ESTES VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-02

A RESOLUTION EXPLAINING THE ESTES VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT'S COMMITMENT TO WILDFIRE RISK REDUCTION

WHEREAS, the Estes Valley Fire Protection District ("District") has a history of significant wildfire threats; and

WHEREAS, the District has a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) concludes that the, "...District is at high risk for large, high-severity wildfires due to dense forest conditions, dry and hot weather, and strong, gusty winds."; and

WHEREAS, the District CWPP also states, "Increasing drought and warming temperatures exacerbate wildfire risk in the area."; and

WHEREAS, the District CWPP concludes, "The Estes Valley Fire Protection District and residents in the EVFPD must prepare for large wildfire events. Proactive work is imperative."; and

WHEREAS, wildfires pose a potential negative impact on life; and

WHEREAS, wildfires pose a potential negative impact on property; and

WHEREAS, wildfires pose a potential negative impact on our community's economy; and

WHEREAS, the District has access to resources such as our Community Wildfire Protection Plan to inform and guide our priorities and impacts; and

WHEREAS, the District has access to multiple community partners with shared interests and priorities that may help reduce our community's wildfire risk; and

WHEREAS, there will always exist a personal responsibility for residents and guests to make good decisions regarding their own safety;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the District ("Board") as follows:

1. <u>Commitment</u>. The Board commits to making decisions in accordance with the principles and values expressed in this and similar District Resolutions.

2. <u>Severability</u>. If any part, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

3. <u>Effective Date</u>. This Resolution shall take effect and be <u>enforced</u> immediately upon its approval by the Board.

ADOPTED this 25th day of January 2023.

ESTES VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT By Jonathan Hodde, Presi

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Larry Leaming, Vice President

David Hamrick, Secretary

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