

July 30, 2026

Chief Britt Clark
Weber Fire District

Chairman Kevin Ward
Weber Fire District Administrative Control Board

Dear Chief Clark and Chairman Ward,

On behalf of the City of Washington Terrace, Mayor Mark C. Allen, the Washington Terrace City Council, City Manager Tom Hanson, and the Washington Terrace Fire Department, we extend our sincere appreciation for the exceptional support and partnership provided by Weber Fire District during the wildland fire that impacted our community on Monday, July 27, 2026.

At approximately 11:45 a.m., Washington Terrace was confronted with the largest wildfire in our city's history. The incident ultimately burned approximately 78 acres, forced the evacuation of nearly 250 residences, resulted in the tragic loss of Mr. Burrell, and injured a Weber County Sheriff's deputy. As the fire rapidly expanded and threatened homes throughout our community, it quickly became evident that a large-scale, coordinated response would be necessary to protect lives and property.

Without hesitation, Weber Fire District responded by deploying an extensive complement of resources, including brush trucks, structural fire engines, a water tender, and command staff. The breadth of your response provided critical support throughout every phase of the incident. Your brush apparatus engaged the fire in difficult terrain, your engines helped defend threatened homes and support suppression operations, your water tender ensured a reliable water supply where it was needed most, and your command staff provided experienced leadership that strengthened the overall management of this complex incident.

Throughout the operation, Weber Fire District personnel worked seamlessly alongside firefighters, law enforcement officers, state and federal agencies, and the North Dakota Task Force. The professionalism, experience, and dedication demonstrated by your firefighters and officers reflected the highest traditions of the fire service and exemplified the spirit of regional cooperation that protects all of our communities.

Large-scale emergencies such as this remind us that success is achieved through strong partnerships and a willingness to answer the call whenever neighboring communities need assistance. Weber Fire District's commitment of personnel, apparatus, and leadership played an essential role in protecting hundreds of homes, limiting the impact of the fire, and bringing one of the most significant emergencies in Washington Terrace's history under control.

Please extend our sincere appreciation to every member of Weber Fire District who responded to this incident or supported operations behind the scenes. Every firefighter, engineer, company officer, chief officer, and support member contributed to the success of this response, and their efforts made a lasting difference for our community.

Thank you for your continued partnership, outstanding professionalism, and unwavering commitment to public safety. Washington Terrace is proud to stand alongside Weber Fire District as trusted mutual aid partners, and we look forward to continuing our strong working relationship for many years to come.

With our deepest appreciation,

Clayton Peterson
Fire Chief
Washington Terrace Fire Department



Tom Hanson
City Manager



Cheryl Parkinson
City Council Member

Jeff West
City Council Member

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Mayor



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