

AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT

THIS AUTOMATIC AID AGREEMENT ("Agreement") dated this ____ day of April 2012 is entered into between the **WOOD RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT** ("Wood River") and the **CITY OF KETCHUM FIRE DEPARTMENT** ("Ketchum") and the **KETCHUM RURAL FIRE DISTRICT** ("Ketchum Rural") as a replacement to the current Automatic Aid Agreement between the agencies and to expand coverage and response, in contemplation of the following recitals:

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Ketchum, Ketchum Rural and Wood River currently own and operate fire stations and fire apparatus and employ fire fighters and EMT's assigned to respond on an emergency basis within their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Ketchum, Ketchum Rural and Wood River share a common border at the Greenhorn Bridge which marks a portion of the southern boundary of Ketchum and Ketchum Rural's jurisdiction and a portion of the northern boundary of Wood River's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Ketchum, Ketchum Rural and Wood River are fire protection authorities providing fire and rescue services and are governmental subdivisions of the State of Idaho and are body politic as organized under the provisions of Title 31, Chapter 14 (Wood River and Ketchum Rural) and Title 50, Chapter 3 (Ketchum) of the Idaho Code; and

WHEREAS, Ketchum, Ketchum Rural and Wood River are expressly authorized by Idaho Code § 31-1430 to enter into written agreements with one another for their mutual protection, joint use, ownership and/or operation of land, equipment or facilities, or for the protection of either of the contracting parties; and

WHEREAS, personnel of Ketchum and Ketchum Rural are employees of the city of Ketchum and are supervised by the Ketchum Fire Chief and have met all the standards of the Ketchum Fire Department and are governed by the personnel policies of Ketchum; and

WHEREAS, personnel of Wood River are employees of the Wood River Fire Protection District and are supervised by the Wood River Fire Chief and have met all the standards of the Wood River Fire Protection District and are governed by the personnel policies of Wood River; and

WHEREAS, Ketchum and Ketchum Rural desire to enter into an automatic aid agreement with Wood River whereby Ketchum and Ketchum Rural would provide an automatic **FIRE** response to any location within Wood River's jurisdiction for a reported structure fire *and* an automatic **EMS** response to the mid-valley 'Wood River Zone' as defined below. The initial **FIRE** response would be a structure fire engine staffed with a minimum of three personnel *and* a paramedic ambulance with a minimum of two personnel while the initial **EMS** response would be a paramedic ambulance with a minimum of two personnel; and

WHEREAS, Wood River desires to enter into an automatic aid agreement with Ketchum and Ketchum Rural whereby Wood River would provide an automatic **FIRE** response to any location within Ketchum or Ketchum Rural's jurisdiction for a reported structure fire *and* an automatic **EMS** response to the mid-valley 'Ketchum Zone' as defined below. The initial **FIRE** response would be a structure fire engine staffed with a minimum of three personnel *and* a paramedic ambulance with a

minimum of two personnel while the initial **EMS** response would be a paramedic ambulance with a minimum of two personnel; and

WHEREAS, Ketchum's **FIRE** jurisdiction includes all territory within the City of Ketchum and all territory within the Ketchum Rural Fire District while the mid valley 'Ketchum Zone' (subject to automatic EMS response by Wood River) includes the Highway 75 right-of-way from the East Fork / Greenhorn Rd. intersection to the Greenhorn Bridge and areas on both sides of Highway 75 including Valley View (Timber Way), East Fork (up to and including the end of Pioneer Mountain Drive), Greenhorn, and Golden Eagle subdivisions.

WHEREAS, Wood River's **FIRE** jurisdiction includes all territory within the Wood River Fire Protection District while the mid valley 'Wood River Zone' (subject to automatic EMS response by Ketchum) includes the Highway 75 right-of-way from the Greenhorn Bridge to the Starweather / Ohio Gulch intersection and areas on both sides of Highway 75 including Hidden Hollow, Alturas, Starweather Heatherlands, and Sundance subdivisions.

WHEREAS, Wood River, Ketchum and Ketchum Rural are agreeable to the foregoing based upon the understandings set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

FIRE RESPONSE – Jurisdiction Wide

1. Ketchum and Ketchum Rural, when notified of a structure fire in Wood River's jurisdiction will immediately initiate a response of an appropriate engine and ambulance with personnel. Ketchum personnel, if arriving first on scene will take responsibility and control using the Incident Command System until relieved by a member of Wood River. Once relieved the Ketchum personnel will operate under the direction of their company officer who will receive further direction from the Incident Commander.

