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The level of devastation from fires raging throughout Oregon is staggering as we continue to hear updates on communities impacted throughout our beautiful state.

The wildfires have demanded a level of resources and response unparalleled in Oregon's history. To those who have answered our State's call for additional support and resources, our heartfelt thanks. We need you.

To the many first responders on the ground working the Holiday Farm Fire in the McKenzie River area, we offer our gratitude, support, and respect. We know your hours and days are long. We are truly humbled by the strength, courage, and tenacity you've shown in your efforts to protect lives. We also want to thank the Springfield Police Department and 911 Dispatchers for their continued support of the fire response and their work to ensure safety in Springfield.

To Upper McKenzie Rural Fire Protection District Chief Christiana "Rainbow" Plews, we have been moved by your heart and your dedication. We share in your heartbreak. Please know that Springfield is here for you.

To Eugene Springfield Fire, thank you for your response to the Holiday Farm Fire. This includes four engine crews, a structural protection team, a HAZMAT team working to assist FEMA, and more. You are making a difference in our neighboring communities while still providing critical fire and life safety services to the Springfield and Eugene communities. Thank you.

To our agencies and partners throughout the state, we are proud to work along with you to protect lives. Oregon needs us and we continue to prioritize this call to action.

We also want to thank the Oregon Federal Delegation. U.S. Representative Peter DeFazio and Senators Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden were instrumental in securing needed federal support for the thousands evacuated throughout Oregon. Thank you for making Oregon's needs heard.

As we remain focused on the community's well-being and safety, we also want to acknowledge the weeks ahead will be tough. To all those working the front lines and collaborating on behalf of Oregon, please know we are here for you, we are rooting for you, and we are grateful for you.

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