### SAN JUAN COUNTY, COLORADO

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING AGENDA

April 14, 2021

DUE TO THE COVID 19 EMERGENCY SAN JUAN COUNTY WILL CONDUCT ALL OF ITS PUBLIC MEETINGS VIRTUALLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO CONNECT TO THIS PUBLIC MEETING IS LISTED BELOW

CALL TO ORDER: 8:30 A.M.

**OLD BUSINESS:** 

Consider Bills and Authorize Warrants

BOCC Regular Meeting Minutes for March 24, 2021

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

8:40 A.M. - Terry Morris – CAG Update

9:00 A.M - James Simino, District Ranger - Proposed Acquisition of Property in Ice Lake Basin

9:30 A.M. - Kerry Guy - Little Dora Update

10:00 A.M. - Martha Johnson, Social Services

11:00 A.M. - Road Supervisor Louis Girodo

11:30 A.M. - Becky Joyce, Public Health, Jim Donovan OEM and DeAnne Gallegos PIO Lunch to be Determined

1:30 P.M. - Public Hearing CR 22

2:30 P.M. - Fire Station Tour

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Bonita Peak Mining District Update

Town of Silverton - OHV

**CDOT** Meeting

**ARSG Memorial Dedication** 

Fritz Klinke

CCI Summer Conference

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolution 2021-03 GOCO Resilient Community Grant

Treasurer's Reports

Sales Tax Update

Commissioner and Staff Reports

Animas Watershed Floodplain Mapping Study Work Session April 28, 2021 5PM

**Public Comment** 

### OTHER:

ADJOURN: Next Regular Meeting – 6:30 PM, Wednesday April 28, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting

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### SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Fetchenhier. Present were Commissioners Ernest Kuhlman, Austin Lashley, Planning Director Lisa Adair and Administrator William Tookey.

Commissioner Lashley moved to approve the minutes of March 10, 2021 as presented. Commissioner Kuhlman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimous.

Brady Owens, Interim BLM Field Manager for the Gunnison Office was present to introduce himself to the Commissioners and provide an update.

Beth Kremer, San Juan Development Association Economic Development and Diversification Coordinator was present to introduce herself to the Commissioners.

Discussed setting a date for a meet and greet with CDOT. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to meet as soon as possible.

Planning Director Lisa Adair presented her staff report to the Commissioners.

Administrator Tookey informed the Commissioners that the County has been awarded a GOCO Resilient Communities Grant. The County will partner with MSI and San Juan Mountain Association to implement the grant.

Louis Girodo, County Road Supervisor was present to provide the Commissioners with an update. Due to audio difficulties Supervisor Girodo will attend the next meeting.

It was the consensus of the Commissioners to schedule a public hearing during the April 14, 2021 meeting to receive comment concerning the Lower River Road CR22.

PIO Deanne Gallegos was present to inform the Commissioners that San Juan County is now classified as a Covid 19 Green Level County.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

Scott Fetchenhier, Chairman	Ladonna L. Jaramillo, County Clerk

### SAN JUAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MET APRIL 14, 2021 AND THE FOLLOWING BILLS WERE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT.

22773 TELLURIDE HELITRAX         RESCUE SERVICES         7530.00           22779 KLINKE & LEW CONTRACTORS         FURNACE WORK         7220.00           22780 FLOOR GUY         DISTRICT COURTROOM         7517.50           22781 KLINKE & LEW CONTRACTORS         PAY APPLICATION #4         20007.34           22782 MAISEL EXCAVATION         COURTHOUSE COAL         874.00           22783 MEDTECH FORENSICS, INC         BODY BAGS         1076.00           22784 JANN SMITH         AUTOPSY ASSISTANT         300.00           22785 SILVERTON FIRE AUTHORITY         REIMB         4150.00           22786 SILVERTON FIRE AUTHORITY         REIMB         4150.00           22787 SILVERTON FILM OFFICE         PAYMENT         300.00           22788 REGION 9 EDD         PRESCHOOL PAYMENT         6000.00           22789 REGION 9 EDD         PRESCHOOL PAYMENT         6000.00           22791 OFFICE DEPOT         SOCIAL SERVICE SUPPLIES         344.03           22792 VIDIO         STATE BANK         APPARTMENTS PAYMENT         5558.98           22793 VOID         22794 DIGITCOM ELECTRONICS         SHERIFFS BILL         377.50           22794 DIGITCOM ELECTRONICS         SHERIFFS BILL         429.05           22795 CENTURY LINK         SHERIFFS BILL         429.05
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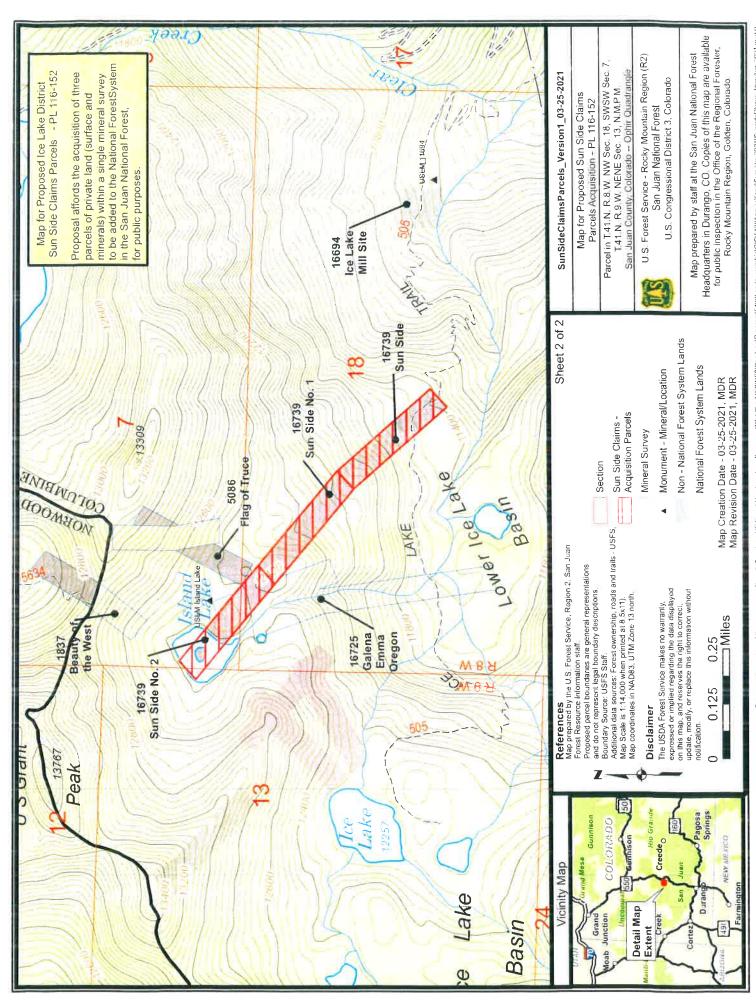
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AUSTIN LASHLEY COMMISSIONER	LADONNA L JARAMILLO, CLERK

### Proposed USFS Acquisition of 30.75 acres in Ice Lakes Basin: Seeking San Juan County support

Kendra Lynn Boyd has offered to sell her property (30.75 acres – 3 patented mining claims) in San Juan County to the US Forest Service. The property (Sun Side, Sun Side No. 1, Sun Side No. 2) are in Ice Lakes Basin and encompass the majority of Island Lake. In addition, the Ice Lakes Trail (#505) traverses through the southern portion of the property for approximately 500 ft. We are very excited about the potential to acquire these properties in order to ensure access along the Ice Lakes Trail as well as to protect the viewshed and recreation experience within Ice Lakes Basin into the future. We intend the utilize funds from the Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) for this purchase.

Prior to moving too far into the project though, we are seeking support from San Juan County. We understand that over 85% of the lands in San Juan County are under federal ownership and the implications that has on taxes collected. We are hoping that the Board of County Commissioners will see the value in protecting this property and provide its endorsement.





### PUBLIC HEARING PROTOCOL

### For Liquor License, Marijuana License, Land Use or Improvement Permit Application etc.

- I. Chairman introduces the Public Hearing as listed on the agenda.
- II. Planning Director introduces the project, issues, concerns, recommendations.
- III. Applicant explains project, addresses any issues or concerns raised by staff.
- IV. Chairman call for comments from the public. Comments must be addressed to the Commissioners
- V. Commissioners may ask questions of staff or the applicant
- VI. Allow staff the opportunity to respond to any issues or concerns raised by the public or the applicant.
- VII. Allow the applicant to respond to any issues or concerns raised by the public, staff or the Commissioners.
- VIII. Close the Public Hearing.
- IX. Commissioners may discuss the application.
- X. Commissioners make a motion to approve, approve with conditions, deny for cause, or table.

### PUBLIC HEARING PROTOCOL

### To Receive Public Comment on Policy Issue

- 1. Chairman introduces the Public Hearing as listed on the agenda.
- 2. Chairman will explain the protocol for the public hearing
- 3. If there is a spokesperson for both sides of the issue they will be allowed 5 minutes to present their positions.
- 4. Subsequent speakers will be allowed a maximum of three minutes each and cannot allocate their time to another individual.
- 5. Speakers must come give their name and address before making their remarks.
- 6. Speakers will be timed by staff and be given notice when they have one minute left and when their time has expired. Upon notification, the speaker shall relinquish the floor.
- 7. Speakers are asked to not be repetitive and to ensure their remarks are relevant to the matter at hand.
- 8. Abusive and inappropriate language will not be tolerated.
- 9. All questions and comments must be addressed to the Commissioners and not directed at other members of the public.
- 10. When the public hearing is closed, the Commissioners will deliberate on the agenda item, during which the public may remain present but will not be allowed to speak. The Commissioners may ask questions of anyone in the audience in order to seek clarification of issues that were brought out at the hearing.
- 11. The Commissioners may choose to may take action to support or oppose the issue.

### STAFF REPORT FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

GOLD SPUR MILL SITE COUNTY LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION PROPOSED DRIVEWAY, CULVERT, GATE, SIGNS, RV SPACE, ELECTRIC

**REPORT DATE:** APRIL 11, 2021. **MEETING DATE:** APRIL 14, 2021. **FROM:** PLANNING DIRECTOR.

**Project:** County Land Use Permit (LUP) Application, Proposed Driveway, Culvert, Gate, Signs, and Electric, Gold Spur Mill Site USMS No. 16761B, Lower Cunningham Gulch Road (County Road 4), San Juan County, CO.

Applicants/Owners: Stacie & Victor Hunsicker.

Location: Gold Spur Mill Site, located on Cunningham Creek.

Proposed Improvements: This application currently includes the following proposed improvements:

- (1) Proposed driveway grading, which appears to consist of re-grading of an abandoned wagon road.
- (2) Proposed driveway culvert.
- (3) Proposed gate.
- (4) Proposed gate letters and proposed signs.
- (5) Proposed RV space.
- (6) Proposed electric service line.
- (7) Request for extended camping longer than the County's maximum of 20 days total per year.
- (8) Future proposed cabin and septic system, in 2-8 years, which are not a part of this current application.

**SUMMARY:** This is a vacant site under 5 acres, located on Cunningham Creek. The site is close to the "beaver ponds" located upstream of Howardsville. The site has legal access and has been recently surveyed. The applicants wish to re-grade the driveway, install a culvert, metal gate, metal gate letters, and some private property signs. These proposed improvements appear to be in general compliance with the County Zoning and Land Use Regulations and the 2010 Master Plan. The applicants wish to install a proposed electric service line. Additional information is needed to evaluate the TBD proposed electric line. The applicants are also requesting special permission from the County, to occasionally camp in an RV longer than the maximum total of 20 days per year. The County has a special permit process for extended camping, reserved for sites deemed unbuildable due to being located entirely in an avalanche area. This site has floodplain and avalanche. I suggest you consider conditional approval of the proposed driveway, culvert, gate, and signs. There are proposed conditions of approval for you to review at the end of this report.

**Purpose of Review:** A County Land Use Permit Application is required for proposed grading and improvements, Uses Subject to Review, which can be approved or denied by the Commissioners.

**Application:** The Land Use Permit Application binder is attached. The submittal included application copies, adjacent land owner envelopes, forms, and a payment was made to the County Treasurer for the \$840 Application Fee. The Application has been posted on the County website.

Acreage and Zoning: The site is 4.794 acres, and it is located in the Mountain Zoning District.

**Access:** The site has legal access. County Road 4 is located on the site. The applicants have a sixty feet wide County Road easement shown in their application.

County Regulations on RVs/Camping: The County allows private land owners to camp (in a tent or RV) up to 20 days total maximum per year, without any permit/application.

**Site History:** In 1903, the Gold Spur Mining & Milling Company had the Gold Spur Mill Site surveyed, along with several nearby Lode mining claims. In 1903, the Gold Spur Mill Site had a House, Stable, Dam, and Flume, where the applicants would like to reestablish what was most likely the long-ago abandoned wagon road driveway. It appears that the RV would be parked somewhere in the vicinity of the former House. Since the site is snow covered, and could potentially have some remnants of those 1903 structures, the County's Historic Impact Review Committee should visit the site prior to any grading. The 1903 Field Notes should be obtained to review any available information on the 1903 House, Stable, Dam, and Flume. Field Notes are available from the BLM and County Assessor.

**Water:** Cunningham Creek is located on the site. There is no formal surface water usage proposed at this time. The applicants plan to apply for a proposed cabin in 2-8 years. Water rights would be part of that future proposed cabin application.

**Sewer:** There is no structure or septic system proposed at this time. The applicants plan to use an RV to camp. The applicants state that their self-contained RV has a greywater tank and a blackwater tank. The applicants, who have camped annually at Eureka in the past, currently use the RV station to empty those tanks, at Lokey's Silver Summit RV Park in Silverton. A septic system is required in the County regulations for site occupation extending beyond the County's allowable 20 days per year of RV camping.

Electric: There is existing overhead electric near the corner of this project site. The applicants plan to extend that existing electric. They are currently working with San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) on the proposed alignment and design. They are also working with the owners of the adjacent Anything Lode to obtain utility easements. The proposed electric line will need to be designed by SMPA, and is expected to be partially overhead, and partially underground. It is not possible at this time to evaluate the potential alignment, screening, visibility, and easements of the proposed electric line. The applicants are proposing an RV electrical hookup at the end of the proposed electric service line. That would be located in a potential floodplain zone, and there are applicable FEMA regulations governing the details of that installation.

**Phone and Lighting:** Phone is not mentioned in the application. Cell phone service reception at this site is unknown, and there is a lack of reception at nearby Howardsville. No lighting is proposed at this time. Land owners are required to comply with the County's "Dark Sky" lighting restrictions.

Adjacent Land Owners: The adjacent land owners were notified by mail on March 2. No opposition to this application has been received to date. The adjacent land owner letter is available upon request

Wetlands: The Army Corps of Engineers has written a letter about the proposed driveway grading on this site, which is included in the application. It has some caveats, but it basically states "a Department of the Army Permit is not required for this work." All approvals of County permit applications are contingent on compliance with all Local, Federal, and State Laws, including those pertaining to wetlands. Construction or grading close to the creek should be avoided. Erosion control measures shall be used, where required by State/Federal Stormwater Management regulations.

Avalanche and Floodplain: According to the County Avalanche Hazard Map, the majority of the site is located in potential Avalanche areas. However, there are no structures proposed at this time. The portion of the site that is not shown as potential avalanche area is shown on the County Geohazard Map as a potential Floodplain area. Local, State, and Federal (FEMA) floodplain regulations were reviewed (and are available upon request). An RV, if licensed and driveable as a Vehicle, and not affixed in any way to the land, is permissible, under certain conditions, to be occupied and/or parked temporarily, within a potential Floodplain area. Grading/fill is also permissible, as long as it is limited to an amount which would not alter the floodplain conditions. Electric components (such as the proposed electric service line and RV hookup) located in a floodplain have to be specially designed, using site-specific floodplain location and elevation data, due to the risks associated with mixing electric and water. In summary, the entire site is currently mapped as potential avalanche and potential floodplain. Detailed site-specific expert studies do not yet exist.

Visual Impact, Visibility, and Screening: The proposed driveway involves minor re-grading to reestablish a long-ago abandoned wagon road. All driveways will be visible from the intersecting County Road to some extent, and the visual impact of this driveway appears to be negligible. The majority of the driveway will be located behind a thicket of roadside bushes, which will provide some vegetative screening. The proposed culvert will be below grade with negligible visual impact. The proposed metal gate, metal gate letters, and signs are expected to be visible from the County Road. The RV space appears to be in a location with some existing vegetation for screening. The proposed electric line is TBD and cannot be evaluated for potential visual impact without further design information. Individual driveways, gates, signs, RVs, and above grade utility components are all permissible in the County regulations, yet they have the potential for a cumulative effect of overall scenic impacts. To help reduce the potential visual impact, the County "sign codes" are written to prevent "sign pollution" as viewed from County roads. Gates with gate letters should be discussed by the Commissioners because gates can have a cumulative visual impact. In this situation the gate is proposed to reduce the existing uninvited RVs camping on this site, and a gate probably has less visual impact that RVs. The proposed driveway grading, RV space, culvert, gate, and signs should be staked, by the applicants, surveyor, and/or contractor, followed by County staff site visit before grading, to further evaluate any site-specific screening requirements.

Fire Hazard: This site has some burnable vegetation and fire hazard. However, the site is relatively well-watered, with Cunningham Creek directly adjacent to the human occupation area. Fire Department access to this site is better than the access to most mining claims, because the site is located close to Howardsville, accessed by County Road 4, which is two wheel drive in summer. However, the availability of cell phone service at the site, to contact the Fire Department in the event of an emergency, is unknown, and there are areas around Howardsville without cell phone reception.

Comparison to the County Regulations: The County Zoning and Land Use Regulations state:

All applications for review under this Chapter will be examined initially to determine whether the proposal is consistent with the County's Master Plan. This site is quite close to the County's Development Corridor, because it is close to Howardsville. However, it is not within the Corridor. The Corridor is described in the 2010 Town/County Master Plan, which is posted on both the Town and County websites, and it is where access is relatively good, and proposed development can generally be encouraged, when compared to proposed development on mountainous/remote backcountry sites with difficult access. The proposed driveway, culvert, gate, signs, and RV camping at this site do not appear to be in direct conflict with any particular section of the Master Plan.

