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Wing Commander Col. Rod Burnett
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Dear Commander Col. Burnett,

The Teton County Board of County Commissioners was recently informed that the Teton Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol was dissolved under your command after determining it no longer met the standards required of a squadron.

For more than thirty years, the Teton Squadron's 15 -18 dedicated volunteers have provided vital support to our community, both residents and the millions of visitors who travel through our region each year. Their contributions have included search and rescue assistance, emergency operations support, and participation in several high-profile missions such as the search for Gabby Petito and response efforts during Yellowstone National Park's 500-year flash flood event.

We are sincerely grateful for the service these volunteers have provided over the past three decades. Their absence will be deeply felt as Teton County continues to face frequent and complex emergencies due to the unique demands of our geography, tourism volume, and growing population.

In recognition of the Squadron's longstanding service to our community, Teton County has, for many years, allocated annual funds to support its operations. We understand that approximately \$17,000 remained in the Squadron's account at the time of dissolution.

With respect for both the Civil Air Patrol and the intent behind our local funding, the Board respectfully requests that these remaining public dollars be returned to Teton County. Doing so will ensure these taxpayer funds can be directed toward other local organizations that serve our residents.

Thank you for consideration on this matter. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss this request further.

Mark Newcomb, Chair
Teton County Board of County Commissioners

Attest: Maureen E. Murphy
Teton County Clerk

CC: Civil Air Patrol Rocky Mountain Region Commander Col. John Rhoades; Civil Air Patrol National Commander and Chief Executive Officer Maj. Gen. Regena M. Aye.