no current driveway the site of the new structure. According to the International Fire Code any access road must be an all-weather surface that has 20' unobstructed width and 13'6" unobstructed vertical clearance. Any access road must include an improved turnaround on roads greater than 150' in length and not exceed a grade of 10%. If the road is greater than 500' in length minimum access road width is 26'. The driveway must also be capable of supporting live loads of at least 75,000 lbs. The driveway angle of approach\departure cannot be less than the design limitations of the Fire Department apparatus. Any new structures built must meet the International\Oregon Fire Code requirements for structure design, taking into account the minimum fire-flow requirements for structure size and construction, an onsite water storage may need to be built for fire suppression. Also, the driveway must meet the specifications as listed above. If you have any questions, please call me at 473-3796

Sincerely,

Jess Tolman

Fire Chief Vale Fire Department