If consistent with the Master Plan, all applications will be reviewed to determine whether, based upon the objective facts contained within the record before the reviewing body: (a) The proposal will have any adverse impact on public health, safety, morals or welfare. The proposed improvements and uses are not expected to have any significant adverse impact on public health, safety, morals, or welfare.

- (b) Adequate potable water is available or can be developed to safely support the proposed use, including fire control and suppression. The RV has the capability for hauled potable water, and there is a creek onsite for additional water/fire suppression.
- (c) Adequate sewage disposal can be provided to support the proposed use. The RV has the capability of storing greywater and blackwater, which the applicants plan to continue to empty legally at the Lokey's Silver Summit RV Park in Silverton.
- (d) The proposed use will have any adverse effect on public or private property in the vicinity of the development. The proposed improvements and uses are not expected to have any significant adverse effect on nearby public or private property.
- (e) The proposed use will have any adverse effect on scenic values, historic sites or structures, air or water or environmental quality, wildlife (including habitat, food sources, migration routes, hunting, etc.), erosion or other geological condition. The proposed improvements and uses are not expected to have any significant adverse effect on scenic values, air or water or environmental quality, wildlife, erosion, or other geologic condition. The site should be checked before grading by the County Historic Impact Review Committee, to make sure there are no historical remnants of the 1903 structures (House, Stable, Dam, and Flume) that would be adversely impacted. If unanticipated historic remnants are found, then the applicants would need to comply with the Historic Impact Review Committee recommendations. The proposed driveway and RV area appears to be adequately screened by existing vegetation. The County Staff should visit the site before grading, to confirm that. The addition of "adequate screening" (potentially including planting of vegetation) could be required, based on that site visit. Individual RVs, gates, and signs have a minimal impact on scenic values, but cumulatively many of these improvements can potentially have a detrimental overall visual impact. To reduce potential impacts to water quality, RVs should generally be parked as far away from creeks as possible.
- (f) Adequate road access exists or can be developed to ensure access appropriate to the use, including access for emergency services. County Road 4 is located on the site. County Road 4 is adequately maintained (but is not snowplowed) for the proposed summer RV use, and it is more accessible than most of the County Roads, for the purposes of emergency services.

- (g) & (h) Adequate utilities are or can be made available for the proposed use, unless deemed unnecessary or not practical. The proposed electric alignment/design is TBD, dependent on summer site visits by SMPA and others, as well as easement(s). Therefore it appears that the proposed electric should be "tabled" at this time. The applicants state that the RV is self-contained, which includes systems for water, sewer, and a generator. All generators in San Juan County are required to comply with the County Zoning and Land Use Regulations, which states: "Any generators used for non-construction power on the property shall be properly baffled or enclosed in a structure to eliminate noise impacts."
- (i) Adequate emergency services exist to serve the proposed use, unless deemed unnecessary or not practical. Emergency service access is expected to be adequate for the proposed summer RV use. A condition for all County permits is that "emergency services may not be available in a timely manner, and may not be available at all." This project site is closer to the main traffic routes than most mining claims, for the purposes of emergency services access. Cell phone reception at the site may be non-existent or limited for contacting emergency services.
- (j) There are natural hazards which may adversely affect the site or the proposed use of the site. There are potential avalanche areas and potential floodplain areas on this site. No structures are proposed at this time. RV use during avalanche-prone winter is not expected. FEMA regulations do allow for the temporary occupation of licensed, mobile, vehicular, non-affixed RVs in floodplain areas. FEMA and other applicable regulations appear to require elevating electrical components and RV hookups, above the Floodplain Elevation. That Elevation, and the horizontal extent of the potential 100 Year Floodplain on this site, is unknown at this time. There are potential natural hazards that could affect any proposed future structure at this site, the design of any electrical components, and the septic system. Septic systems are allowed in floodplain zones if specially designed. The currently proposed driveway, culvert, gate, signs, and RV camping are allowable, despite the apparent natural hazards at this site.

Request to RV Camp More than 20 Days Total Per Year: The County has a special permit application process for extended camping longer than 20 days per year, with the following regulations: Campers may be parked for occupancy on private property for a period not to exceed 20 days total during a one-year period. A self contained camping unit may be issued a revocable annual permit allowing it to exceed the 20 day total provided the following conditions are met:

a. The private property is located fully within an avalanche zone and the Board of County Commissioners determines that there is no safe building site located on the property.

The site is almost all mapped as a potential avalanche area, but based on the available data, it is not "located fully within an avalanche area."

At the sole discretion of the Land Use Administrator, the Planning Commission or the Board of County Commissioners, expert assistance may be required at applicant's expense pursuant Section 3-108.

There is no site-specific expert avalanche study available for the Gold Spur Mill Site at this time.

b. An Improvement Permit Application is completed and submitted by applicant and approved by the County. Once the initial permit is granted, it may be renewed annually by payment to the County of the annual permit fee.

An application is before you for this site.

c. The applicant shall authorize the County's designated agent to inspect the property as necessary (before or after issuance of a permit) to determine that the applicant is in compliance with all County, State and Federal Regulations.

No site visit has occurred yet due to snow.

d. The applicant shall construct and maintain in good working order a waste water system that has been approved by the San Juan Basin Health Department. At all times while camping on the property, the self contained camping unit shall be connected to the waste water system.

No septic system exists at the site. No septic system is proposed at this time.

e. The camper unit shall be located a minimum of 100 feet from a stream, river or lake.

It is unclear if the proposed RV space would meet this requirement.

f. No permanent structures will be allowed on the property.

No permanent structures are proposed at this time.

g. An annual permit fee, as determined by Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners shall be paid to the County. Upon receipt of the annual fee, a revocable annual permit shall be issued that will allow one self contained camping unit to be occupied on the property during the period of June 1 through September 30, provided applicant fully complies with all permit conditions. Self contained camper units cannot be occupied, stored, kept or parked on the property except as allowed by the revocable annual permit.

A Land Use Permit Application Fee of \$840 was paid to the County Treasurer.

h. No permit shall be issued until applicant demonstrates that it has set up a utility account with the Town of Silverton for water and solid waste (trash) on which there is no outstanding balance.

No utility account has been set up yet. Regarding the Town of Silverton water/refuse billing, the applicants have submitted this supplemental information by email on March 22, 2021.

To: Planning Department Office at Silverton Town Hall, Lisa Adair. The bi monthly trash bill for Silverton residents is \$43.30. Average is .72 a day. If Victor Hunsicker and I were to be there a full 90 days a year that would be approximately \$65 for that amount of time camping and using the big camp dumpster north of town. We do not have that amount of vacation and will probably only be there 21 to 30 days at most camping on our property. We will be getting water at Red Mountain Motel and Rv park and dumping our rv tanks there. If camping over 20 days we will get a receipt from Red Mountain. We would like to offer the \$65 as a permit trash fee each year regardless if we stay 90 days or not. A utility account would make us pay a full 12 months and we ask to be exempt from a utility account and pay just a \$65 permit trash fee. We still generate trash within the 20 day camping limit and want to contribute to the town as much as we financially are able. It is only fair if we can contribute something since the \$259.60 required for an account is a little extreme for an average of 21 to 30 days of trash for 2 people. Please consider this exception for us and our family. Thank you, Victor and Stacie Hunsicker.

i. Refuse stored on site will be kept with the self-contained camping unit or within bear resistant containers at all times until remove to the transfer station to prevent conflict with wildlife.

Secure storage of solid waste (trash) is required in the County regulations for all site uses and permits.

j. A self-contained camping unit will be any vehicle designed and constructed as a self contained living quarter or recreational or seasonal travel i.e., motorhomes, travel trailers, which has factory installed bathroom facilities that include holding tanks for clean water, gray water, black water and the required plumbing.

The applicants state that the RV they possess is self-contained.

.2 Campers may be parked on private property for a period not to exceed one year provided that a permitted dwelling unit is being constructed upon the same property. Occupancy may occur only after a building permit has been issued.

No building permit is being applied for or issued at this time.

Summary Regarding Extended Camping: The Application complies with some of the special extended camping permit requirements, but not all of the requirements.

Recommendations Regarding the Proposed Improvements: Here are recommendations for you to consider regarding the individual components of this application.

- (1) Proposed driveway grading (re-grading of an abandoned wagon road).
- (2) Proposed driveway culvert.
- (3) Proposed gate.

The Planning Director would suggest that you consider conditional approval of the proposed driveway grading, culvert, and gate, contingent on staking, and a site visit prior to grading by County Staff, constructed in accordance with any forthcoming requirements of the County Road & Bridge Supervisor. The applicants have already been in consultation with the Supervisor regarding his initial requirements, included in the attached application. The Applicants shall be responsible for adequately "sizing" the culvert, and the culvert shall comply with or exceed the diameter specified by the Supervisor. The gate shall comply with the County regulations, a minimum of thirty feet from the edge of the County Road. The proposed gate location should be staked in advance of a site visit by County staff. As proposed, the gate should be constructed of natural color, non reflective materials, which will blend in with the surrounding terrain, such as the browns and greens of the nearby vegetation/rock.

### (4) Proposed gate letters, and proposed signs.

All signs shall be in compliance with the County sign codes. It is unclear whether or not the metal letters GOLD SPUR, proposed on the metal gate, are or are not classified as a "sign." They could be considered an "address, which appears to be exempt. At this particular site, given the lack of landmarks in that area, I believe it could potentially be a lifesaving benefit to the public to allow small letters spelling out GOLD SPUR as a location reference for emergency services. The County Commissioners may wish to discuss whether or not the County allows metal letters on metal gates, if GOLD SPUR is an exempt "address" or an actual "sign," and/or a maximum letter height/size. For the proposed "private property" type signage, in general only one of those (per site) is allowed to be seen at a time, as viewed from the County Road. The applicants will need to work with the County Building Inspector and Planning Director, to determine the exact number and locations of signs that are allowed per the adopted County sign code.

### (5) Proposed RV space.

The depth of cuts/fills for the proposed RV space is not clear, but I believe there is not any significant proposed grading involved, nor any actual "proposed RV space." I believe the applicants simply plan to park at the end of the proposed flat, dead end re-graded driveway. If more than two feet depth of cuts/fills is proposed, to be determined during the County staff site visit, then the proposed grading should be revisited, as there are some notable FEMA regulations governing grading and fill depth within a potential floodplain area.

### (6) Proposed electric service line.

I believe the plans for the proposed electric (and RV hookup), at this time, are not developed sufficiently for County approval. Adjacent land owners have not yet given written permission, potentially affecting the proposed alignment. The proposed electric is contingent on San Miguel Power Association (SMPA) design engineers. The proposed electric involves the placement of electrical components within a potential floodplain area, which is dictated by FEMA regulations. The details regarding the proposed above ground electric components are unknown at this time, thus "visibility" of those items cannot be evaluated.

(7) Request for special permission to camp more than a total of 20 days maximum per year.

This special permission to camp longer than 20 days maximum per year is reserved for sites that are located entirely within an avalanche zone. The Application complies with some of the special extended camping requirements, but not all of the requirements.

(8) Future proposed improvements would consist of a cabin and septic system, in approximately 2-8 years, which are not a part of this current application.

**Regulations Regarding Acreage:** This Mill Site contains approximately 4.794 acres, which is less than 5.0 acres. Mill Sites are usually slightly less than 5 acres. Here are some County regulations which may be applicable to the acreage of this Mill Site.

- 1-113.1 MOUNTAIN ZONING DISTRICT STANDARDS.
- (a) Size. Minimum parcel or lot area: five (5) acres.
- (b) Density. 1 unit/parcel.
- (c) Setbacks. Minimum setbacks: twenty (20) feet from property lines adjacent to public lands; and thirty (30) feet from property lines adjacent to private lands.
- 1-111 NONCONFORMING USES AND STRUCTURES The lawful use of any building, structure, or land, existing at the time of adoption of this resolution or, in the case of an amendment to this resolution, at the time of such amendment, may be continued, subject to the limitations set forth in the following paragraphs.
- .5 NONCONFORMING LOTS: Nonconforming lots, pursuant to pre-existing subdivision plats of record at the time of passage of this resolution, may be built upon providing that all other relevant district requirements are met.

**Planning Commission Review:** The Planning Commission reviewed this application on March 16, 2021. The Planning Commission recommended Conditional Approval, of a portion of the application. The Motion was to recommend conditional approval of the application, except for the electric, and there were some changes made to the Conditions of Approval. Changes made by the Planning Commission to the Conditions of Approval were the following:

- -Condition Number 4 (regarding approval or denial of metal gate letters "GOLD SPUR") was not approved. They recommended deleting Condition Number 4. They did not specify any opinion on approving or denying the proposed gate letters. In lieu of Condition Number 4, they recommended that the applicants "go through the sign permitting process," with all signage needing to comply with the sign codes. That recommendation actually pertains to Condition Number 4, as well as Condition Number 5, below. County Staff is requesting clarification, or an interpretation, from the Commissioners, on whether or not metal gate letters are permissible, if they count as an "address" or as a "sign" for this particular application, and any desired maximum standard letter height. The County sign codes are attached for your review. I have changed the wording of Condition Number 5 below, to specify a "sign permit process," as the Planning Commission recommended.
- -The Planning Commission recommended that you consider conditionally approving some limited extended camping beyond the 20 day maximum. However, the site does not fully comply with all of the extended camping requirements. For example, the site is not located entirely within an avalanche area, and the site does not have an existing or proposed septic system. For the Commissioners to allow extended camping would require an "exemption," because extended camping at this site does not fully comply with the adopted regulations. There are conditions below, related to the extended camping, if you do choose to allow it as an "exemption." The Planning Commission reviewed the proposed conditions.

**Legal Notice:** Following the Planning Commission review, the required Legal Notice for this April 14 County Commissioners Public Hearing was published in the local newspaper on April 1, 2021.

County Commissioner Options: After hearing from the applicants, and after listening to any unanticipated public comments during this Public Hearing, the Board of County Commissioners has the following options:

- (1) Conditional Approval of this Land Use Permit Application, in whole or in part. There are proposed Conditions of Approval for you to consider below.
- (2) **Denial** of this Land Use Permit Application, in whole or in part. A potential reason for denial, of some or all of the application, as presented, could be insufficient information on the apparent natural hazards at the site.
- (3) **Table the project**, because there is a critical piece of information missing, that the Commissioners need before making a decision, in which case it would be helpful to specify what documents the applicants need to submit.

Staff Recommendation: The Planning Department believes that most of the proposed improvements in this Land Use Permit Application are in general compliance with the 2010 Master Plan and the County Zoning and Land Use Regulations. The Planning Director is suggesting you consider conditional approval of most of the proposed improvements/uses in this application.

After further consultation with County staff, following the March 16 Planning Commission review, the extended camping in not in full compliance with the Land Use Code and therefore should be denied. If the applicants plan to use the site for more than 20 days of RV camping, then the applicants will need to demonstrate that the property is not developable because of avalanche, and propose the installation of a septic system. Proposed Land Use Permit Conditions of Approval for you to consider are below.

- 1. The **driveway** grading is hereby approved contingent on any requirements of County Staff during a site visit after the snow melts. The site visit shall occur before any grading. The proposed driveway location shall be staked by applicant, contractor, or surveyor. The driveway construction shall be in compliance with any forthcoming requirements of the County Road and Bridge Supervisor.
- 2. The proposed driveway **culvert** is hereby approved contingent on any requirements of County Staff during a site visit after the snow melts. The site visit shall occur before any culvert purchase or installation. Information regarding the proposed culvert size, type, and location shall be provided by the applicant, contractor, or surveyor. The driveway culvert size, materials, location, and work shall be in compliance with any forthcoming requirements of the County Road and Bridge Supervisor. If required by County Road and Bridge Supervisor, the culvert sizing and details shall be determined by an acceptable Colorado Licensed Engineer, retained and paid by the applicants. If the culvert proves to be inadequate it shall be replaced, and the replacement costs shall be paid by the applicants.
- 3. The proposed **gate** is hereby approved contingent on any requirements of County Staff during a site visit after the snow melts. The site visit shall occur before any below grade or above grade gate work. The proposed gate location shall be staked by applicant, contractor, or surveyor. The gate construction shall be in compliance with any forthcoming requirements of the County Road and Bridge Supervisor. The gate shall be located a minimum of 30 feet from the edge of the County Road as specified in the County regulations.
- 4. The proposed **letters** on the proposed gate which will state "GOLD SPUR" **are/are not** approved. The letters on the gate "GOLD SPUR" shall be a maximum **height** of ten inches as proposed. The

letters are subject to the forthcoming site visit and requirements of County staff. (The Planning Commission recommended deleting this condition of approval.)

- 5. A County Sign Permit may be issued, contingent on the locations/details of proposed **signage** being in compliance with all County sign code regulations. The Applicants shall coordinate with the County staff to determine sign locations/details. (I have reworded this Condition of Approval to reflect what the Planning Commission discussed.)
- 6. The proposed **RV** space is hereby approved contingent on the proposed RV space grading being less than two feet of cut/fill depth, and any requirements of County Staff during a site visit after the snow melts. The site visit shall occur before any grading. The proposed RV space shall be staked by applicant, contractor, or surveyor. Adequate screening may be required, TBD during County staff site visit.
- 7. The proposed **electric** service line is not approved at this time, because electric service line plans, details, and easements are not yet sufficiently developed to adequately evaluate this portion of the application.
- 8. The proposed special **extended camping** permit, in excess of 20 days total per calendar year, **is/is not** hereby approved.

If approved, then these are the special conditions regarding the extended camping.

