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# **BANKS FIRE DISTRICT #13**

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Banks Fire District #13 is aware of the ongoing administrative and personnel differences in the Elsie-Vine Maple Rural Fire Protection District, one of our neighboring districts. Banks Fire understands the difficulties that this presents and shares great concern for the citizens served by Elsie-Vine Maple RFPD and the real possibility that, as a result of these differences, Elsie-Vine Maple RFPD may not have sufficient resources to meet the needs of their district.

Officials at the Elsie-Vine Maple RFPD have released a public statement that Banks Fire will be responding to certain calls in the Elsie-Vine Maple RFPD including “all calls in the Hwy 26 region up to MP 20” (near Oney’s). As of this release, there has been no such request to Banks Fire by anyone at Elsie-Vine Maple RFPD. Banks Fire has not made any such commitment.

Like all fire districts, Banks Fire is a signer to “mutual aid agreements” wherein Banks Fire agrees to provide mutual aid to neighboring districts, to certain types of calls, and depending on resource availability. While Banks Fire does sometimes respond to our neighboring districts’ requests for mutual aid, the primary service area of the Banks Fire District #13 follows Hwy 26 to approximately MP 35 (just west of Timber). The number one service responsibility of Banks Fire is to our citizens and their guests, and Banks Fire will always focus on having sufficient resources are available to meet that commitment.

Banks Fire will continue to provide services in accordance with our mutual aid agreements, but cannot at this time assume any responsibilities for meeting the primary needs of any other district, including any commitment to respond to “all calls”, in any other district.

- Banks Fire District #13 Board and Chief Rodney Linz