



September 16, 2024

Moab Valley Fire Protection District  
45 South 100 East  
Moah, UT 84532-2637

To Moab Valley Fire Protection District:

We, the representatives of Spring Creek Valley Ranch LLC, hereby express our objection to the proposed annexation based on our property's geographical positioning and its reliance on the Moab Valley Fire Department for fire protection services. It is pertinent to note that our property currently benefits from the proximity of the Glad Park Fire Department, which provides timely fire protection, and services from the Park Service Personnel.

We kindly request that our letter of protest against this annexation be duly acknowledged.

Sincerely,

Linda Locke, President  
Quercus Management LLC, Manager

Moab, Utah  
September 24, 2021

I don't see any advantage to  
being annexed into the Moab  
district Fire Protection

I am opposed

Jay L Axtell  
Willow Basin

CC: To File

Oct 8 2024

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I am a Grand County  
Resident on Hastings Road  
and want to make certain  
that any tax revenue received  
by the proposed annexation  
will be forwarded to the  
Green River Fire Department  
which is responsible to  
respond to emergencies on  
Hastings Road - Thank You  
Nancy Durhan



Cathy Bonde &lt;cbonde@moabfiredepartment.org&gt;

## Annex protest

1 message

**Sue Shivers** <shivers@me.com>  
To: admin@moabfiredepartment.org

Mon, Sep 9, 2024 at 8:06 AM

September 9, 2024

Moab Valley Fire Protection District  
45 South 100 East  
Moab, Utah 84532

To Moab Fire Administrators,

Please accept this letter as my official protest to the proposed Resolution No 2024-001 the intent to annex our property into the Moab Valley fire protection tax district.

Our property is Picture Gallery Ranch, located on the Colorado/Utah state line at the west end of D Road South close to Glade Park, Colorado. The 850-acre ranch is in the Delores Triangle, an isolated area in Grand County bordered by the Delores River, the Colorado River, & the Colorado state line. There is no access to this area except through the Colorado National Monument in Grand Junction, Colorado.

Our tax address is: mm 21.9 County Road 107, Cisco, Utah 84515

Our GPS coordinates: 38.95534 degrees N, 109.05882 degrees W

The closest Mapquest address: Dol Tria DS Road, Cisco, UT

This puts the Moab Fire Department 146 miles away with a response time of 2 hours and 31 minutes.

My wife, son and I are all members of the Glade Park Volunteer Fire Department which will respond into the Delores Triangle along with the Mesa County Sheriff Search and Rescue (through mutual aid with Grand County Sheriff) and BLM fire crews. Initial response time is usually under 40 minutes.

While I understand and support your efforts to meet the state mandate to provide fire protection services to all Grand County Residences. In this case it is just not possible without major infrastructure improvements (bridges, roads, etc).

Please consider this letter before levying a tax for services you are unable to provide.

David Luers  
Picture Gallery Ranch  
319-759-0546



Cathy Bonde &lt;cbonde@moabfiredepartment.org&gt;

## annexation of real property

1 message

**Kaye Nelson** <kandicerobin@gmail.com>  
To: admin@moabfiredepartment.org

Fri, Sep 13, 2024 at 7:37 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

I previously expressed concern about the annexation of the proposed properties near the city of Green River which includes my parcel and the delayed response time we would have from Moab. I appreciate the prompt reply that I received. In that response, I was told that there has never been an agreement with Emery County for services to this area. About 10 years ago, a fire got out of hand on the property I now own which is part of the proposed annexation as my father-in-law was burning ditches. When he called for help, it was the Green River fire department that responded. Also, when I called Grand County concerning my physical address on my new build, they referred me to Emery County saying that Emery County provided emergency services for our property. Once again, I request that you consider an agreement with Emery County for services in our area. If this cannot be done, I must officially protest this annexation. I hope I never have to use fire protection, but if I do, I would like to have the quickest response possible available to me. That is what I pay for with my levy.

Thank you,

Kaye Nelson

October 30, 2024

To Fire Protection District,

This is in regards to the proposed District resolution 2024-001, intent to annex real property in the unincorporated portion of Grand County. I expressed many of these concerns in the public meeting on September 30, 2024 but understand they must be in documented in writing to be considered.

My brother (Kelly Doles) and I have several parcels that will be affected by the proposed annexation; Thompson, Utah, Castleton area and the north end of the LaSal Mountains.

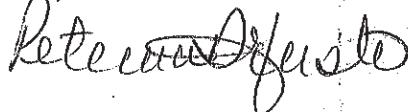
I understand it has been a long standing issue that Grand County has not "paid their fair share" for fire suppression for many years and it has been a back and forth argument. While I feel for the situation the fire chief and board are in, this truly feels like they are tired of fighting and will just tax the property owners in the unincorporated areas, the taxpayers are taking it in the shorts for this unending dispute. This might be a bit easier to choke down but for the fact our property taxes have escalated tremendously because of valuations and the new City property taxes as well as the library increasing their mill levy. Now the fire district wants to just pile on and for what really.

The reality is, except for the properties in very near vicinity to Moab valley, the Department will be so far behind the ball by the time it arrives onsite, it will be a major wildfire and out of the jurisdiction of Moab Valley Fire and will belong to BLM, FS and/or Utah State Lands. This is not to discredit or bash Moab Valley Fire because the Department is awesome but the nature of distance, terrain and location. As land owners in remote parts of the County, it is a risk you accept; the majority of emergency services will not be provided and you must be self-sufficient in addition to be very cautious of your actions. A comment made by the Board was, we have equipment to now go in the remote locations – but my response is why??? There are other entities as tax payers we are paying for such as BLM, FS, and Utah State Lands there is not a good reason to be expending monies you say you are short on, thus another reason for tax money. Simply put, why want or take on extra duties you don't have to absorb except for empire building.

Another comment that was stated by the Board is that the Department provides beyond fire suppression in remote areas, such as extrications at vehicle accidents. That is a great service you have trained on and provide but why is that cost being passed on to the unincorporated portions of the County in the form of fire protection. Once again, this cost should be born through the County with their EMS costs/taxation. As already stated, the Fire District is tired of the fight it seems and taking an "easy" way out and taxing a group they think "can afford" it or so it feels like.

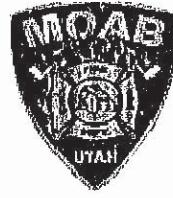
The mill levy increases for fire has gone up exponentially over the last 5 years, you can honestly say you need more money. I know times have changed and Grand County has grown and the fire department has done nothing but grow a lot. There are now how many paid staff..... The facility with beautiful..... The equipment is very nice and plentiful..... How many pickups are being driven around for personal use now..... It is noticed by the tax payers and one has to wonder, maybe someone should take a pencil to the expenditures and think is this a want or a need and be realistic.

Thanks, Petenia Pfnister





MOAB VALLEY FIRE  
PROTECTION DISTRICT  
PROPOSED ANNEXATION



PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

NAME:

Gayna Dunham Salines

PO Box 129

Green River, UT 84525

PARCEL/TAXPAYER ADDRESS(ES): I am against  
04-0016-0101 Little Valley this annexation  
04-0016-0106 " until the GR resident  
05-0022-0054 Elgin in Elgin/Hastings Rd +

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Little Valley Properties have  
a written MOU in place that includes that the  
money raised on these parcels will go to the  
GR fire department who responds to →

fires in this area.

I appreciate the help the Moab Fire  
Department has given to the GR area,  
however I want the GR Fire Department  
to receive money from tax revenue  
to go to the organization that is  
closest to these properties.

Thank you,

Gayna Dunham  
Salines

PO Box 129

GR 84525