- a. This special permit to camp in a maximum of one self contained RV up to 90 days in 2021, and up to 90 days in 2022, is contingent on all required expert studies to be performed and completed during the summers of 2021 and 2022. These are due diligence tasks, to demonstrate that the currently unbuildable site may in fact have an acceptable building area, including: Site visits including County Staff and County Historic Impact Review Committee, prior to any grading/construction, professional consultant evaluation of the site to determine any potentially buildable areas, selection of septic system location and soil test pit excavation/evaluation for the purpose of designing a proposed septic system to be approved by the San Juan Basin Heath Department, Licensed Surveyor field work and Survey Plat additions including creek bank location, topographic contours as required to determine the 100 Year Floodplain Elevation, proposed cabin location, Finished Floor Elevation, proposed SMPA electric alignment design/plans, avalanche study by an acceptable avalanche expert if any structures are proposed within a potential avalanche area as determined by the Surveyor using the County Avalanche Hazard Map, and development of a Conceptual Site Plan showing proposed building envelope, structures, water system, septic system, utilities, setbacks, 100 Year Floodplain, areas subject to natural hazards and other site constraints.
- b. May 2021 and May 2022 the applicants shall submit, to County Staff, a complete narrative, describing the completed due diligence, proposed due diligence, proposed dates of RV camping, and shall permit the Building Inspector access to observe the self-contained RV.
- c. The RV camping shall meet all of the requirements of the County regulations, with the exception of an existing septic system, which cannot be constructed at this time without further study; therefore in lieu of an existing septic system, the applicants shall submit to the County staff all RV station receipts showing wastewater services and fees are occurring at an acceptable interval corresponding with greywater and blackwater tank volumes.
- d. The applicants shall submit documents to the County staff demonstrating enrollment with the Town of Silverton for water and refuse billing prior to occupation of any RV at the site beyond 20 days. (Applicants have requested some exemptions to this condition).
- e. The applicants shall make all efforts to park the self-contained RV a minimum of 100 feet from the closest creek bank, which is currently unmapped, in accordance with the County special camping permit regulations.
- t. Considering that the currently available documentation depicts the proposed RV area to be located within a potential Floodplain, the RV shall be in accordance with all applicable FEMA regulations, and shall be

registered and maintained as such for rapid transit in the event of a forecasted flood, and the RV shall not be affixed in any manner to the surface of the land.

- 9. All State and Federal **permits** and regulations are required, including but not limited to: NPDES/CDPHE stormwater permits, Army Corps of Engineers wetlands permitting, OSHA, UNCC. All required State and Federal permits shall be obtained prior to commencement of the work.
- 10. The Applicants, if not agreeing with the County staff forthcoming requirements, TBD based on upcoming site visits, may have the County staff's proposed requirements reviewed by the Board of County **Commissioners**.
- 11. San Juan County requires **reseeding** of any disturbed soil ground surface, with certified weed free native seed. The reseeding shall comply with the applicable San Juan County Zoning and Land Use Regulations.
- 12. San Juan County has "dark sky" lighting requirements. Nighttime lighting is not anticipated. Any lighting associated with this project shall comply with the applicable San Juan County Zoning and Land Use Regulations.
- 13. The project shall comply with all San Juan County Zoning and Land Use **Regulations**. The violation of San Juan County Zoning and Land Use Regulations, or any State or Federal regulations, shall cause this permit to be void. If requirements differ, the most stringent shall apply.
- 14. All **trash** shall be contained in an enclosed bear resistant container, until bi-weekly removal from the site, to prevent attracting wildlife.
- 15. The applicants hereby acknowledge that **emergency services** may not be available in a timely manner, and may not be available at all.
- 16. Additional Conditions of Approval the County Commissioners would like to add.

### San Juan Regional Planning Commission

SAN JUAN COUNTY TOWN OF SILVERTON Silverton, Colorado 81433 P.O. Box 223

March 16, 2021

Board of County Commissioners San Juan County Silverton, CO 81433

Members of the Commission:

RE: County Land Use Permit Application

Proposed Driveway Grading, Gate, Signs,

and Electric Service Line'

Gold Spur Mill Site USMS No. 16761B, Lower Cunningham Gulch Road CR 4

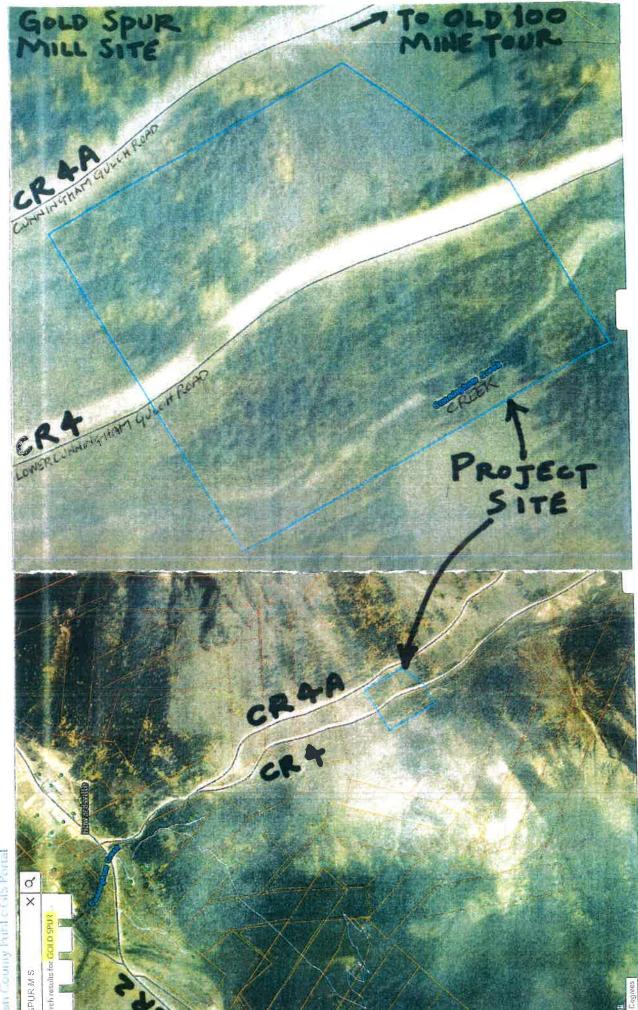
At the regular meeting of the San Juan Regional Planning Commission on March 16, 2021, members of that Commission held a meeting to discuss the proposed County Land Use Permit Application. The application includes proposed driveway grading, gate, signs and electric service line. This is a vacant site under 5 acres located on lower Cunningham Gulch Road.

After considerable lengthy discussion, questions and presentations from the Town/County Planner, the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the County Commissioners that you approve the proposed County Land Use Permit with the 14 proposed conditions of approval from the Planning Director, and the following changes; #4:not recommending the sign approval, #8 proposed special camping permit, in excess of 20 days total per calendar year, is hereby approved, with the added conditions of approval outlined in the Staff report for #8.

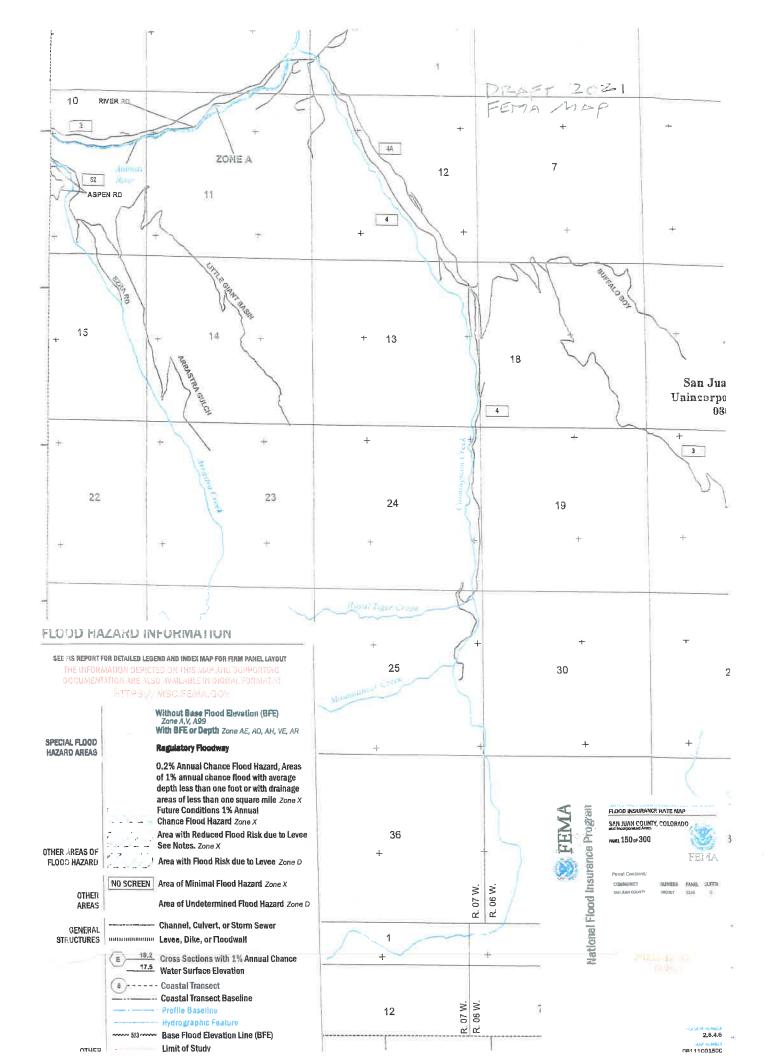
Thank you for considering this recommendation.

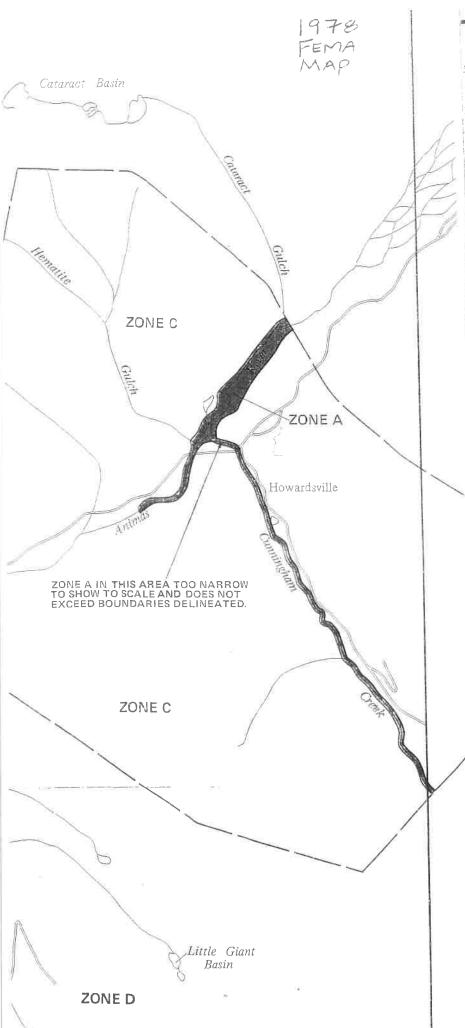
Sincerely,

James Weller Acting Chairman



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### **KEY TO MAP**

500-Year Flood Boundary-ZONEB 100-Year Flood Boundary Zone Designations\* With

Date of Identification le.g., 12/2/74

100-Year Flood Boundary

500-Year Flood Boundary-

Base Flood Elevation Line With Elevation In Feet\*\*

Base Flood Elevation in Feet Where Uniform Within Zone\*\*

River Mile

A99

Elevation Reference Mark

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ZONEB

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\*\*Referenced to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929

### \*EXPLANATION OF ZONE DESIGNATIONS

**EXPLANATION** ZONE Areas of 100-year flood; base flood elevations and А flood hazard factors not determined.

Areas of 100-year shallow flooding where depths are between one (1) and three (3) feet; average depths of inundation are shown, but no flood hazard factors A0

Areas of 100-year shallow flooding where depths ΑН are between one (1) and three (3) feet; base flood elevations are shown, but no flood hazard factors are determined.

Areas of 100-year flood; base flood elevations and A1-A30 flood hazard factors determined.

> Areas of 100-year flood to be protested by flood protection system under construction; base flood elevations and flood hazard factors not determined.

Areas between limits of the 100-year flood and 500year flood; or certain areas subject to 100-year flooding with average depths less than one (1) foot or where the contributing drainage area is less than one square mile; or areas protected by levees from the base flood. (Medium shading)

Areas of minimal flooding. (No shading) C

Areas of undetermined, but possible, flood hazards. Dŕ

Areas of 100-year coastal flood with velocity (wave action); base flood elevations and flood hazard factors not determined.

V1-V30

Areas of 100-year coastal flood with velocity (wave action); base flood elevations and flood hazard factors determined.

### NOTES TO USER

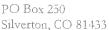
Certain areas not in the special flood hazard areas (zones A and V) may be protected by flood control structures.

This map is for flood insurance purposes only; it does not necessarily show all areas subject to flooding in the community or all planimetric features outside special flood hazard areas.

For adjoining map panels, see separately printed Index To Map Panels.

> INITIAL IDENTIFICATION SEPTEMBER 1, 1978







Silverton CO 81433

February 25, 2021

Dear Silverton/San Juan County Property Owner:

The Town/County Planning Department in Silverton, San Juan County, Colorado, has received several applications, and you have been identified as an Adjacent Land Owner. A property you own is located near one of the project sites listed below.

Kirstin Brown Town Rezoning Application, Proposed Fourplex, Lot 5 Scarborough Resubdivision, formerly known as Lots 13-15 Block 75, Reese & 5th Streets, Silverton, CO. This application will be reviewed by the Town Board at 7:15 PM on Monday March 8.

Blake Campbell County Improvement Permit Application, Proposed Accessory Dwelling Unit Cabin, 38 Acre Parcel near Lime Creek Road (County Road 1), San Juan County, CO. This application will be reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners at 10:00 AM on Wednesday March 10.

Julie Sams County Application for a Proposed Amendment to an Existing Subdivision Plat, Proposed Residence, Lot 1 Cole Ranch Subdivision, County Road 2, San Juan County, CO. This application will be reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners at 10:30 AM on Wednesday March 10.

Austin Lashley Town Historic Overlay District Application, Proposed Balcony and Building Façade Improvements, 1350 Blair Street, Lots 4-5 Block 14, Silverton, CO. This application will be reviewed by the San Juan Regional Planning Commission as the appointed Town Historic Review Committee at 7:00 PM on Tuesday March 16.

Stacie Hunsicker County Land Use Permit Application, Proposed Driveway Grading, Gate, Signs, and Electric Service Line, Gold Spur Mill Site USMS No. 16761B, Lower Cunningham Gulch Road (County Road 4), San Juan County, CO. This project will be reviewed by the San Juan Regional Planning Commission at 7:00 PM on Tuesday March 16.

You are under no obligation to reply to this letter or take any action as this time.

If you have an interest in the projects listed above, you may view the applications on the local governmental websites.

The Town Applications above, which were submitted to the Town Planning Department, are posted on the Town of Silverton Colorado website, under the following Tabs: Departments –

### Lisa Adair

From: Sent: To: Subject:	mackie@gobrainstorm.net Tuesday, March 09, 2021 10:16 AM Lisa Adair Fwd: Improvement Permit Fee
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Lisa, I received an \$840.00 improveme	ent permit fee today from Stacie Hunsicker.
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Deanna M. Jaramillo	
San Juan County Treasurer/Public	c Trustee
P.O. Box 368	
Silverton, CO 81433	
treasurer@sanjuancolorado.us <	treasurer@sanjuancountycolorado.us>
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# Recreational Vehicle

A vehicle which s:

- Built on a single chassis;
- b. 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection;
- c. Designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and
- d. Designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living

quarters <sup>-</sup>cr recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.

A recreational vehicle placed on a site in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) must meet the elevation and anchoring requirements for manufactured homes, unless it:

- a. Is on the size for fewer than 180 consecutive days, or
- b. Is fully licensed and ready for highway use.

Ready for highway use means that it is on its wheels or jacking system, is attached to the site only by quick disconnect type utilities and has no permanently attached additions.

# National Flood insurance Program Requirements

- 59.1 Definition
- 60,3 Flood plain management criteria for flood-prone areas
- 。(c) (14) A Zone Requirements
- 。 (e) (9) V Zone Requirements

Glossary Section

NFIP - National Flood Insurance Program

Last updated July 8 2020

- .10 No recreational vehicle shall remain in a recreational vehicle park for more than a total of six (6) months in a one-year period.
- 11 Every recreational vehicle park shall be equi-ped at all times with fire extinguishing equipment in compliance with the Uniform Fire Code for such equipment and adequate fire protection.
- Every recreational vehicle park shall contain metal garbage cans, 32 gallon, with tight fitting covers, in quantities adequate to permit disposal of all garbage and trash. Garbage cans shall be located not farther than 300 feet from any parking/camping space. The cans shall be kept in sanitary condition at all times, and garbage and rubbish shall be collected and disposed of as frequently as necessary to keep the cans from overflowing. All reliuse containers shall have bear-proof lids.
- 13 Recreational vehicle parks shall be sufficiently lighted to provide for safety.
- .14 Every recreational vehicle park should provide public toilets, sinks and showers.
- .15 Every recreational vehicle park in San Juan County shall be subject to an annual license fee as established by the County Commissioners and payable each calendar year.

### 105 SIGNS

Signs shall be permitted in San Juan County only in accordance with the following regulations.

### I Sign Permits

It shall be unlawful to erect, construct, reconstruct, alter, paint, repaint, or change the use of any sign without first obtaining a sign permit. No permit shall be required to repaint, resurface or restore an existing sign, previously permitted, to the same condition as originally permitted.

### 2 Pennit Fees

No sign permit shall be issued until a fee in the untount of \$50.00 has been paid to the County by the applicant. A single permit may authorize the erection and placement of multiple identical signs provided however that the fee for a permit covering multiple identical signs shall be \$100.

## 3 Issuance of Permit

Sign permits shall be issued by the Land Use Administrator upon proof of compliance with this section and payment of all required fees. If the Land Use Administrator denies issuance of or imposes unacceptable conditions on, a sign permit, the applicant's sole recourse shall be to appeal the decision of the Land

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Use Addrinistrator to the Board of County Commissioners which shall determine the issue after a hearing. Any applicant seeking to appeal a sign permit decision to the Board of County Commissioners shall file an Appeal Notice with the Land Use Administrator within thirty days after the decision of the Land Use Administrator. Such Notice shall state in detail all objections/issues the applicant has to the decision of the Land Use Administrator. Any objection or issue not specifically stated in the Appeal Notice shall be deemed waived. At the hearing before the Board on the applicant's uppeal, the applicant for the sign and any interested party may attend, be represented by counsel, and give testimony.

### 4 Exceptions

Traffic control and directional or other informational signs erected or required by proper governmental authority on public property are exempt from these regulations and shall not require any permit. Also exempt from the provisions of this ordinance and not required to be permitted are:

- (a) Signs required to be posted pursuant to local, state or federal laws or regulations including official notices posted pursuant to direction of any governmental entity.
- (b) Address signs having a total surface area (including all spaces) of not more than two (2) square feet.
- c) One (1) United States flag and one (1) state flag.

