

To: The Flume

Date: March 18, 2014

It has come to my attention that previous staff members who have resigned from the current emergency services for Southern Park County have accused the current residents of Guffey that are running for the open board positions of having a personal vendetta to rectify the wrongful termination of the chief.

This statement is completely **incorrect** and this community needs to know the truth.

The current residents running for the open board positions are simply running to correct a problem with the current board and staff members that are not making decision based on safety and the best interest of the community. The Southern Park County Fire Protection District needs educated, experienced staff and board members to regain the trust of the residents of Guffey.

Furthermore, based on the amount of people running for this board shows our community has decided to be directly involved and has great concerns about the current board and emergency services.

The cost of the election could be greatly reduced by having a local polling place instead of a mail in ballot and paying attorneys outside of our district to run the election process. We have experienced local residents who can run the election at a greatly reduced cost to the current budget, which would allow fixing the vehicles that have been neglected. The decisions by the current board members to run the election this way only shows this community that they are not in the communities' best interest.

Sincerely,

Betty Cain

Guffey Resident