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Hello South Metro!

Thank you for running the ad in the recent Highlands Ranch Herald weekly newspaper.

I support increasing our property taxes to fund your services rather than cutting an of your work. I really believe that our risk of wildfire is increasing and after reading the final report on the Marshall fire I am certain it is not a matter of if but when, especially for the south part of Highlands Ranch where we live.

In our case a tax increase would be just under \$20 per month using your calculations. It is a bargain, especially because my homeowner's insurance would probably go up by more than that if your level of service fell due to lack of funding. There is so much that needs to be done to improve our wildfire readiness in our communities as our climate changes and becomes both drier and windier, and supporting structures like miles of six foot tall wooden privacy fences age and dry out into fire prone wicks. I also see how my neighborhood is aging, so EMS type services will probably increase. I'd also rather have you ask for an extra dollar or two per month now to get ahead of what you need and not just stay even.

Bottom line - you are delivering an important and well functioning public service. Please ask for the taxes required to keep your capabilities viable and ready for our changing climate and aging population.

Thans for asking for citizen input.

Best regards,

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