## Scheral Limitations

- (a) No more than two permitted signs (other than signs limiting access under subsection .12 below) shall be erected or maintained on any property or parcel.
- 1b) No signs other than address signs, signs exempted from the permitting process established by these regulations, and permitted signs limiting access under subsection .12 below shall be permitted in the Mountain Zone or in any residential subdivision, area or neighborhood.
- (c) No sign may be located on any public property including within any road right-of-way.
- 1d) No sign shall resemble an authorized traffic sign or signal with regard to color format, shape, or other characteristic, and no sign shall conflict with the information, directions, or mileage presented on an authorized traffic sign.

### 6 Prohibited Signs

The following signs are absolutely prohibited:

(a) Any sign attached to, or painted on, the roof of a building.

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- (b) Any sign attached to, or painted on, a vehible that is parked, or located, in such a manner that its purpose appears to be that of advertisement.
- (e) Any sign which is located off promises for the purpose of directing the public except for signs posted by a governmental entity.
- (d) Any sign affixed to any tree, utility or light pole or placed on any utility installation or cabinet.
- (e) Any sign containing any indecent, innnoral or obscene word, symbol or material or containing any word, symbol or material which is defamatory or likely to incite imminent lawless action or containing fighting words or threats of any sort
- (1) Any sign advertising any unlawful activity
- (g) Signs using neon or other similar materials for illumination.

# 7 Construction Standards

- (a) Signs shall be constructed of substantial, weather-resistant, pernament anaterial in compliance with any applicable provisions of the building code and shall be maintained in good repair. No sign shall contain ribbons, streamers, flugs, strings of light bulbs, spinners, pendants, ballbons, or other similar flexible or movable materials or devices nor shall any sign be constructed of paper, cloth, canvas, cardboard, pliable plastic or other (lexible material which may swing, sway or otherwise noticeably move as a re-alt of wind pressure because of the manner of their suspension or attachment, provided however, that a sign intended to be posted for less than thirty (30) days may be constructed of fabric or other temporary material so long as the temporary nature of the sign is noted on the permit and the applicant/ovener removes the sign within the time stated. No sign shall contain any emitter of smoke, sound or odor.
- (b) Signs are limited to not more than twenty (20) square feet in total area and no more than forty (40) square feet of total signage per property. Anything painted or affixed in any way to a wall or other exterior building surface, including windows, which is visible from any street, road, path, walkway or other public right-of-way shall be deemed to be a sign and shall be counted against the maximum limit of total signage. All sides of a sign having two of more visible sides shall be counted separately for determining total sign size or area.
- (c) Free standing signs shall not exceed twelv. (12) feet in height, and shall be a minimum of seven and one half (7.5) feet above grade when located adjacent to, or projecting over, a pedestrian way.
- (d) Projecting or wall signs shall not be higher than the cave line or parapet wall of the building to which they are attached. Signs which project over a

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- pedestrian way shall not extend more than five (5) feet from the building wall. No part of any wall sign, including cutout letters, shall project more than six (6) inches from the building wall.
- (c) Signs on awnings are allowed. Lettering on awnings shall meet all requirements of this code and shall be included in the computation of square foolage. No sign may be attached to, or hung from, an awning.
- (f) Except as provided in subsection (d) above, signs shall be set back from any road or street, sidewalk or right-of-way a distance of not less than six (G) feet.
- (g) No sign shall have blinking, flashing, animated, scrolling, spinning or moving parts or lights, nor shall any sign contain any other illuminating devices which have a changing light intensity, brightness or color. The light from any illuminated sign shall be shaded, shielded, or directed so as not to constitute a traffic hazard. All lighting used in connection with any sign shall comply with the County's dark skies regulations. Illuminated signs shall be turned off between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- (ii) A projecting sign or free standing sign shall be constructed so as not to interfere with visibility or the flow of traffic on any roadway or with the passage of humans on any sidewalks, paths or walkways.

# Abanconed Signs Prohibited

- (a) Any sign which is located on any property which becomes vacant or is unoccupied for a period of nine (9) months or more, any sign which relates to an activity or business which is no longer located on the premises, any sign which pertains to a time, event, or purpose which no longer exists or which has taken place, and any sign which is not maintained by its owner shall be deemed to have been abandoned and is hereby declared to be a public nussance. No owner or lessee of any property shall allow any abandoned sign to exist on his, her or its property, building, or structure.
- (b) Any sign which has been determined to be abandoned must be removed by the owner or the lessee of the premises on which the sign is located within thirty (30) days after notice of such determination of abandonment has been mailed to such owner and any lessee by regular mail. If the owner, or lessee, of the property fails to remove such abandoned sign, the County may cause the sign to be removed and the nuisance abated and may further charge the owner of the property on which the abandoned sign is located for all costs incurred in such removal. In addition to the foregoing, the Board of County Commissioners may treat any failure to remove an abandoned sign, after notice, to be a violation of these land use regulations and may then these my action permitted under these regulations or state law to enforce compliance with these land use regulations.

### .9 Definitions

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- (a) SIGN Any structure, statue, facsimile, or device used, or intended, in whole or in part, for identification, advertising, directions or the communication of any message shall be deemed to be a sign.
- (b) SIGN AREA The area of the geometric rigure which encompasses the facing of a sign, including the borders. The sign area shall refer to the entire face, or faces of the sign, whether written on or not

# 0 Non-Conforming Signs

Any legally existing sign in place at the time of adortion of this sign regulation which does not conform to these regulations may be continued for a period of not more than three (3) years. All existing signs within San Juan, county shall conform to the requirements of this sign code on and after June 1, 2019

# 11 Historic Interpretation Signs

Signs which interpret historic sites in San Juan County and are placed by the San Juan County Historical Society, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Forest Service, or other governmental entity shall be exempt from the sign fee but shall otherwise comply with all other provisions of this sign regulation.

# 12 Signs Limiting Access

Signs that post private property against hunting, fishing, trespass, or other use by the public shall be permitted in all zones provided that they first meet each of the following requirements:

- (a) no such sign shall be greater than two (2) square feet in size;
- (b) such signs shall be spaced so that (i) not more than one such sign is wishle from any point on any public right-of-way (including trails) or from any point on public lands and (ii) no such sign shall be posted less than two bundred (200) feet from any other such sign located on the same property;
- (c) all such signs shall be placed within the surveyed boundaries of the private property to which they apply and shall not be located within any public rightof-way;
- (d) any signs restricting access to private property, or the property on which they
  are located, shall delineate the precise boundaries of the private property to
  which they apply;
- (e) no signs restricting access to private property shall be posted until the property being posted has been surveyed and all boundaries clearly established and marked by corner markers, survey tags, or other physical markers so that the public can determine the precise extent of the property to which access is restricted; and

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### San Juan County Land Use Permit Application

Proposed Driveway and Gate Gold Spur Mill Site 16761B TBD County Road 4 Cunningham Gulch San Juan County, Colorado

Applicant:
Victor and Stacie Hunsicker
17440 Se 15th St
Choctaw OK
73020

Prepared By:
Victor and Stacie Hunsicker
17440 Se 15<sup>th</sup> St
Choctaw OK
73020
4052275772

Submitted: February 23, 2021

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San Juan County Board of County Commissioners C/O Town San Juan Regional Planning Commission Hall P. O. Box 250 Silverton, Colorado 81433

Subject: Application for Land Use Permit, Proposed Hunsicker Driveway, Gate, SMPA Power, and RV space, USMS NO.16761B, County Road 4, Cunningham Gulch neat Silverton, San Juan County Road, Colorado.

**Dear County Staff and Commissioners:** 

This submittal has been prepared to describe the proposed improvements on the Gold Spur Mill Site. We are the applicants, Stacie and Victor Hunsicker of Oklahoma. The property is located on County Road 4 in the lower Cunningham Gulch.

The attached documents have been prepared as a supplement to a San Juan County Application for the Land Use Permit. We request review of this project by the Planning Commission in 21 days on March 16, 2021.

The Gold Spur Mill Site is on Cunningham Creek. The proposed improvements consist of grading and extension of an existing driveway as well as grading of a summertime RV space, proposed installation of a driveway gate and culvert, and also installation of SMPA Power.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this information to the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners. Please contact Victor or Stacie Hunsicker if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Stacie and Victor Hunsicker

Attachments for Commission Planning Dept. with 16 booklets for Staff and Commissioners:
Pre-Stamped Pre-Addressed Envelopes for adjacent Land Owners
Receipt from County Treasurer for the \$840 Land Use Permit Application fee
San Juan County Application for Land Use Permit (Signed Original)

Attachments for Louie Girodo with 1 Booklet for Road and Bridge Dept.

San Juan County Driveway and Road Access Permit (Signed Original)

San Juan County Relationship to County Road and State Highway Systems form (signed Original)

### SAN JAUN COUNTY LAND USE PERMIT APPLICATION POWER LINE PERMIT APPLICATION APPLICATION FOR CONCURRENT REVIEW

PROPOSED GOLD SPUR MILL SITE ELECTRIC LINE
From County RD 4A existing power line down the slope
Across County RD 4 crossing going down the
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### **LAND USE PERMIT**

San Juan County, Colorado

Applicant:	Permit No.	
Stacle and Victor Hu	ASICKEY L	
17440 Se 15th St		
City and State: OK 73	020 Telephone: 405 812-1623	
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Description of Use:		
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Dates and Times of Use:		
Projected May 2021		
Location of Use:		
TBD County Rd 4	0761B	
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**	achments for each relevant area	
Land Use Administrator will	initial approval if appropriate	
Property Ownership	Permission of Property Owner	
Vicinity Map	Plans and Drawings	
Natural Hazards X	Zoning Compatibility	
Sanitation	Environmental Impacts	
Building Permit	Federal and /or State Permits	
Security Emergency Services		
Parking insurance Coverage		
Clean Up	County Road Impact	
Other	Other	
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### WARRANTY DEED

THIS DEED, Made this Day of November, 2020

Between TOPEK TRUST, KEVIN TOPEK, TRUSTEE

of the County of Harris and State of Texas, grantor

and VICTOR K. HUNSICKER and STACIE L. HUNSICKER

whose legal address is 17440 SE 15th St. Choctaw. OK 73020

of the County of Oklahoma and State of Oklahoma grantee

State Documentary Fee

Date: Novembes 10,2000

\$ 5.00

WITNESSETH, That the grantor for and in consideration of the sum of

the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold and conveyed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm, unto the grantee, their heirs and assigns forever, not in tenancy in common but in joint tenancy, all the real property together with improvements if any situate, lying and being in the County of San Juan and State of Colorado described as follows:

GOLD SPUR MILL SITE, U.S. Mineral Survey No. 16761B. San Juan County, Colorado.

LESS AND EXCEPT any portion of the above named mill site, within overlapping senior mining claims whether excepted or not in the patent for the above described Gold Spur Mill Site.

As known by street and number as: TBD County Road 4 Silverton, CO 81433

TOGETHER with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders rents, issues and profits thereof, and all the estate, right, rule, interest, claim and demand whatsoever of the grantor either in law or equity of, in and to the above bargained premises, with the hereditaments and appurtenances.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises above bargained and described, with the appurtenances, unto the grantee, their heirs and assigns forever. The grantor, itself, its successors does covenant, grant, bargain, and agree to and with the grantee, their heirs and assigns that at the time of the ensealing and delivery of these presents, he is well seized of the premises above conveyed, has good, sure perfect, absolute and indefensible estate of inheritance, in law, in fee simple, and has good right, full power and lawful authority to grant, bargain, sell and convey the same in manner and form as aforesaid, and that the same are free and clear from all former and other grants, pargains, saies, liens, taxes, assessments, encumbrances and restrictions of whatever kind or nature so ever, except 2020 taxes due and payable in the year 2021, Subject to Statutory Exceptions as defined in CRS § 38-30-113[5].

The grantor shall and will WARRANT AND FOREVER DEFEND the above-bargained premises in the quiet and peaceable possession of the grantee, their heirs and assigns, against all and every person or persons lawfully claiming the whole or any part thereof. The singular number shall include the plural, the plural the singular, and the use of any gender shall be applicable to all genders.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the grantor has executed this deed on the date set forth above

TOPEK TRUST

KELIP OPEK, Irustee

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HARRIS

By: KEVIN TOPECK, TRUSTEE OF TOPEK TRUST, KEVIN TOPEK, TRUSTEE

My commission expires: 9.24.2023

TATIANA S. CASTRO
Notary Public, State of Texas
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# **Current Tax Information**

Mill Levy 33,778

Property Type Mt

**Total Tax Amount** 

382 04

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# y # V -18290/2001001 **View Property Tax History**

Schedule: 48290120010007

Name(s): TOPEK KEVIN TRUST

Location Address: SILVERTON CO 81433-

Mailing Address: 708 KIPLING ST HOUSTON TX 77006-

4406

**Location Information:** Neighborhood: 1 (ANIMAS MINING DISTRICT) Analysis Area: 0 Tax District: 101

GOLD SPUR M S - 16761B OSCEOLA -Legal Description: 16761 SUNNYSHINE - 16761 WILLIAM **HUGHES** -16761

### Value Information

	Area/Frontage	-Depth	_Unit	Abstract Code	Value	Assessed Value
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Improvement Value Information					NA	NA
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SAN JUAN COUNTY Treasurer
PO BOX 368
Silverton, CO 81433
970-387-5488

## 2020 Tax Notice

PARCEL	TYPE	TAX YEAR	TAX DISTRICT
N2766	MN	2020	101

LEGAL DESCRIPTION (MAY BE INCOMPLETE)

GOLD SPUR M S - 16761 B. SPLIT FROM FORMER PARCEL 48290120010007

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County	19.652	73.52
SCHOOL DISTRICT #1	13.591	50.84 *
SOUTHWEST WATER CONS	0.407	1.52*

LOCATION: - SILVERTON, CO 81433	
Actual Value	12,90
Assd. Land Value	3,74
Assd. Imp. Value	
Total Assd. Value	3,74
Mill Levy	33.65
Tax	125.8

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WHEN YOU PROVIDE A CHECK AS PAYMENT YOU AUTHORIZE A ONE-TIME ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER FROM YOUR ACCOUNT. THE CHECK WILL NOT BE RETURNED AND THE FUNDS MAY BE DEBITED AS SOON AS THE SAME DAY.

Consider this your Notice of Valuation if there were no changes to your Propery. You have the Right to Protest your Valuation with the Assessor's Office between May 1, 2021 and June 1, 2021. Without State Aid Your School Tax Rate Would have been 0.00.

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Silverton, CO 81433

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Silverton, CO 81433

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<sup>\*</sup> denotes temporary property tax credit or temporary mill levy rate reduction per CRS 39-1-111.5.

## LIST OF ADJACENT LAND OWNERS

## Proposed Gold Spur M S Electric Line TBD County Rd 4

Lower Cunningham Gulch San Juan County, Colorado

Current as of January 21,2021

Adjacent Land Owners of Privately-Owned Land within 1500 Feet of the Proposed Electric Line Alignment

Property	Owner
Winnemucca	Aerodium Inc 10 Tymber CV Deland FL 32724
Union	Lenard Briscoe 406 N Main St Kingfisher OK 73750
Eagle Nest	Terry R Cummins 1720 Nelson Dr Springville CA 93208
Inter Ocean	Terry R Cummins 1720 Nelson Dr Springville CA 93208
Hermatite	Terry R Cummins 1720 Nelson Dr Springville CA 93208
White Mountain	Jerry Antoinette Dalla Jerry L Dalla PO Box 698 Durango CO 81302
Monitor	Jerry Antoinette Dalla Jerry L Dalla PO Box 698 Durango CO 81302
Regina	Jerry Antoinette Dalla Jerry L Dalla PO Box 698 Durango CO 81302

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Property	Owner			
No Name	Jerry Antoinette Dalla Jerry L Dalla PO Box 698 Durango CO 81302			
Yankee Girl	Joel Dressler Julie Christine Dressler PO Box 792 Battle Mountain NV 89820			
Yankee Boy	Joel Dressler Julie Christine Dressler PO Box 792 Battle Mountain NV 89820			
Springtime M S	Kim Davey Eisner PO Box 745 Silverton CO 81433			
Bounty M S	Kim Davey Eisner PO Box 745 Silverton CO 81433			
Dux	James R Field 46 Cedar Hill Dr Asheville NC 28803			
Katy	James R Field 46 Cedar Hill Dr Asheville NC 28803			

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Property	Owner			
Evening Star	Micheal F Field James R Field Keefe Family Revocable Trust 6219 Saddletree Ln Yorba Linda CA 92886			
Vampire	Richard E Harwell & Susan H Harwell George L Rogers Jr. Crystal Rogers 1381 Grand Oaks Ln Hickory NC 28602			
Hancock	Houghton Holdings LLC 4936 S Fillmore CT Englewood CO 80113			
Gold Spur M S	Victor & Stacie Hunsicker			
Galena Placer	Old Hundred Gold Mining Corp 726 E Broussard Rd Lafayette LA 70508			
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**Property** Owner Galena Placer Galena Mountain Corp PO Box 852 Johnstown CO 80534 Springtime Randy N Vandenberg Kristi A Vandenberg 2990 CR 215 Durango CO 81303 Little Nation Winter Park Helicopter LLC 1246 Via Estrella Winter Park FL 32789 Regina Merger Mining & Milling Co 3410 Blackhawk Meadow Dr Danville CA 94506 No Name Merger Mining & Milling Co 3410 Blackhawk Meadow Dr Danville CA 94506 Rock Island Micheal F Field James R Field Keefe Family Revocable Trust 6219 Saddletree Ln Yorba Linda CA 92886

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Property

**Owner** 

Morning Star

Micheal F Field James R Field

Keefe Family Revocable

Trust

6219 Saddletree Ln Yorba Linda CA 92886

Whale

Micheal F Field James R Field

Keefe Family Revocable

Trust

6219 Saddletree Ln Yorba Linda CA 92886

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Micheal F Field

James R Field

Keefe Family Revocable

Trust

6219 Saddletree Ln Yorba Linda CA 92886

John Moss

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6219 Saddletree Ln Yorba Linda CA 92886

