

# Memorandum

**REPORT TO:** City Commission

**FROM:** Waldo

**SUBJECT:** Ratify the City Manager's signature on the Gallatin County 2026 Fire Operating Plan

**MEETING DATE:** July 21, 2026

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:** Plan/Report/Study

**RECOMMENDATION:** Ratify the City Manager's signature on the Gallatin County 2026 Fire Operating Plan

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** 3.1 Public Safety: Support high quality public safety programs, emergency preparedness, facilities, and leadership.

**BACKGROUND:** The Gallatin County Fire Operating Plan has been created to consolidate several collaborative agreements into one document among Gallatin County, Madison County and the fire protection agencies operating within Gallatin County Emergency Management's service area. The intent of this document is to provide clear understanding of process, roles, and responsibilities in regard to Gallatin County Emergency Management's responsibilities for Gallatin County and the Big Sky portion of Madison County and the relationship with fire protection agencies.

As a signatory to the 2026 version of the Gallatin County Fire Operating Plan, the City of Bozeman is certifying that it agrees to the conditions and responsibilities outlined in this plan. Participating Agencies that have assigned resources, are mobilizing through the Gallatin County Supplemental Fire Project Agreement, or are maintaining personnel records in the Montana Incident Qualification System are agreeing to the respective responsibilities for the Participating Agencies and Gallatin County as outlined in this plan.

**UNRESOLVED ISSUES:** None at this time

**ALTERNATIVES:** As suggested by Commission

**FISCAL EFFECTS:** None

Attachments:  
[2026 Fire Operating Plan.pdf](#)

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