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Updated Information on WSRB “W” Rating for Fire Protection Classifications

West Thurston Regional Fire Authority (WTRFA) is providing updated information regarding the Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau (WSRB) and its Fire Protection Classification system. WSRB develops fire protection classifications that are used by many insurance companies in Washington to assess risk and help determine property insurance premiums.

As part of recent updates, WSRB has expanded the application of the Water Supply Classification, or “W” rating. This rating applies to properties located more than five (5) road miles from a staffed fire station and is now evaluated out to seven (7) road miles. The “W” rating reflects the availability and reliability of water supply for firefighting in areas beyond standard service distances.

This change may improve fire protection classifications for some properties within the WTRFA jurisdiction and could result in lower insurance premiums. Areas that may be affected include Gate, Mima, Bordeaux, and Michigan Hill.

While extended travel distances can present operational challenges, these areas continue to receive effective fire protection through well-trained personnel, properly equipped fire apparatus, and dependable rural water supply systems. This update is intended to more accurately reflect the level of fire protection available in these communities.

Property owners are encouraged to contact their insurance providers for specific information on how this change may impact their individual property and insurance rates.

West Thurston Fire remains committed to providing dependable, professional service and enhancing safety across our entire community

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