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Property	Owner
Hidden Treasure	Micheal F Field James R Field Keefe Family Revocable Trust 6219 Saddletree Ln Yorba Linda CA 92886
Rock Island	Moore Loyal Trust Jo Ann Montgomery Lee Wayne Moore 403 N Marienfield St Midland TX 79701
Morning Star	Moore Loyal Trust Jo Ann Montgomery Lee Wayne Moore 403 N Marienfield St Midland TX 79701
Whale	Moore Loyal Trust Jo Ann Montgomery Lee Wayne Moore 403 N Marienfield St Midland TX 79701
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Property	Owner
John Moss	Moore Loyal Trust Jo Ann Montgomery Lee Wayne Moore 403 N Marienfield St Midland TX 79701
Hidden Treasure	Moore Loyal Trust Jo Ann Montgomery Lee Wayne Moore 403 N Marienfield St Midland TX 79701
Anything	Merger Mining & Milling Co 3410 Blackhawk Meadow Dr Danville CA 94506
Carrie Louise	Merger Mining & Milling Co 3410 Blackhawk Meadow Dr Danville CA 94506
Carl	Merger Mining & Milling Co 3410 Blackhawk Meadow Dr Danville CA 94506
Little Phillip	Merger Mining & Milling Co 3410 Blackhawk Meadow Dr Danville CA 94506

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<u>Property</u> <u>Owner</u>

Pride of Galena Merger Mining & Milling Co

3410 Blackhawk Meadow Dr

Danville CA 94506

Pride of Galena Marvin W Gunther

11450 W Center Ave

Lakewood CO 80226-2571

Anything Arthur R Phillips

PO Box 3731 Aspen CO 81612

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PO Box 3731 Aspen CO 81612

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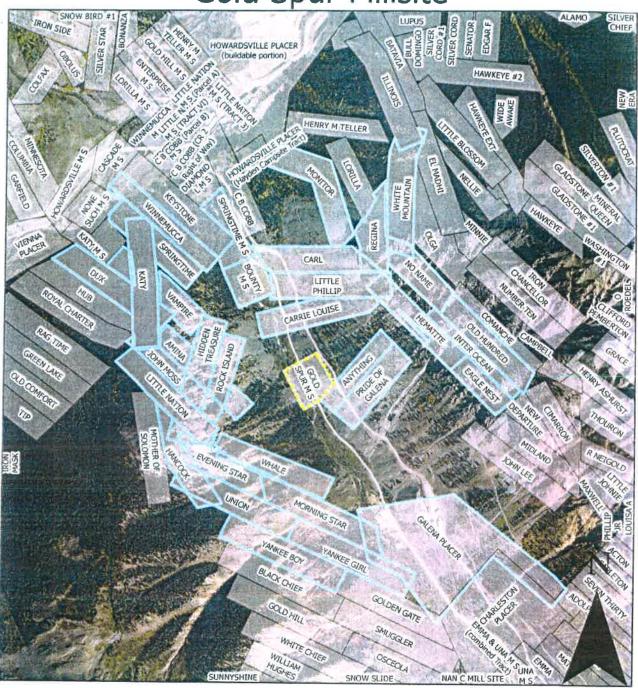
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Adjacent Land Owners of Privately-Owned Land within 1500 Feet of the Proposed Electric Line Alignment

<u>Property</u> <u>Owner</u>

Pride of Galena Ida M Gunther

2500 S Tuscan Way Aurora CO 80014 Properties within 1500' of the Gold Spur Millsite



0 250 500 1,000 1,500 US Feet

\* Claim locations are estimated by the San Juan County Assessor's office as of January 2021.

Claims may locations may not be accurate

Surveys and other data supporting changes should be brought to the attention of the County Assessor: assessor@sanjuancolorado.us

(970) 387-5632

PO Box 596, Silverton CO 81433

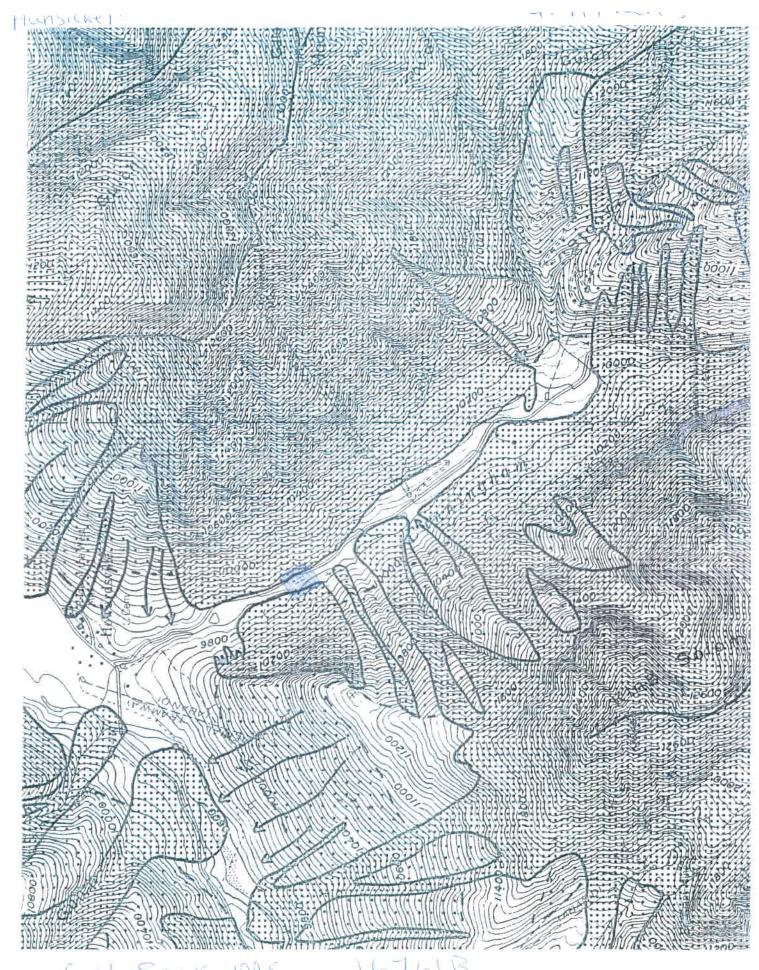
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### Project Plans Proposed Power

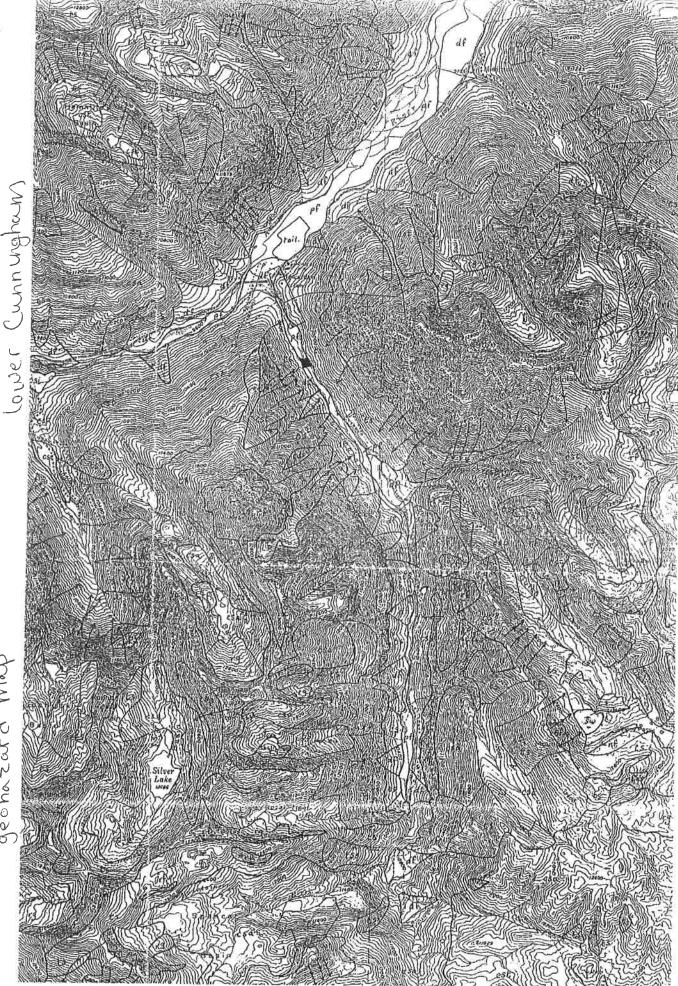
The plan for the power is to get an Easement Deed from the owners of the Anything claim. We have tried to call and email Arthur Phillips and Merger Mining and Milling with no luck. We have sent the owners of the Anything claim a letters to their address and P.O. Box. We have received no response by letter, phone, or email. We have contacted SMPA and have filled out the new customer Application and New Service Application. We are still waiting to hear from the power company's engineer to see their thoughts on how the power should be ran.

We are wanting a Meter and RV hook up until we can afford to build a cabin in the future.

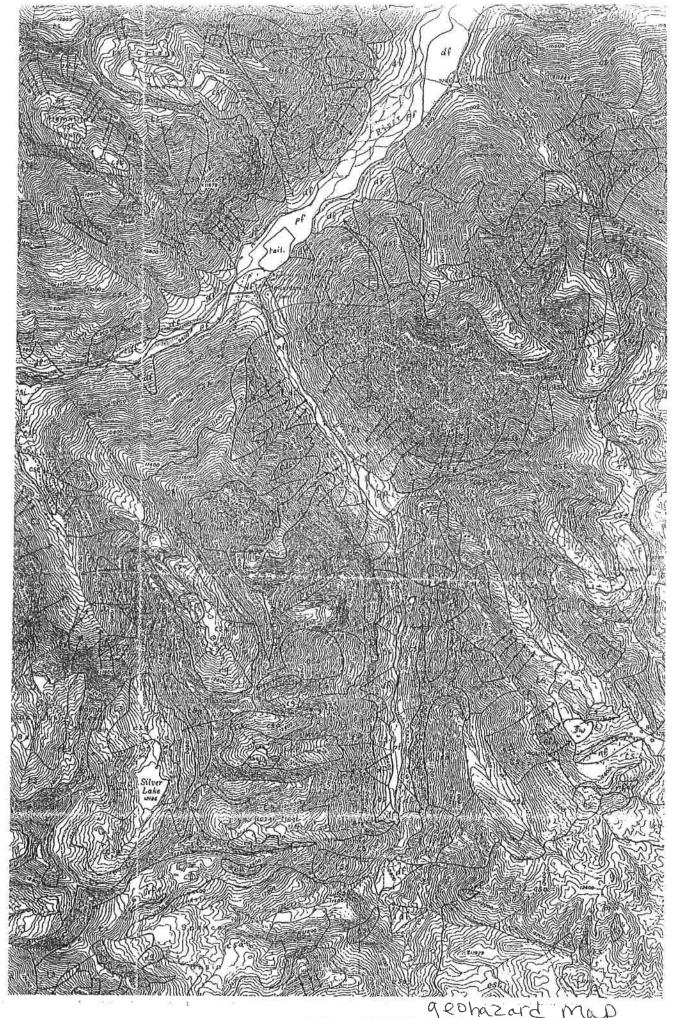
I'm not an engineer, but due to the slope and rocks I think the connection to the power running on the high road (CR4a) would need to be aerial down to the lower road (CR4), and then buried to the property. I don't think the meter and RV hook up would be visible from the road. We don't want to remove any of the trees that block the view of the rv pad from the road.



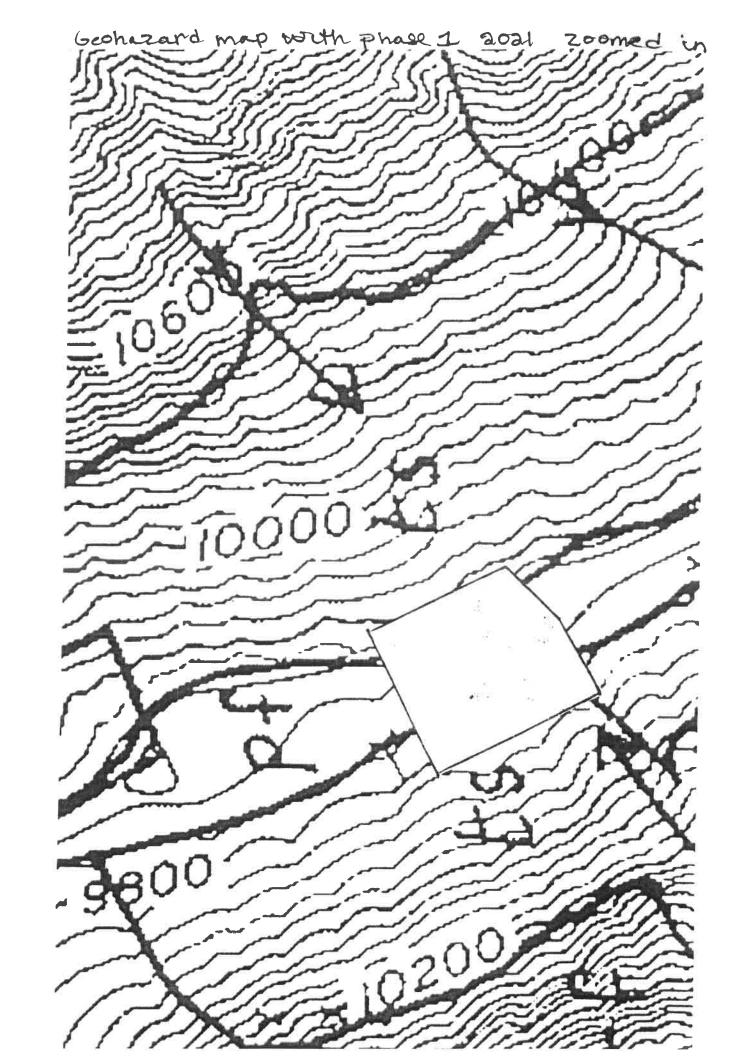
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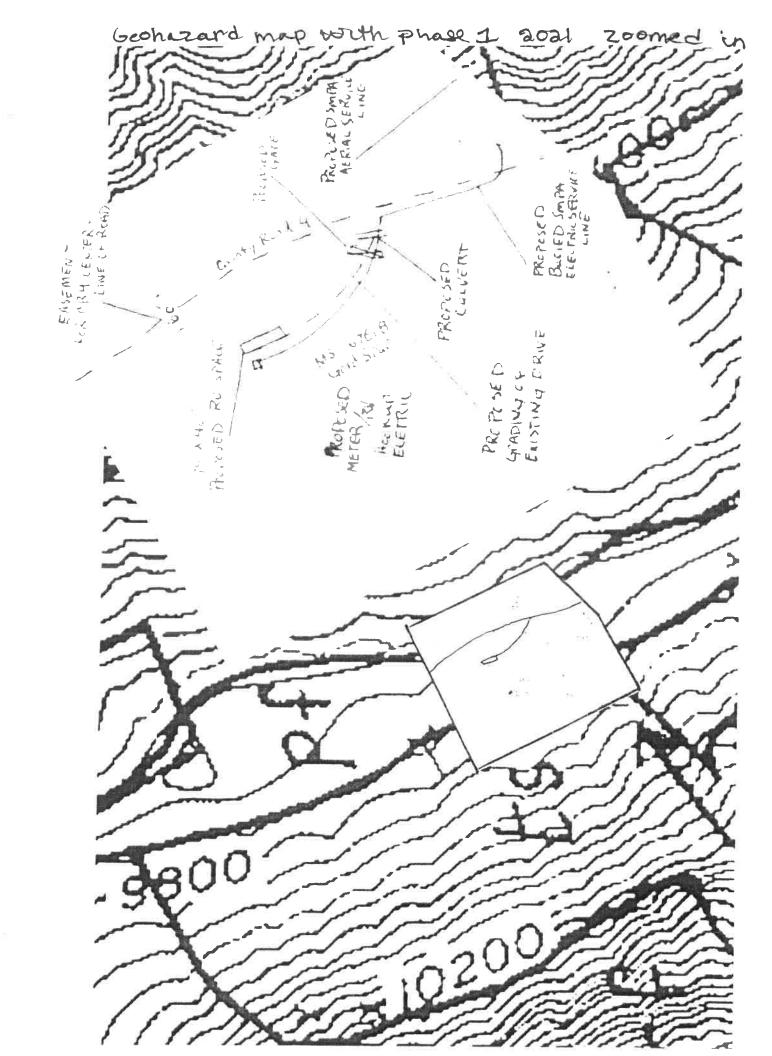


