

Blue River as you know was completely devastated by the Holiday Farm Fire. My home has been destroyed, my wife's medical clinic has been destroyed, along with many of my neighbors homes. Personally I am lucky in that we are rebuilding and will be done on our home come the end of the summer. We have room for a septic system however most of our community does not have this benefit. Many in our community will not be able to rebuild without a sanitary district. Most lots are too small and lack the space for a septic system. This lack of space in our community has handcuffed and handicapped our community for a long time. We cannot attract new businesses such as restaurants, or other services due to them not being able to supply restroom facilities to the public. Our community will die or thrive based on getting a sanitary district instituted. Our challenges going forward are great on just about every aspect you can look at. Many people that want to come back simply cannot. Lots are being sold to outside investors and that is taking opportunities away from the local people. Case in point the person that purchased 3 lots next to my home has bought a total of 7 properties post-fire. This is both good and bad. It has priced out those local people who were wanting to stay and remain by buying a different lot that would suffice for a septic. The people of our community both current and future fully rely on the ability to gain a waste water treatment system for this community to have any chance of being a strong independent community. This community was founded on the backs of hard working families and those families still reside on many of those properties today. They can't continue to reside or move home unless we can get a sanitation solution that meets the code requirements and allows the building of structures on lots that once housed my fellow community members. I am in full support of SB745.

Thank you for your time

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