

**FOWLER CREEK GUEST RANCH**  
**EXHIBIT 11**  
**FIRE MANAGEMENT PLAN STATEMENT**

Fire danger and fire management is a topic of high importance in upper Kittitas County. The area, especially the property that encompasses Fowler Creek Guest Ranch, is home to forests, wetlands, and plains, creating a host of issues related to fire danger. In response to submitted comments from Kittitas County Fire District 7, the Kittitas County Fire Marshal, the Kittitas County Sheriff's department, and concerned community members, Fowler Creek Guest Ranch has created a fire management plan which details the strategies that will be implemented during construction, operation, and maintenance of the facilities and the property. This fire plan was created in collaboration with Kittitas County Fire District 7 and the Fire Marshal's office and will serve as the official guidelines for development in order to create a safer environment for all users and surrounding community members of Fowler Creek Guest Ranch.

Since the original submission, the applicant has implemented a few mitigation strategies regarding fire safety in order to address the concerns of those commenting. The southern entrance on Forest Service Road 4517 is now planned to be a gated emergency access road only. This will alleviate the traffic impact of those living on the southern side of the development, mitigate the effects on the surrounding environment, and still give access to emergency services. Furthermore, personal fire pits were removed from the plan due to fire safety concerns. This plan has been replaced with community fire pits which will be designed, constructed, and operated with input from Fire District 7 and the Kittitas County Fire Marshal's office and will be closely managed and monitored to lessen potential fire impact on the natural environment and nearby wildlife.

One of the biggest priorities when creating effective fire management is water availability. This plan details fire protection water storage and delivery for Fowler Creek Guest Ranch. As part of Phase One of the project, an on-site fire protection water

system will be constructed as requested by Fire District 7. This step will be essential for ensuring safety.

The initial delivery system design entails a storage facility and intake situated in the southwest corner of the property. The elevation at this location is approximately 2,395 feet above sea level. A 6-inch pipe will extend approximately 1,750 feet to connect with the entrance road. At this designated delivery point, a hydrant approved by Kittitas County Fire District 7 will be installed. The approximate elevation of this hydrant will be 2,310 feet, providing fire water at a pressure of approximately 35 pounds per square inch (psi).

As construction progresses on the Ranch Barn and bed and breakfast, the fire protection water system will be extended. During the construction of the Ranch Barn, the small-scale event center, the delivery line will be lengthened to supply fire protection water to the facility. The extension will cover approximately 760 feet, reaching an elevation of 2,319 feet. At this point, the hydrant will deliver water at a pressure of approximately 32 psi.

Subsequently, upon approval of the water system (see Exhibit 9 for the proposed water management plan), construction of the bed and breakfast will proceed. At that juncture, the fire protection water system will undergo further extension, spanning approximately 450 feet to an elevation of approximately 2,337 feet. The hydrant in this section will provide water at a pressure of approximately 25 psi.

In the final stages of fire protection development, a line spanning approximately 250 feet to an elevation of approximately 2,835 feet will run to Fowler Creek Road through the secondary emergency entrance. Then a draft point will be installed by the road. Access to this water supply will allow service to nearby homesites. The draft point in this area will provide water at a pressure of approximately 10 psi. See the Fire Management Site Plan attached as Exhibit 11B for a full map of the proposed fire protection water expansion area.

During construction, a turnaround area for emergency vehicles will be established in the southwest corner of the guest ranch.

The non-potable water storage facility will be replenished using legally available off-site sources. It is planned to utilize a 5,000-gallon tanker truck with access held by the applicant for this purpose.

There will be clear emergency access and informational signs posted throughout the guest ranch. Staff will be trained in emergency response. The closest fire station is Kittitas County Fire Station #73, which is less than 3 miles and seven minutes away. This ensures quick response if there is an emergency. For more information regarding emergency egress and ingress, see Exhibit 12 – Emergency Ingress and Egress Plan.

All construction will meet the requirements of the newest edition of the International Fire Code.

With the implementation of these strategies, Fowler Creek Guest Ranch will have a high level of fire coverage which will give guests, employees, and the surrounding community peace of mind in knowing that the guest ranch is properly and efficiently managed in the event of fire danger.

# PROPOSED FIRE MANAGEMENT PLAN - FOWLER CREEK GUEST RANCH