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# SITE PLAN PHASE 1 2021

# Gold Spur Mill Site MS 16761B

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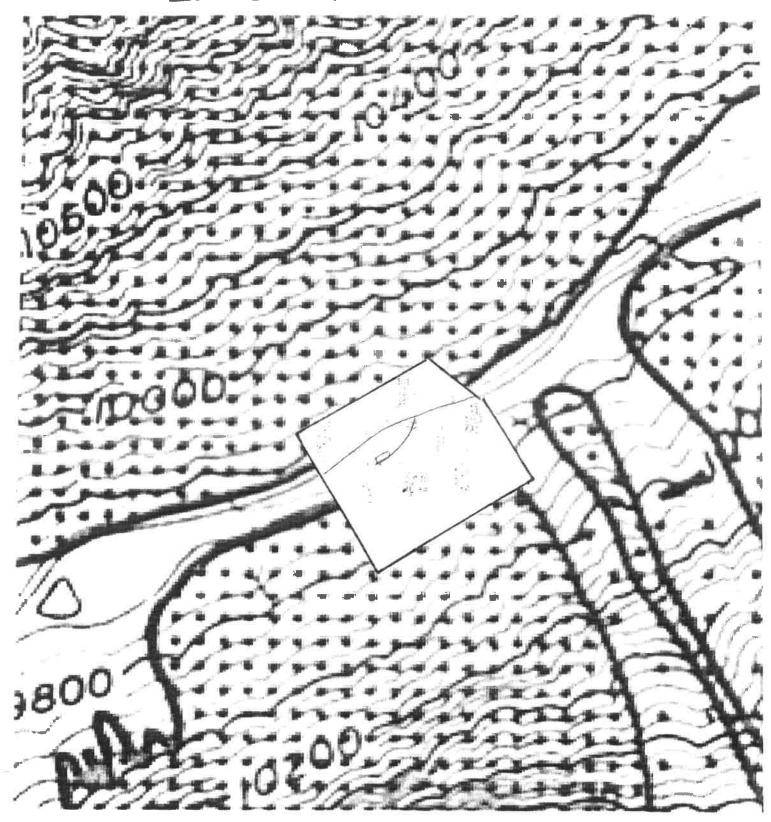
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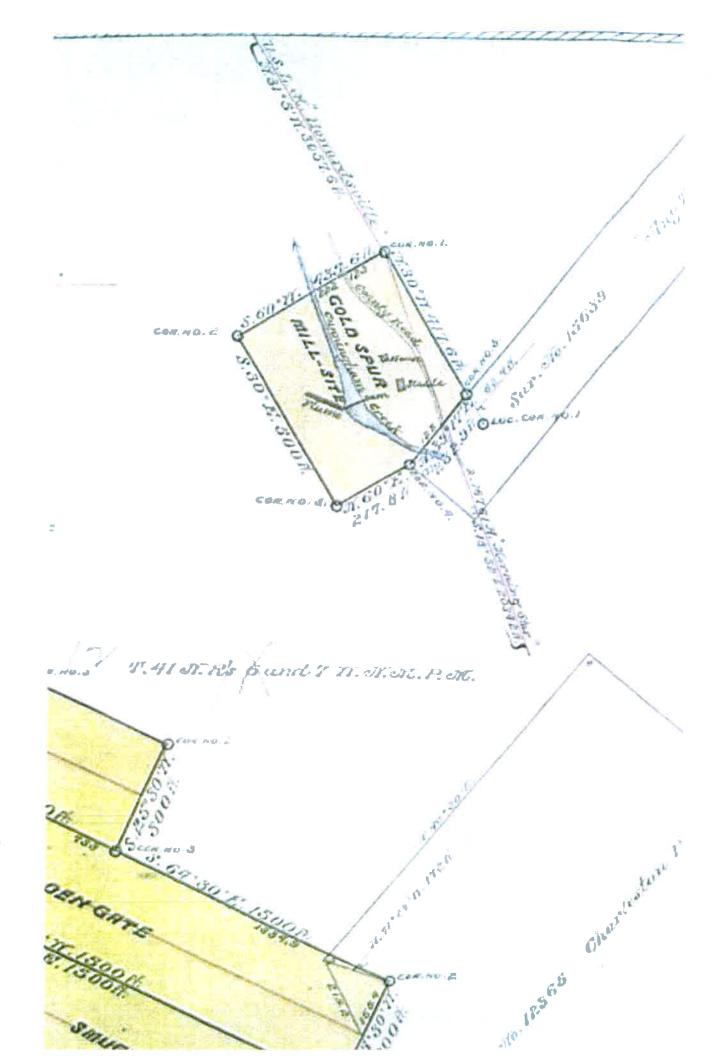
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San Juan County Board of County Commissioners C/O Town San Juan Regional Planning Commission Hall P. O. Box 250 Silverton, Colorado 81433

To Whom it May Concern:

We have turned in all appropriate documents and applied for a San Miguel account . The San Miguel engineering department will be contacting us as soon as they can. We have emailed, called, and sent letters to owners Arthur R Phillips and Merger Mining and Milling Co asking for an easement deed. We are waiting for a response through the mail or a phone call back to obtain permission for an easement deed across the Anything Mill Site. These two things are what we have left in order to complete our application for a Land Use Permit for an electric line. We are asking for the permit to be granted with this application but with contingency that these items be completed before the electric line is completed. These items would be turned into the San Juan Planning Commission before service is installed for review and approval.

Thank you,

Victor and Stacie Hunsicker

### Phase 1

We would like to get permits to put up no trespassing signs due to people trespassing on our property. People are camping, burning fires, leaving trash, and moving rocks to form burn pits. We did not give permission to anyone to do these things.

We would like to get land use permits for grating a driveway that previously existed and to lengthen it. We would like to use this driveway to park our rv while on vacation and not as a permanent residence as we live in Oklahoma or until the cabin is built. County Road 4 goes right through our property from the north end to the south end and we share the rights with the county. We solely own the mineral rights under the road and those are not shared with the county. The county was granted right of way in the mid 1980s I believe from a previous owner. There used to be a flume, dam, house, and stable there in the early 1900s. Those structures no longer exist as the mill site has not been used in years.

We would like to get permits for installing a 16 foot wide gate 30 feet from the center of County Road 4 to block the driveway while we are not there. We propose installing electrical on site.

We would like propose to get a water rights permit in the future just in case we need it during the process of everything we hope to be doing.

We would like to get permits to install a plastic culvert 30 feet long to make sure the ditch on our property running alongside County Road 4 is not diverted. We welcome any suggestions from the county on the best way to keep the water flowing without problems as we love our land and love the water running across it.

We will need to consult with San Miguel Power Association Engineers, adjacent land owners, and the county officials to get information on the best possible way to get the electrical there. After consultation we would apply for a utility permit and or land use permit. We would bury it in conduit in accordance to SMPA specifications where it can physically be buried and where it has to be an overhead line we will follow all SMPA specifications recommended by SMPA engineers.

### Phase 2

At this phase we would be applying for the appropriate permits to install a septic system. We plan to start this phase in the next 2 to 8 years. Septic location would be dependent on an engineer and code regulations.

### Phase 3

We would like to get permits to build an 800 sq. foot cabin in the future along with a 300 sq. foot shed. We want it 40 feet or more away from Cunningham Creek, 30 feet away from the center of the road, and as hidden as possible from the road. We are unsure of how near in the future but we are thinking in the next 5 to 10 years when we are financially able.

We are planning to put in a septic system and electrical at some point before the actual cabin build because we would use it for our toy hauler rv also. The toy hauler is 37 feet and fully self-contained with large black water, grey water, and fresh water tanks.

### Letter of Explanation

We would like to get permits to put up no trespassing signs, get land use permits for grading a driveway that previously existed and to lengthen it, use this driveway to park our rv until the cabin is built, get permits for installing a 16 foot wide gate installed 30 feet from the center of County Road 4 to block the driveway entrance while we are not there, get a water rights permit just in case we need it during the process of everything, and we would like to get permits to install a plastic tin horn to make sure the ditch on our property and running by County Road 4 is not diverted from the direction it is flowing now from grating the driveway. While we are in phase 1 we would like to be able to park our 37 foot toy hauler on our property for more than 21 days a year as needed to complete improvement tasks and to enjoy our property. Our toy hauler is equipped with a gas generator, full bathroom, bedroom, garage, multiple beds, a kitchen, a galley tank, a large black waste tank, and a grey tank. It is fully self contained. We haul this rv up to Eureka every year and along the way we stop at the Red Mountain Rv to fill with water and on the way out of town heading back to Oklahoma we stop back in and dump our tanks. Jim and Amy have come to know us over the years and always welcome us to get water and dump there. We have become friends over the years and look forward to their friendliness every year. We plan on getting water and dumping at Red Mountain Rv Park in Silverton, Colorado until our septic is installed. The septic will be a few years down the road.

We would get in contact with a San Miguel Power Association engineer and the San Juan county officials to figure out the best route to get electric to our property. Either by overhead lines or buried. We would follow all SMPA specifications. There is existing electric on the upper County Road 4 estimated about 100 feet from our southeast property marker.

### Additional information

Plat Survey was completed October 2020

Avalanche map shows we are mostly out of the avalanche area.

Deed has yet to be recorded in our names on the county assessor website. Parcel number may or may not change depending on the San Juan County assessor.

Property was bought by Victor and Stacie Hunsicker and recorded by the San Juan County Clerk on November 10, 2020

The San Juan County Assessor has not changed to property to Victor and Stacie Hunsicker as of December 15, 2020 but a copy of the deed is provided and the new parcel number is 48290120010012. Parcel pulls up online under the old system as parcel number 48290120010007. This is causing conflict with San Miguel Power Association. They cannot see our parcel or our name in your online database to prove ownership. An account was opened with San Miguel but we are waiting confirmation currently on what our next step to take would be.

The Plat Survey was recorded in the San Juan County Clerks office by Southwest Land Surveying Company under the property owner Stacie Hunsicker

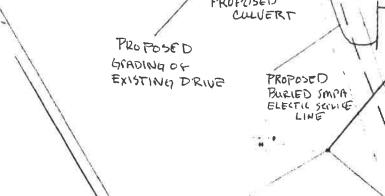
Rv will only be on the property if we are doing improvements or there on vacation. We will be there more than 21 days in a year but not full time since our primary residence is in Oklahoma along with job obligations. Rv will be properly dumped at Red Mountain Rv Park in Silverton, Colorado. Trash will be taken to the local big camp dumpsters provided by the county.

If any additional documents are needed or there are questions please contact Victor Hunsicker at 4052275772 or email at victorhunsicker@att.net or Stacie Hunsicker at 4058121623.

We would like for permits to be accepted with contingencies or denied by April 15, 2021 if possible due to vacationing schedules and local contractor's schedules.

We would like to request that Victor Hunsicker meet with the Planning Commission to discuss this project within the next 30 days if possible via zoom meeting or over the phone.

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# SAN MIGUEL POWER ASSOCIATION, INC.

## NEW CONSTRUCTION/UPGRADE ENGINEERING REQUEST

ALL fields are required. The completed form must be returned to SMPA before an estimate can be provided

SMPA's Construction handbook can be viewed at www.smpa.com - Account Services

SECTION 1: CONTACT INFORMATION - Party Responsible for estimate PAYMENT				
NAME VICTOR HUMSICH	e (		DATE   - A	a-21
MAILING ADDRESS 15th	St, Chec	Jaco, OK,	730	20
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This request is an official notice to SMPA, INC to begin all the needed steps to provide you with electrical service. If any of the above information is changed you may be responsible for additional charges related to engineering, construction, or other aspects of providing service. Any costs associated with relocating facilities will be charged to the active account listed on this orm. If there is a lack of progress or inactivity on your project and this project is canceled by you or by SMPA, you may be esponsible for paying SMPA actual costs incurred up to the time of cancellation.				
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Office Hours: 7:00AM to 5:30PM, Monday thru Thursday

## APPLICATION FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP

PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING I	VFORMATION. (PLEASE PRINT)		
PPLICANT NAME (S): HINTER HUNSICKER STACE HUNSICKER  (As you wish it to appear on the account)			
IF APPLICANT IS A BUSINESS, PLEASE PROVIDE OWNER NAME,:  AND BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE NAME:	(As you wish it to appear on the acc	ouncy	
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If you would like to have your monthly bill automatically paid by either a Bank Draft or Credit Card Draft please contact your local office for details.  All new accounts are automatically enrolled in SMPA'S Green Cents Roundup Program.  For information on the Green Cents Roundup program and/or to opt out of this program please contact our office.			
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This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.			
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Subject SVO 147722 - Member application

To: [Victor Hunsicker <victorhunsicker@att.net>]

From Tammi Magallon <Tammi@smpa.com>

Date Thu, Jan 28, 2021 at 8:59 AM

## Hi Victor,

Service Order 147722 was created for your project at CR 4 near Silverton. I was unable to find parcel number 48290120010012 but located parcels ending in 0011 and 0013. You will be contacted by one of our service planner in the next few weeks and can provide them with more details about your project. Please let me know if the area that is circle on the attachment is the correct area of your property.

Please contact me if you have any other questions.

Kind Regards,

Tammi Magallon

Service Coordinator



San Miguel Power Association

P.O. BOX 817

Nucla, CO 81424

Office: 970-864-7311 Ext. 116

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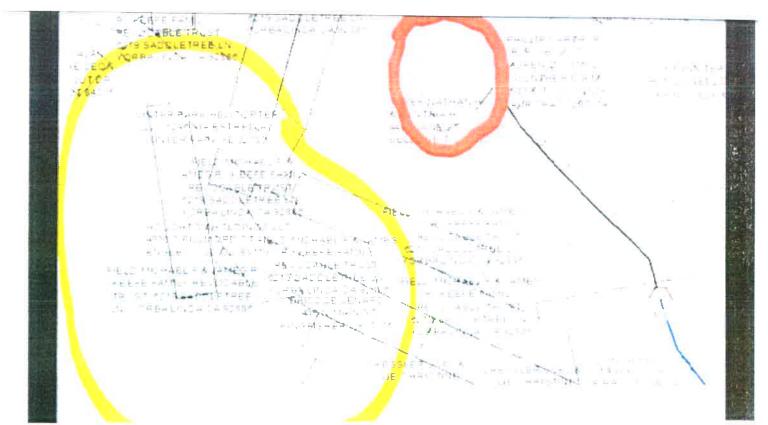
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Subject Re: SVO 147722 - Member application

To: [null <Tammi@smpa.com>]

From Victor Hunsicker <victorhunsicker@att.net>





parcel number was 48290120010007 under Kevin Topek Trust but the deed is in our name now we bought the property

# Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android

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## SAN JUAN COUNTY, COLORADO DRIVEWAY AND ROAD ACCESS PERMIT

		Improvement Permit No.
Applicant:	VICTOR HUNSICKER 17440 SR 154h St Chockun OK 73020	
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Land Use Administrator: \_

#### Letter regarding Road and Bridge Department

We contacted Louie Girodo of the road and bridge department and his initial comments about the proposed driveway, culvert, and gate were the following: The gate needs to be at least 30 feet from the center of the road to be allowable. The type of gate is up to us since it is our property and rustic is fine as long as it is the 30 feet from the road and out of the way of the road equipment. A culvert needs to be a minimum of 12 inches around and 30 feet long if we are going to install one. It needs to be plastic. If we can cross the flowing water with other temporary means it is allowable but a culvert would allow for proper flow and a permanent solution. Grading the driveway is fine as long as the water flow isn't impeded. They use our property to push snow on and he is familiar with our property.

# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS San Juan County

P.O. Box 466

Silverton, Colorado 81433

970-387-5671

#### RELATIONSHIP OF PROPERTY TO COUNTY ROAD AND STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEMS

I, the undersigned, applicant engaged in the processing of Application for Improvement Permit No, San Juan County, Colorado, do hereby acknowledge the following facts:
1. The real property' which is the subject of said application is on this date located approximately O feet from County Road No. 4, the nearest designated and publicly maintained county road.
2. Said County Road No. 4 is on this date maintained on an inhknown basis by San Juan County.
3. The real property which is the subject of said application is on this date located approximately 5.6 miles from Colorado State Highway No. 550, the nearest designated state or federal highway.
4. Said Colorado State Highway No. 550 is on this date maintained on a year-round basis by either San Juan County or the Colorado Division of Highways.
5. A Driveway Permit will be necessary for any private access or egress relating to said real property which intersects any designated Colorado State Highway or Federal Highway.
Signed and dated this 20th day of December, 2020.
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ATTEST: Applicant
Parities.

Dear Merger Mining and Milling Co,

Thank you for your time to open this letter and read it. We are the owners of the Gold Spur Mill Site next to the Anything Mine Claim near Silverton, Colorado. We are trying to add electric to our property to enjoy for vacation purposes currently. We could not find a proper email or phone number so this is why we are sending a letter. We apologize in advance as we know your time is valuable. We are in need of an easement deed for the electric line to cross northwest on your property. We are including a proposed future sketch of what it might consist of and the letter to be signed if agreed to. The costs incurred to file the easement we would appropriately cover. We are unsure if it will be a buried powered line or overhead at this time. The board of commissioners in San Juan County Colorado and the San Miguel Power Company have requested that we contact you to see about an easement deed. We have never done this before as we are Oklahomans and are new mining claim owners. If you could please call my husband at 4052275772 to let us know if you can help or if you prefer not to we would very much appreciate it. We can proceed in whichever direction is best and we appreciate your help, consideration, and time so far.

Thank you,

Victor and Stacie Hunsicker 17440 Se 15<sup>th</sup> St. Choctaw OK 73020

Victor Hunsicker Email address is <u>VictorHunsicker@att.net</u> Phone number is (405)227-5772

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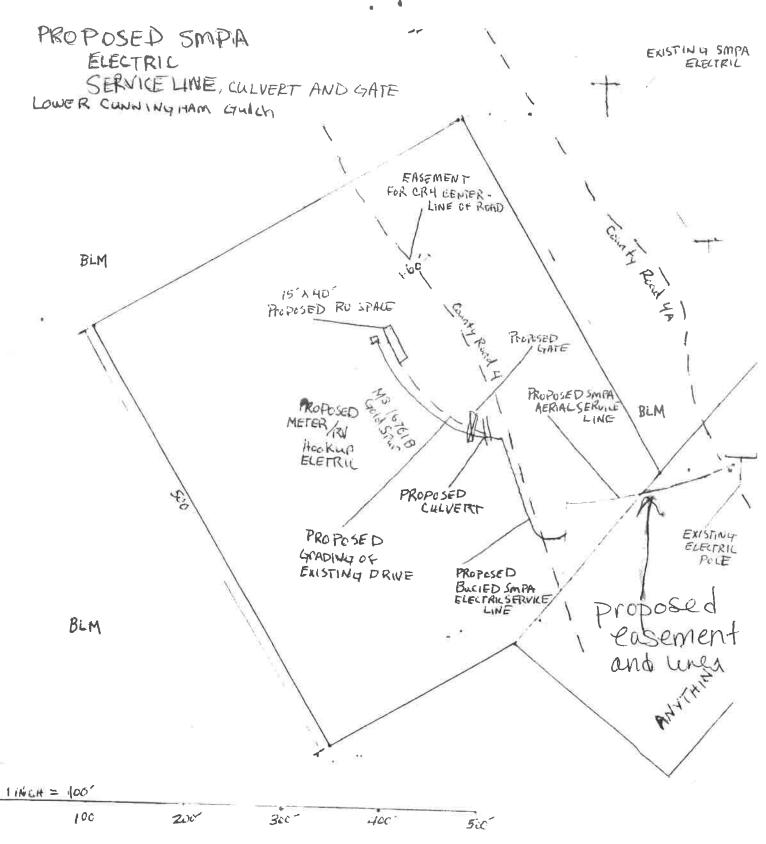
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#### SITE PLAN PHASE 1 2021

### Gold Spur Mill Site MS 16761B

Suspended Township 41 North Range 7 West of the New Mexico Principal Meridi San Juan County Colorado ,



#### **EASEMENT DEED**

For Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration,

#### Arthur R Phillips, PO Box 3731, Aspen, Colorado, 81612

Does hereby grant and convey to Stacie and Victor Hunsicker, 17440 Se 15<sup>th</sup> St, Choctaw, OK, 73020, his successors and assigns a twenty feet wide easement, across

#### Anything mining claim USMS No. 15639

In lower Cunningham Gulch, San Juan, County, Colorado for the purpose of access for installation and maintenance of the electric line. The easement is to be ten feet wide on each side from the as-built location of the electric line, to be constructed in the approximate location shown on the attached Exhibit A. The easement shall be in effect in perpetuity in the event that the ownership of the properties changes.