2. Wood River, when notified of a structure fire in Ketchum's jurisdiction will immediately initiate a response of an appropriate engine and ambulance with personnel. Wood River personnel, if arriving first on scene will take responsibility and control using the Incident Command System until relieved by a member of the Ketchum Fire Department. Once relieved the Wood River personnel will operate under the direction of their company officer who will receive further direction from the Incident Commander.

3. Ketchum, Ketchum Rural and Wood River acknowledge and agree that while agencies should respond immediately they should also assure (Paramedic) EMS and fire response coverage within their own jurisdiction before committing their apparatus to an Automatic Aid **FIRE** incident. To that end, responding apparatus should not proceed past Greenhorn Station without the assurance that their primary response area has adequate coverage. In the event that coverage cannot be assured, Greenhorn Station may be used as a 'staging area' for county-wide coverage and response.

EMS RESPONSE – Mid-Valley Zone

4. Ketchum, when notified of an EMS call including a motor vehicle collision (MVC) within the 'Wood River Zone' will immediately initiate a response of an ambulance with personnel. Ketchum personnel, if arriving first on scene will take responsibility and control using the Incident Command System until relieved by a member of Wood River. Once relieved the Ketchum personnel will operate under the direction of their company officer who will receive further direction from the Incident Commander.

5. Wood River, when notified of an EMS call including a motor vehicle collision (MVC) within the 'Ketchum Zone' will immediately initiate a response of an ambulance with personnel. Wood River personnel, if arriving first on scene will take responsibility and control using the Incident Command System until relieved by a member of the Ketchum Fire Department. Once relieved the Wood River personnel will operate under the direction of their company officer who will receive further direction from the Incident Commander.

ALL RESPONSES

6. When responding, each agency should notify Blaine County Communications (Comm.) by radio using their own primary response frequency. Once acknowledged by Comm., the responding agency should switch to the primary frequency of the jurisdiction receiving aid or the frequency that has been assigned to that incident – whichever will assure communications with the incident commander.

7. Ketchum, Ketchum Rural and Wood River acknowledge that this agreement does not constitute a requirement to respond by either agency but is an agreement that is meant to enhance protection providing that equipment and personnel are available to respond.

8. The Fire Chiefs of each jurisdiction shall formally report to his/her Councilors / Commissioners on the workings of this Agreement so that the Councilors / Commissioners may review, evaluate and make modifications as appropriate.

9. The purpose of this Agreement is not the acquisition of more taxable property by any other jurisdiction, but is to create an enhanced response capability by utilizing each agencies similar command structure, firefighter training standards and depth of personnel to provide increased firefighter safety and higher quality emergency services to the citizens and visitors of the respective jurisdictions through a cooperative automatic aid agreement.

10. The agencies understand and agree that they will bear all costs incurred by their respective agencies for the first operating period of any one incident. Such assistance shall be uncompensated for a period of time not to exceed 12 hours, after which the Commanding Officer of the Authority Having Jurisdiction must either release or retain the resource. If resources are retained, compensation for continued aid will be contracted at the rates published in the most recent edition of the Idaho Fire Service Organization Rate Book.

11. In the event that the costs of providing emergency services are recovered, funds will be distributed in proportion to the agencies on-scene resources, by dividing the costs submitted by each agency (using Idaho Fire Service Organization Rate Book rates) by the total costs submitted by all agencies multiplied by the total funds available.

12. This Agreement shall continue in effect for three years from the date of signing or until terminated by either party upon the giving of not less than 30 day's written notice.

13. The political bodies of each jurisdiction have duly authorized the signing of this agreement by their respective Mayor / Chairman.

WOOD RIVER FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT

By: _____
Jay Bailet
Chairman

Attest: _____
Carol Thomas
District Clerk

CITY OF KETCHUM

By: _____
Randy Hall
Mayor

Attest: _____
Sandy Cady
City Clerk

KETCHUM RURAL FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT

By: _____
Jed Gray
Chairman

Attest: _____
Marta Thompson
District Clerk