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Dear Committee Members:

Our home and four out buildings were totally destroyed in the wild fire of September 7, 2020 in Blue River. We are working diligently toward rebuilding, but are finding it will not be possible to meet the established one year Riparian deadline to rebuild. ODOT has a monumental task of removing hazardous trees along State Highway 126 before it can even begin removing trees on personal properties that may be hazardous to secondary roadways and/or ash and debris removal crews. Then, ODOT has a published timeline of six to eighteen months to complete ash and debris removal. Since we are already six months into the one year Riparian deadline, and no physical rebuild activity can begin prior to site preparations being completed, it is clear that your assistance in extending the Riparian deadline is needed. Given the shortage of architects, building contractors and building materials that disasters like the wild fire create, the proposed five year deadline is more realistic.

Thank you for your consideration of this disparately needed deadline extension. The entire community will deeply appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Ron and Marie Whaley

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