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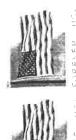
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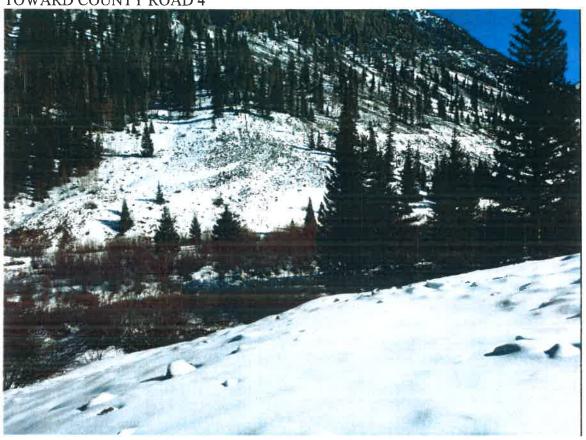
Gold Spur Mill Site TBD County Road 4 Driveway and Gate

#### SCENIC QUALITY REPORT

- 1. INTRODUCTION AND SITE LOCATION San Juan County regulations state the following: All residential development shall be required to submit a Scenic Quality Report at the time of sketch plan submittal. The following is a Scenic Quality Report for the proposed Gold Spur Mill Site, located Suspended Township 41 North, Range & West, of the New Mexico Principal Meridian. The project site is located within San Juan County in lower Cunningham Gulch. A Vicinity Map showing the general project location is included in this submittal for reference.
- 2. PROJECT SITE AND PROPOSED DRIVEWAY LOCATION. County regulations require that this Scenic Quality Report adhere to the following: The designated view sheds shall include natural and historic features as seen from and toward the site. Provide written descriptions of these view sheds and how they will be preserved. Existing site photos and graphic depictions of the proposed development shall be submitted so that staff, the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners can assess the visual impacts of the project on the view shed and the effectiveness of proposed mitigation measures. The project site, Gold Spur Mill Site, located Suspended Township 41 North, Range & West, of the New Mexico Principal Meridian is 4.794 acres. The lot is divided by County Road 4. Most of the lot is situated on the west side of County Road 4, which consists of a gently sloping grassy meadow with pine trees and Cunningham Creek. The smaller portion of the lot, which is on the east side of County Road 4 consists of less natural screening as well as lots of abandoned rock.

The proposed location for the driveway and gate is on the west side of County Road 4. The proposed grading of the older existing driveway crosses the bed at the area of least grade change to minimize impact on the bed. The proposed siting best utilizes the natural topography of the existing driveway and the most densely vegetated area to screen the structure, while having little to no impact on scenic views.

VISIBILITY OF THE DRIVEWAY, GATE, AND CAMPER LOOKING SOUTHEAST TOWARD COUNTY ROAD 4



The proposed driveway, gate, and view of the recreational vehicle are there but hidden mostly by natural vegetation and large pine trees.

3. VISIBILITY OF THE DRIVEWAY WITH THE CAMPER FROM THE EDGE OF COUNTY ROAD 4 looking west with our crew cab truck and toy hauler parked in the north end of the driveway.



The proposed driveway will be almost entirely screened by natural vegetation when looking west from County Road 4. The gate will be visible from the south end.

The image below shows the proposed gate and driveway graded superimposed onto the site to approximate scale and visibly from County Road 4a.

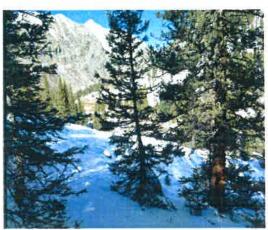


4. LOCATION OF STRUCTURE MINIMIZES VISIBILITY FROM PUBLIC LANDS AND EXISTING TRAILS

#### CURRENT VIEW WITHOUT ANY IMPROVEMENTS



East view of Property



North- NorthEast View of Property



South View of Property



West View of Property

Evidence shall be provided to show that the location of the structure is designed to minimize the visual impacts and that it does not detract from the scenic quality of adjacent public lands, existing trails or historic resources.

The location of the driveway and gate have been selected to minimize visibility but sustain access to County Road 4. the Given the proposed driveway is at a lower grade and is screened by natural vegetation, this location should have the least impact on scenic quality and views from public lands, trails, or historic resources.

5. BUILDING DESIGN AND THE NATURAL TOPOGRAPHY AND VEGETATION County regulations require that the Scenic Quality Report includes information regarding the following:

Evidence to demonstrate that the site improvements are designed and/or oriented in ways that allow them to blend in with and utilize the natural topography and vegetation. The report shall include, but not be limited to, site photos, perspective sketches, photosimulations and/or three-dimensional models at an appropriate scale.

The proposed driveway and gate is sited directly on the backside of a grouping of large pines and the main floor elevation is approx. 0 feet below CR 4. The proposed design is shown on the Applicant's draft included in this application.

#### a) Driveway

County regulations require that the project should include the following:

Design and construction plans for roads and associated structures that bear a logical relationship to existing topography to minimize the need for cuts and fills.

One driveway is proposed for this project, which stems off the west side of County Road 4.

The driveway location was carefully chosen to minimize disturbance to the vegetation and trees.

#### 6. BUILDING MATERIALS

County regulations require that the Scenic Quality Report includes information regarding the following:

Provide written descriptions and photos of the proposed building materials, colors and textures.

Utilizing and integrating elements, colors and textures found naturally in the landscape and prohibition of reflective materials, such as highly reflective glass or metals.

The proposed gate and driveway will include the following materials:

Gate-metal welded, left natural to look rustic, and blended in with the existing mine debri Driveway- existing material onsite consisting of rock, dirt, and gravel graded

#### 7. CONCLUSION

This project aims to conform to the County Scenic Quality Regulations as shown in this report and is believed to do so as summarized below:

- The Applicant has created a new, more suitable graded driveway and gate, which abides by the setback requirements of the county, uses the densest natural vegetation for screening, reduces exposure and proximity to CR 4 and avoids natural and unnatural hazards related to BLM and EPA operations on adjacent lands.

Gold Spur Mill Site TBD County Road 4 San Juan County CO Lower Cunningham Gulch Victor and Stacie Hunsicker 17440 Se 15<sup>th</sup> St Choctaw OK 73020

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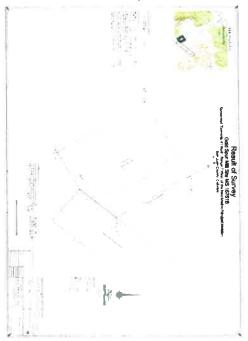
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### Application for Improvement Permit Sketch Plan Submittal

Proposed future Gold Spur Cabin and Shed
Gold Spur MS 16761B
TBD County Rd 4
Cunningham Gulch
San Juan County, Colorado



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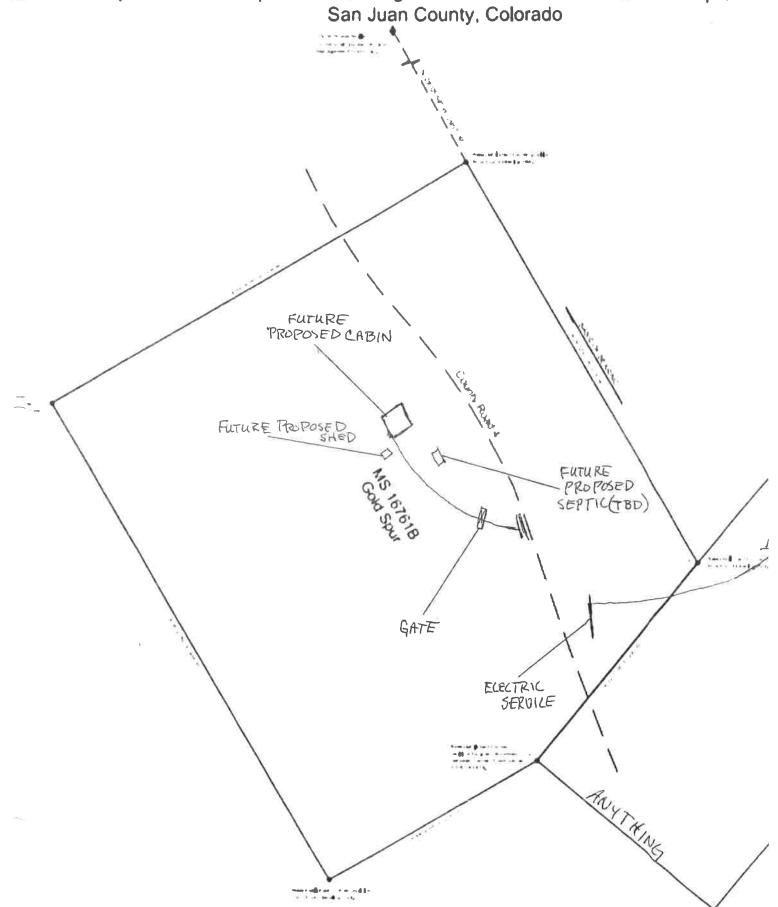
#### San Joan County, Colorado

### Application for Improvement Permit

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Applicant	Address 17440 Se 15th St	Land Use Administrator		
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	Name Victor Hunsicker	Ownership of Minerals		
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Contractor	Address	Basic Plan Map		
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# SITE PLAN PHASE 2 (FUTURE 2030) Gold Spur Mill Site MS 16761B

Suspended Township 41 North, Range 7 West, of the New Mexico Principal Mer



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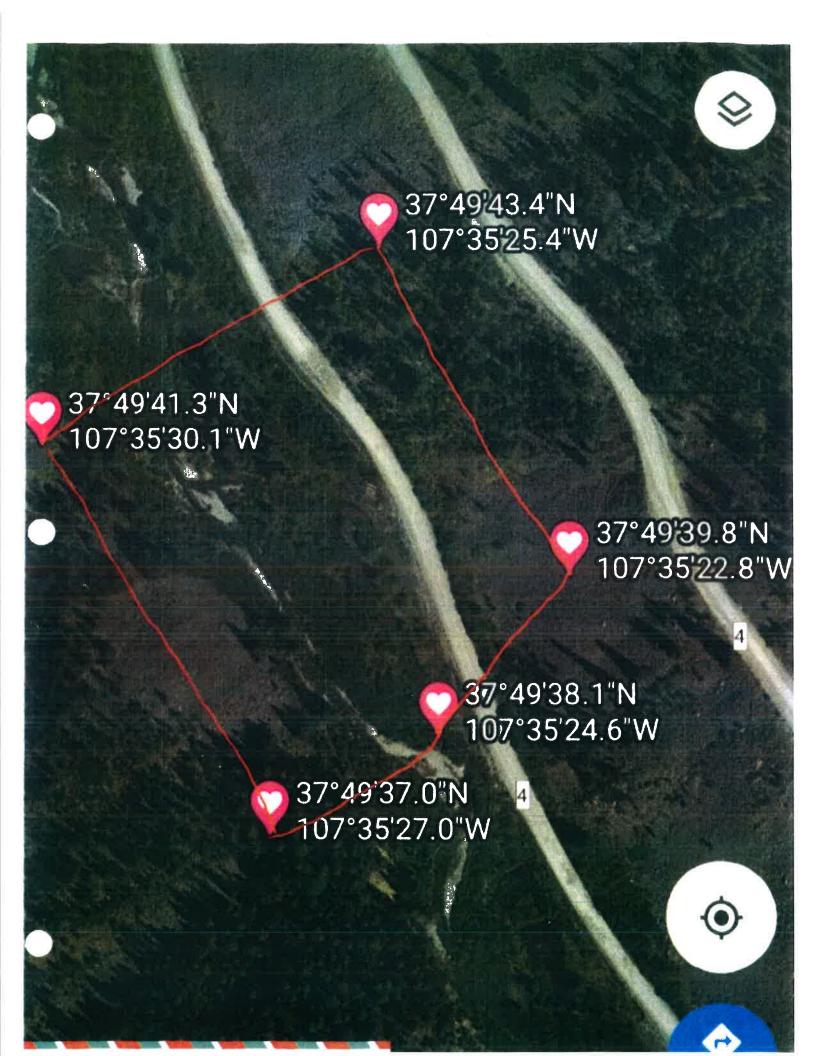
#### Short summary about the Hunsicker family:

A little bit about the Hunsicker family summarized. Victor started visiting Silverton, Colorado in the summer of 1999 as a teenager. From that first visit he knew it would be home some day. He continued to visit Silverton yearly and sometimes several times per year. In 2004 he brought me (Stacie) up to visit the area. Every year since 2004 we have made it a tradition to visit the area. We have camped in Eureka for most of the years we have visited. Eureka used to be free camping but then changed to paid camping. We still camped there through the years even in 2020. We started out camping in the bed of our truck, to tent camping, to camping in a cargo trailer, and to now we camp in a toy hauler. We have enjoyed to trails around the San Juans in trucks, jeeps, 4 wheelers, motorcycles, and side by sides over the years. Our family has also been coming to the area with us almost yearly since 2007. So with us knowing this is home we finally in July 2020 were able to get the courage and start looking for property to buy. We searched all over the trails looking for usable land. We found Gold Spur M S in mid August while visiting. We have many hours invested to make sure the land was we wanted. In September we put in an offer and secured a survey for the property to be done in October. A huge blessing. Many hours invested talking to county officials and them volunteering their time to help me understand the code and regulations. Another huge blessing because we want to keep the property as untouched as possible while trying to begin our small dream cabin.

We know the regulations to have an rv on our property are for 21 days. Our rv is self contained with a huge fresh water tank, black waste tank, grey waste tank, galley tank, generator, and fueling station. We have stayed at Eureka campground for more than 21 days with no septic or well and going to Red Mountain rv Park was never an issue to dump or get water. We are asking for an exception because we get water and dump waste at the Red Mountain Rv park each year and have for many years bringing in extra revenue to the town of Silverton. We do this when we are heading to Eureka, staying longer than 14 days, and leaving out of Silverton every single year since 2010 when we bought our first rv. We also would like to camp on our property more than 21 days a year so we can not only enjoy our property but also to keep trespassers off and keep them from trashing our property and burning in campfire rings. There are other rvs in the area and at Eureka that we have seen dump waste on the ground over the years and we prefer to not have others dumping on our property. The longer we can be there the better we can make sure our property is protected. We have children in our family that play in Cunningham Creek on our property and want to ensure that the water stays safe and

#### Statements and Reason Page 2

clean. When we are not there we want a gate up to keep people from inviting themselves onto our property to park. We want signs up for trespassers to know it's private property. We just bought the property in November 2020 and have already had to pick up trash on our property. There is also campfire rings from trespassers. We will get receipts or have a sign off sheet if needed from Red Mountain Rv Park to show we get water there and dump each time if that is what is asked of us. We do not mind since we will not be building a septic for a few years because we both have full time jobs in Oklahoma and a house to maintain there. We are just average people trying to get by and pay off our house in Oklahoma before we can start the septic and well. We think we have enough saved up for the electric, grading of the driveway, permits, signs, and gate but not sure until we get an estimate from San Miguel Power. We do not have credit cards and never have so that isn't an option to pay for any of this. Lawyers drawing up things isn't an option either unfortunately with our income. We are trying to do these applications, do research, file permits, and call county officials all while working overtime to pay for the extras we need for our land. We just want to be able to enjoy our property with our family 30 to 60 days a year and maybe 90 after retirement. I am in my 30's so retirement is going to be a long time away. Victor only gets 35 vacation days a year currently so until he retires there is absolutely no way we can stay the 60 to 90 days.



#### San Juan County Sign Use Permit Application

Proposed No Trespassing Signs
Gold Spur Mill Site 16761B
TBD County Road 4
Cunningham Gulch
San Juan County, Colorado

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#### SIGN PERMIT

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#### SAN JUAN COUNTY, COLORADO

Applicant Stacie Hu	insicker.	Date 1- 202
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Property Owner (If Other	Than Applicant)	3000 405 812 1623
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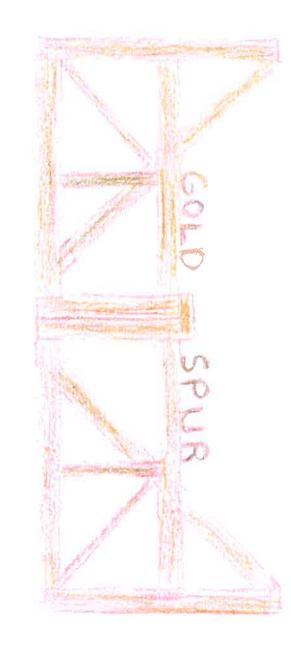
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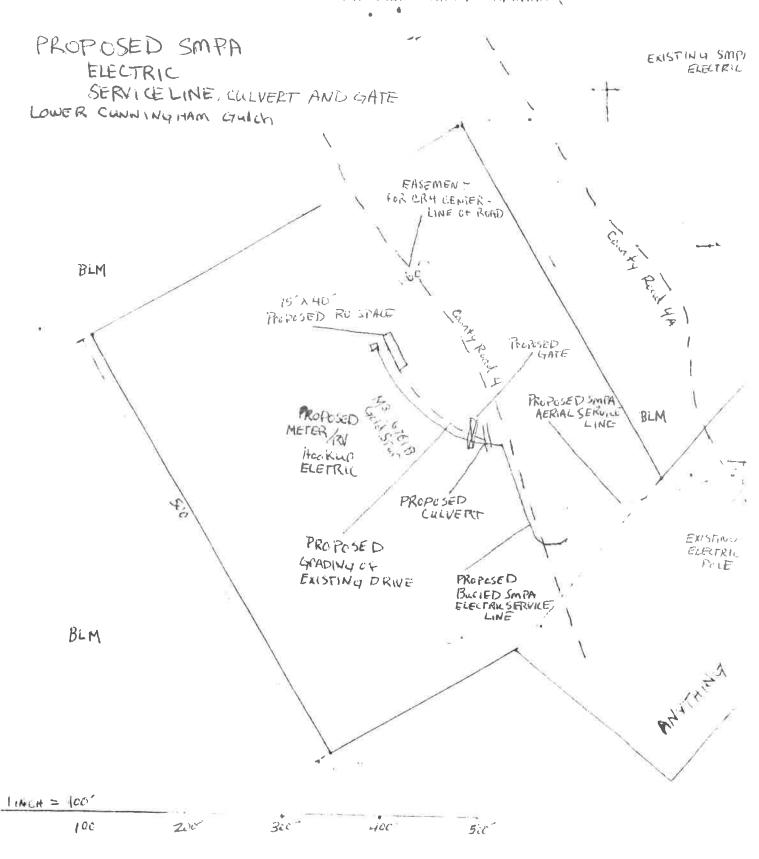
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# SITE PLAN THASE 1 2021 Gold Spur Mill Site MS 16761B

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Flood Plain regulations do not say anything about parking an rv in a flood plain. We looked up the regulations and contacted the Army Corp of Engineers. The Army Corp of Engineers do not see a risk with us grading the existing older driveway or parking an rv on the driveway. We have a letter from the Army Corp of Engineers stating no permit required.



