

Joint Factual Summary

Donald Wescott Fire Protection District Donald Wescott Fire Protection District Northern Subdistrict

November 7, 2023 Election

THE FIRE DISTRICT AND NORTHERN SUBDISTRICT.

- The Donald Wescott Fire Protection District provides fire protection and emergency services. It has a 7.0 mill base property tax.
- The Donald Wescott Fire Protection District Northern Subdistrict provides additional funding to the Fire District. It has a 14.9 mill base property tax.
- The Fire District and Northern Subdistrict have almost the same boundaries. There is one enclave of property to the south that is in the Fire District but is not in the Northern Subdistrict. It is called the "Southern Enclave" in this Factual Summary. You can see it on the attached map.

THE ISSUES AND PROPOSAL.

- Property owners who are in the Fire District and the Northern Subdistrict pay a total of 21.9 mills in property tax. Property owners in the Southern Enclave pay 7.0 mills in property tax because they are only in the Fire District.
- The Fire District and Monument Fire Protection District (formerly known as Tri-Lakes Monument Fire Protection District) are talking about merging. However, they cannot merge unless the Northern Subdistrict is dissolved.
- In response to these issues, the Northern Subdistrict is asking its voters to approve its dissolution, and the Fire District is asking its voters to approve a property tax increase of 14.4 mills to offset the property taxes that will be lost if the Northern Subdistrict dissolves.

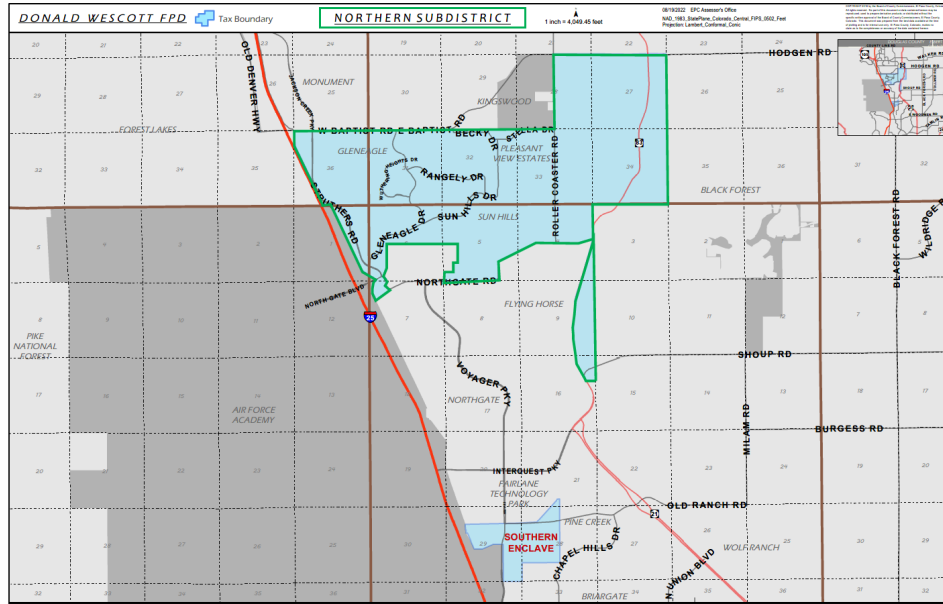
ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSAL.

- **Voters in the Southern Enclave will pay the Fire District's property tax increase, but won't get tax savings from dissolving the Northern Subdistrict.**
- **Some voters might not want the Fire District and Monument Fire Protection District to merge, which is expected to continue if the ballot measures are approved.**
- **Some voters might want the Fire District to provide a lower level of services, instead of increasing its property tax to offset the revenue that will be lost if the Northern Subdistrict dissolves.**

ARGUMENTS FOR THE PROPOSAL.

- **Most Fire District property owners will get a 0.5 mill property tax decrease, because the Fire District's property tax increase (14.4 mills) is less than the 14.9 mills that the Northern Subdistrict will stop collecting if it dissolves.**
- **The same tax rate will apply across the Fire District's entire jurisdiction.**
- **Some voters may be in favor of having only one layer of government, which will lower administrative costs.**
- **Some voters might want the Fire District and Monument Fire Protection District to merge, which is expected to continue if the ballot measures are approved. If a merger ultimately occurs, property taxes are expected to decrease by another 3.0 mills.**

MAP OF THE FIRE DISTRICT AND NORTHERN SUBDISTRICT



BALLOT MEASURE LANGUAGE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 ELECTION

DONALD WESCOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT – For all voters in the Fire District boundaries

Ballot Issue – Donald Wescott Fire Protection District Mill Levy Increase

SHALL DONALD WESCOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$2,532,855 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE) ANNUALLY, BEGINNING IN LEVY YEAR 2023 (FOR COLLECTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2024) BY INCREASING THE DISTRICT'S EXISTING PROPERTY TAX BY 14.400 MILLS, AND SHALL ALL REVENUE AND ANY EARNINGS ON THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX CONSTITUTE A PERMANENT VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 29-1-301 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, AND ANY OTHER LAW?

DONALD WESCOTT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NORTHERN SUBDISTRICT – Only for voters in the Northern Subdistrict boundaries. This does not include voters in the Southern Enclave.

Ballot Question – Dissolution of the Donald Wescott Fire Protection District Northern Subdistrict

If and only if the voters approve the Donald Wescott Fire Protection District Ballot Issue _____, shall the Donald Wescott Fire Protection District Northern Subdistrict be dissolved for all purposes on or before December 31, 2023, with the current Board of Directors continuing in office thereafter for the limited purpose of winding up the affairs of the Subdistrict?