

March 1, 2026

Selection Committee for the board seat vacancy on the Georgetown Fire Protection District BOD,

My name is Bret Preble. I have been a resident of Georgetown since 2010 and reside in Volcanoville. I am a retired construction project manager. I would like to be considered for the vacant seat on the Georgetown Fire Protection District BOD.

I have been a strong supporter of our fire department since we arrived on the Divide. I have worked closely with both Chief Schwab and Chief Brown. I am an active member of the Sheriff's Team of Active Retirees, Georgetown Divide Community Emergency Response Team, and the Georgetown Firesafe Council. In addition, I am a member of the Volcanoville Firesafe Council and the Bear State Property Owners Association BOD.

I also independently formed a Volcanoville group called A.L.E.R.T. to support our community in times of crisis.

I was the founding president of the non-profit Friends of Fordyce, a 501c3 corporation dedicated to trail maintenance and the promotion of responsible four wheeling. In this capacity, I worked closely with the Forest Service in the Tahoe National Forest.

I have attended numerous El Dorador County Board of Supervisor meetings, and am well acquainted with Supervisor Lori Parlin, having worked with her on several issues concerning the Divide. I am currently organizing a community forum for the candidates in the upcoming election, one of which is slated to replace her.

I have worked tirelessly to support and assist our residents in times of need and believe I can bring a viewpoint of value to our fire department. I am fiscally responsible and through many years of volunteerism, including service as a director on several boards, have a clear understanding of parliamentary procedure and board operations. I am willing and able to learn any additional skills I will need to fulfill the office of Director.

Personally, I have been evacuated at least 6 times, take defensible space extremely seriously, and will work to help the landowners of our community to be safer and better protected.

Thank you for your consideration.

With Regards,

Bret Preble