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Skamania County Fire District #3 supports the Broughton Landing Project.

After studying the proposed plan for the Broughton Landing development and the attached Fire Protection Guidelines, the Underwood Volunteer Firefighters voted unanimously to support the project based on the following:

- The current use (or non-use) of this property creates a great ongoing fire danger for the landing and the bluff as well, which includes many community homes.
- The Fire protection guidelines that Broughton's has outlined for firewise landscaping, together
 with the water available and the plans for sprinkler systems in the main buildings will significantly
 reduce the current fire danger as well as lower the risk for any future problems.
- The proposed plan would add much needed recreation sites and value to our community, and it
 would bring in much needed revenue to all parts of the community.
- The added housing and community members will add a new base from which to draw volunteers.

The Underwood Fire Department sees no downside to this development. The Fire Protection Planning that has gone into this plan is extensive and appreciated. While it will definitely add to our coverage area, the plan calls for better fire protection standards than now currently exist in most areas of the Underwood District. We feel that with the growth the Fire Department is now undergoing, we can easily expand our services to cover the proposed site without any undue burden on the Fire Department.

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