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**Please include in packet Re: fireworks in our community**

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To: citycouncil@ci.stevenson.wa.us

Thu, Jul 20, 2023 at 8:45 AM

I hope to make the meeting this eve but due to an appointment may be late.

July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Dear Mayor Anderson and City Council members, thank you for your service. Your efforts in keeping our community vibrant, livable, and safe are appreciated.

With that, I'm here with concerns over yet another fireworks season where we SHOULD have banned but did not. Other communities up and down the Gorge recognized the extreme danger of a red flag warning and heeded this with discontinued use of fireworks and in many cases professional displays as well. The risk was not worth it when conditions were ripe for fire and resources were stretched thin.

I recall listening in on a City Council Zoom meeting (I believe 2 years ago) where a fireworks protocol was brought up, it was pushed to the back burner and here we are again, with no protocol or ability to react and protect our community.

Frankly, I was horrified at the thoughtlessness and lack of compassion shown this 4<sup>th</sup>. The Gorge was yet again on fire, and our neighbors were losing homes and possibly livelihoods. Our fairgrounds welcomed evacuees and their livestock, yet a fireworks show was still allowed. Even in the best of situations, most livestock and pets are traumatized by fireworks, our thoughtlessness to continue blowing things up less than 1/8<sup>th</sup> mile from where they were emergency housed was cruel and heartless.

We need to prioritize the safety of our community over the enjoyment of fireworks. I implore you to follow the lead of our neighbors in developing a plan of action to protect our beautiful Gorge from fireworks and fire.

Thank you,

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