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To Whom It May Concern:

It has come to my attention through my fire commission that Chelan County is considering the closure of "A" Street, located in Chelan Falls. Please understand that "A" Street is one of only two streets that allow access into Station 72— an active volunteer fire station that serves as Chelan's secondary resource for fire protection—located at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> Street & Chelan Street in Chelan Falls.

The station is located between the Columbia River (south) and the railroad tracks (north). As railway cars are coupled and uncoupled in this location, it is not uncommon to find at least one of these roads blocked at any given time during this transition. In light of the aforementioned, it becomes critical that a secondary means of ingress/egress be preserved in the spirit of assured emergency response.

In conclusion, Chelan County Fire District 7 is adamantly against the closure of "A" Street. Furthermore, the fire district would like to be notified of any future plans for road closures within our district boundaries so that we could, at that time, make any pertinent and necessary comments prior to the implementations of a street/alley vacation. We anxiously await your correspondence. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Kurt W. Blanchard  
Fire Chief