



December 9, 2016

Mr. Geno Martini, Mayor
Mr. Steve Driscoll, City Manager
Mr. Chris Maples, Fire Chief
City of Sparks
431 Prater Way
Sparks, NV 89431

Dear Mr. Mayor Martini, Manager Driscoll, and Chief Maples,

In the early morning hours of October 14, a fast moving wildfire pushed by high winds burned through the Franktown community causing significant destruction. This fire had potential to do far more harm than it did. Fortunately, with the help of many regional partners, the fire was prevented from causing even more harm.

I am writing to express appreciation for the City of Sparks Fire Department assisting us with efforts to suppress and contain this devastating fire. A story that has not been widely told is the effort of Sparks Fire Department to contain a fire some 2 miles from the fire front that was caused by wind driven embers.

At the end of Cottontail Drive in East Washoe Valley, embers landed in an area several miles from the fire front which started another brush fire. Sparks Fire Department crews were the first to arrive at that location and took action to suppress it. This ancillary fire had potential to ignite even more acreage and spread to surrounding structures. The actions of Sparks Fire Department limited that fire to approximately 2 acres.

As the City experienced earlier in the summer, the "S" fire spread by wind. That fire also required the cooperation between agencies. I am grateful for the outstanding relationship between my agency and the City of Sparks and I look forward to enhancing our mutual aid relationships in the months and years ahead.

Warm regards for the Holidays,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Moore", is written over a horizontal line.

Charles A. Moore
Fire Chief, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District

cc: Board of Fire Commissioners