

## **NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF BALLOT TITLE**

Notice is hereby given on February 23, 2026, the Echo Rural Fire Protection District filed a ballot title with Umatilla County Elections Division.

The following shall be the ballot title:

Echo Fire District Five year general operations local option tax

Caption: Five year general operations local option tax.

Question: Shall the Echo Fire District impose \$100,000 each year for five years for general operations beginning in 2026-2027? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary: Echo Fire District #7-403 operates out of 3 fire stations with 18 vehicles to cover 480 square miles. This levy has been approved by local taxpayers for the past 20+ years and has not increased in rate during that time. We are simply asking for continued support to maintain the services our community depends upon. As the cost of fuel, equipment, dispatch, training, insurance, and emergency apparatus continues to rise, this funding remains essential to keeping our department prepared and operational.

Approval of this measure will sustain critical fire and emergency services for the next five years. Without approval, service levels will decline, compromising public safety and the safety of our volunteers.

As indicated in ORS 250.155, an elector may file a petition for review of ballot title in Umatilla County Circuit Court no later than 5:00 p.m. March 3, 2026.

/s/ Kim Lindell  
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Umatilla County, Oregon