#### U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, SACRAMENTO DISTRICT 1325 J STREET SACRAMENTO CA 95814-2922

January 29, 2021

Regulatory Division (SPK-2021-00085)

Attn: Ms. Stacie Hunsicker 17440 SE 15<sup>th</sup> Street Choctaw, OK 73020 nella2122@yahoo.com

Dear Ms. Hunsicker.

This concerns your proposed Hunsicker Property Driveway project. The approximately 7.74-acre project site is located near Cunningham Creek, within Section 12, Township 41 North, Range 7 West, New Mexico Principal Meridian, centered near Latitude 37.82802°, Longitude -107.59052°, on parcel number 48290120010012, approximately 4.2 miles east of the Town of Silverton, San Juan County, Colorado.

Based on the information you have provided, the Hunsicker Property Driveway project involves re-grading a pre-existing driveway. The proposed activities would be conducted in accordance with the plans submitted this office on January 21, 2021.

Based on the information you provided, we have determined that the proposed work will not result in the discharge of dredged or fill material within waters of the United States. Therefore, a Department of the Army Permit is not required for this work. Measures should be taken to prevent construction materials and/or activities from entering any waters of the United States (i.e. Cunningham Creek or abutting/adjacent wetlands). Appropriate soil erosion and sediment controls should be implemented on site to achieve this end.

Our disclaimer of jurisdiction is only for this activity as it pertains to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and does not refer to, nor affect jurisdiction over any waters present on site. Other federal, state, and local laws may apply to your activities. Therefore, in addition to contacting other federal and local agencies, you should also contact state regulatory authorities to determine whether your activities may require other authorizations or permits.

Please refer to identification number SPK-2021-00085 in any correspondence concerning this project. If you have any questions, please contact me at the Colorado West Regulatory Section, 400 Rood Avenue, Room 224, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, by email at <a href="mailto:Tucker\_J\_Feyder@usace.army.mil">Tucker\_J\_Feyder@usace.army.mil</a>, or telephone at (970) 243-1199, extension 1017. We would appreciate your feedback on this permit action including your interaction with our staff and processes. For more information about our program

or to complete our Regulatory Program national customer service survey, visit our website at <a href="https://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx">www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx</a>.

Sincerely,

Tucker J. Feyder Project Manager CO West Section

CC:

Lisa Adair, San Juan County Planning Director, ladair@silverton.co.us

On Fri, Jan 29, 2021 at 11:39 AM, Feyder, Tucker J CIV USARMY CESPK (USA)

<<u>Tucker.J.Feyder@usace.army.mil</u>> wrote:

Ms. Hunsicker,

Attached is correspondence related to the proposed Hunsicker Property Driveway located near Cunningham Creek, approximately 4.2 miles east of the Town of Silverton, in San Juan County, Colorado.

Very Respectfully,

Tucker Feyder

Regulatory Project Manager

Colorado West Section

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

400 Rood Ave, Room 224

Grand Junction, CO 81501

PH: (970) 243-1199 ext. 1017

\*\*\*In response to COVID-19, Regulatory Division staff are teleworking from home or other approved location. We will do our best to administer the Regulatory Program in an effective and efficient manner. Priority will be given to health and safety activities and essential infrastructure. Action on your permit application or other request may be delayed during this emergency. We appreciate your patience over the next several weeks.\*\*\*

Our customer service hours are 9am to 3pm Monday through Friday.

For more information on the Corps Regulatory Program, you can visit our website at:

http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx

Subject RE: [Non-DoD Source] Re: USACE SPK-2021-00085 Hunsicker Property Driveway

**To:** [Stacie Hunsicker <nella2122@yahoo.com>]

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**Cc:** [ladair@silverton.co.us <ladair@silverton.co.us>]

Date Fri, Jan 29, 2021 at 11:55 AM

Hmm, I wonder if the property dimensions were thrown off by the mountains/hillside when I dropped it into Google Earth... either way, it shouldn't cause any issues as long as the project doesn't change from the proposed driveway.

Very Respectfully,

Tucker Feyder

Regulatory Project Manager

Colorado West Section

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

400 Rood Ave, Room 224

Grand Junction, CO 81501

PH: (970) 243-1199 ext. 1017

From: Stacie Hunsicker <nella2122@yahoo.com>

**Sent:** Friday, January 29, 2021 10:49 AM

To: Feyder, Tucker J CIV USARMY CESPK (USA) <Tucker.J.Feyder@usace.army.mil>

Cc: ladair@silverton.co.us

Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Re: USACE SPK-2021-00085 Hunsicker Property Driveway

Tucker,

Thank you! Thank you!

The GIS portal has our land amount size incorrect. It is only 4.794 acres. Will this cause any issues? Thank you for your time and response.

Stacie Hunsicker

Water Rights and Septic Drafts incomplete

# SAN JUAN BASIN public health

Permit #	 
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APPLICATION to Construct, Alter, or Repair a	in On-site Wastewater Treatment S	ystem
Owner: VICTOF and Stack Hunsicker	Phone: 405-227-5	772
Site address: Gold Spur Mill Site 167618 TB	D County Rd 4, Consumption Galety, Sag	Jan County Co
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	Environmental Health Specialist	Date
<u>Final Inspection</u> The above system has been inspected an	nd found to comply with the above requirements	5.
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PO Box 250 Silverton, CO 81433 970-387-5522 SAN JUAN COUNTY
PO Box 466

PO Box 466 Silverton, CO 81433 970-387-5766

Date: April 11, 2021.

For: April 14 Board of County Commissioners Meeting.

From: Town/County Planning Director.

Regarding: Some of the Planning Department Work During the Past Two Weeks.

### Recent County Projects

- A County Improvement Permit application is being reviewed, for a proposed residence, on an existing subdivision lot, on the Shrine Road.
- Proposed townhomes, previously approved, may be constructed this summer at Cascade Village.
- A County Land Use Permit Application submitted by Search and Rescue is being put on hold, due to a last minute change in the proposed location, of a proposed radio repeater antenna, near CR 14.
- A County Special Events Permit Application was submitted, for the 2021 Bent Elbow Poker Run.
- The third of four County film events will occur soon for an Animas River documentary, showing changes along the river during the four seasons.
- Owners of several claims at Howardsville have contacted me individually, regarding proposed RV parks.
- Assisted future applicants with information on the County regulations, regarding a vacant claim below the Mayflower Mill.
- Assisted a future applicant with information regarding a vacant mining claim above the Lackawanna Mill.
- Assisted a new claim owner regarding the County's tree-clearing, camping, and septic system regulations, for a mining claim on Blair Gulch.
- An application is incoming for a change in location for horseback riding tours by the operator Bucks Livery.

### Recent Town Projects

- Two Ordinances were completed for the April 12 Town Board meeting: changes to the Vacation Rental regulations, and establishing an Architectural Review Overlay District.
- Proposed Merrill-Heinbaugh Resubdivision, Block 4 Blagues Addition, 19th-20th & Cement-Animas.
- Use Subject to Review App., Proposed Murphy Residence, Avalanche Hazard District, 14th & Snowden.
- Currently reviewing a Vacation Rental Application, for an existing home near 11th & Reese.
- Working with two adjacent land owners, who submitted a dual application, for multiple proposed adjacent structures, in the Floodplain & Avalanche Hazard Overlay Districts, near 13th & Cement.
- Slope Hazard Overlay District, Proposed Infrastructure Plans, 8th & Bluff, 12th & Bluff, 8th & Snowden.
- Review of any employment applications for a Town Planning Dept. part time clerical trainee, due April 9.
- Working with several applicants on upcoming projects in the downtown Historic Overlay District, with some of the proposed façade work possibly exempted as Routine Maintenance.
- Assistance to applicants and engineer on Proposed Condos at 5th & Reese, and 6th & Greene, regarding setbacks, parking, drainage, and Town regulations.
- Assisted Town staff and Committee with two draft changes, to sign codes and development reimbursements.
- Several inquiries about proposed accessory dwelling units. Town ADU regulations were amended last year. Page 1, Staff Report for BOCC, L. Adair, 4/11/21.

### Recent Projects Applicable to Both Town and County

- I am obtaining a copy of the 1970s FEMA Floodplain Cross-Sections, for review of several applications.
- Scheduling of upcoming public meetings, regarding the CWCB Draft Floodplain Maps, as required by FEMA, and ongoing coordination with CWCB/FEMA personnel, as Floodplain Administrator.
- Preparing the agenda, staff reports, and packet, for the upcoming April 20 Planning Commission meeting.
- Responding to a high amount of emailed questions and phone calls, regarding: real estate related due diligence questions, proposed development concepts, and the applicable Town/County regulations, for sites mostly in Town, and some sites in the County.

### Recent Town and County Meetings

- The Town/County Planning Director met with a code revision professional consulting firm on April 6. A grant from DOLA may provide funding for the consultant to make rapid improvements to the Town codes.
- The Town Master Plan Committee met on April 6. The non-profit organization Community Builders will be collecting citizen comments this year, which will guide revisions to the Town part of the Master Plan.
- The Town Staff meets weekly every Thursday morning. My coworkers are working on outdoor dining, covid-compliant summer events, Kendall deck maintenance, Molas Lake reservations, an audit of the budget, and they have set up new equipment in the Town Board room for the ability to begin holding in-person and Zoom "hybrid" meetings.
- The Town Personnel & Ordinance Committee met on April 9, and they discussed four Town code changes.
- The Town Board will have a 6 PM Affordable Housing work session, then a regular meeting, on April 12. The Town Board agenda/packets are posted on the Town website. The Town Board will be able to meet in person on April 12. A small citizen audience is permitted. Face coverings/social distancing is required.
- The San Juan Regional Planning Commission will meet on April 20.

The County Commissioners and citizens can contact me with any questions about the Town/County Planning Department, at work cell phone (970) 946-9408, or work email address ladair@silverton.co.us

### 2021 BUDGET SAN JUAN COUNTY, COLORADO

### **ROAD & BRIDGE - EXPENDITURES**

	2018	2019	2020	Budget 2021
Personnel	221 920	242,336	243,454	249,927
Administration	231,820	242,330	243,434	249,927
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Workers Comp. Insurance (CTSI)	12,981	12,077	11,302	300
Travel	396 7,714	30	10,596	9,000
Utilities	12,284	8,245 11,446	10,395	13,000
Supplies	6,401	6,886	7,714	7.200
Coal/Propane	70	890	7,714	1,000
Building Maintenance		090	1,123	3,000
Safety - Signs	2,406			
Fuel	31,837	57,614	25,574	38,000 2,500
Oil - Antifreeze	459	2,510	- 17	4,500
Tires	4,126	0	11,239	
Equipment Repair	15,848	59,301	24,487	28,000
Magnesium Chloride	33,824	0		20,000
Avalanche Control	0	6,233	-	2,500
Rock Work - Blasting	0	0		0 500
Culverts	0	0	4,905	3,500
Gravel - Permit	331	331	331	350
Snow Removal	5,200	5,400	8,460	7,050
Bridge Maintenance	0	0	2.1	2,000
Equipment Payment	0	0		0
CDL Physicals/License	0	0	50 E	200
Clothing Allowance	0	0	400	600
Asphalt Materials & Striping	0	0	1900	1,000
Miscellaneous	12,089	26,816	2,821	873
Sub-Total	386,053	448,534	373,856	418,000
Treasurer's Fees	5,480	5,881	4,993	4,000
Transfer to Escrows	119,000	0	160,000	139,000
Transfer to School	0	45,718	54,380	45,000
	510,534	500,134	593,229	606,000
Escrow Expenditures	83,624	97,812	136,303	140,606
TOTAL	594,158	597,947	729,531	746,606

### 2021 BUDGET SAN JUAN COUNTY, COLORADO

### **ROAD & BRIDGE FUND REVENUE**

	2018	2019	2020	Budget 2021
P.I.L.T.	81,000	81,000	98,113	98,000
Forest Reserve	40,763	45,718	108,764	100,000
Highway Users Tax	405,468	427,974	322,125	332,781
S.O. Tax A, B, C, F	994	1,254	1,177	1,150
Refunds	1,459	0	4,623	4,500
CORE Mountain Fee	0	0	3,000	6,000
Miscellaneous	3,403	9,227	862	2,500
Property Tax	11,630	11,582	12,000	11,859
Delinquent Tax and Interes	66	67	100	100
TOTAL REVENUE	544,784	576,823	550,764	556,890
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	510,534	500,134	593,229	606,000
Beginning Fund Balance	426,900	441,282	391,977	357,201

ESCROW FUNDS

Gravel	139,348
County Barn	30,824
Road Equipment	47,408
LOST 4-Wheelers	3,867
CR 2 and 110 Asphalt Mair	64,515

### SAN JUAN COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT

## **Monthly Road Maintenance Report**

### **MARCH 2021**

County road 110 Gladstone, snow, ice and rock removal. Grading and cutting potholes and rough areas pull ditches and water control. Silverton MT. parking makes road narrow and could be a liability to the County. The ski area should facilitate their own parking in he future they have the land to build their own parking now!

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#2-772G grader/plow, 30 hours.

936 loader, 4 hours.

Pickup trucks, 50 hours. Rock removal, road patrols.

County road #2 Eureka, snow and ice removal, Road patrols and rock removal. Grading and culvert maintenance and cut ice and ditches etc.

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#2772G grader/plow, 18 hours.

936 loader, 4 hours.

Pickups, 50 hours.

County road #4-4A cut ice, snow removal. Open the Cunningham Loop on 3/31/21. Very little snow one avalanche below the mine tour and opened up to the Pride Mine. Lower road packed ice from snow grooming!

#2-772G grader/plow, 7 hours,

#1-772G grader/plow, 2 hours.

D6T tractor, 6 hours, snow removal and pull grader out of creek.

Courthouse, county shops, pre-school, parking areas. Snow removal. Load and unload supplies for Fire Dept.

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Anvil Mt. snow removal and grading.

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Willy Tookey <admin@sanjuancolorado.us>

### Governor Polis to Extend Statewide Mask Order for 30 Days, Adds Transition Plan for Low-Incidence Counties

2 messages

SJC CO Office of Emergency Managment <pio@sanjuancolorado.us> Reply-To: pio@sanjuancolorado.us

To: administrator@sanjuancolorado.us

Mon, Apr 5, 2021 at 11:43 AM



San Juan County, CO: 4/5/2021

Governor Polis Extended the State Wide Mask Order for 30 more days and San Juan County is in alignment with the Executive Order:

Read the Fact Sheet here and the full Executive Order here.

DO WE STILL NEED TO WEAR A MASK WHILE IN INDOOR PUBLIC SPACES, **RESTURANTS** and or SHOPS?

YES

What counts as a public indoor setting?

A public indoor setting is any enclosed indoor area that is publicly or privately owned, managed, or operated, that is accessible to the public, serves as a place of employment, or is an entity providing services. It does not mean a person's residence.

### Governor Polis to Extend Statewide Mask Order for 30 Days, Adds Transition Plan for Low-Incidence Counties

DENVER - Governor Jared Polis announced that he will be extending the statewide mask order tomorrow with modifications that account for where Colorado is in the pandemic.

"Here in Colorado we are making incredible progress with getting vaccines into arms and protecting our most vulnerable, but until everyone can get the vaccine and our COVID cases are reduced, taking precautions to prevent a surge in cases and further spread of the disease is the smart thing to do and the right thing to do and helps keep everything open," said Governor Jared Polis. "By continuing to wear our masks in public indoor settings around others, we can safely enjoy the activities we love and keep our economy open. Every community has been impacted differently by this pandemic, and we want to ensure this order is reflective of that. We're almost there, Colorado, but we need to keep this up just a little bit longer."

"I look forward to the day when immunity reaches a level that we no longer have to wear masks. Right now across our state, 1 in 207 people are currently contagious with COVID-19, and only an estimated 27% of Coloradans are already immune through either vaccination or prior infection. In the meantime, we must continue practicing vigilance by wearing masks especially if you aren't yet fully vaccinated, practicing social distancing when in public and in the company of people with unknown vaccine status. This modified mask order is a step towards the light at the end of the tunnel, and it acknowledges a transition away from most requirements for those counties in level green with very low transmission, 35 cases or less out of every 100,000, and the great achievement they have made towards ending the pandemic," he continued.

The updated Executive Order will continue to require mask-wearing in all counties in schools (including extracurricular activities), child care centers, indoor children's camps, public-facing state government facilities, congregate care facilities, prisons, jails, emergency medical and other healthcare settings, and personal services and limited healthcare settings as defined by PHO 20-36. "We fought hard to get Colorado kids back in school successfully, and we're not going to jeopardize Colorado's return of in-person learning by changing the mask policy this school year," Governor Polis added.

In counties with one week disease incidence rates in excess of 35 per 100,000, which are known in Dial 3.0 as blue, yellow, orange, red, and purple counties, masks must also be worn in all public indoor settings when 10 or more unvaccinated individuals or individuals of unknown vaccination status are present.

The number of counties that are currently in Level Green is 31, representing a population of 238,286 Coloradans. The number of counties in Levels Blue, Yellow, Orange, or Red is 33 representing a population of 5,525,690.

The Executive Order keeps exemptions that were in the prior Executive Orders.

Read the Fact Sheet here and the full Executive Order here.

Please direct all media inquiries to San Juan County Public Information Officer DeAnne Gallegos at (970) 403-9951 or pio@sanjuancolorado.us.

To sign up for the updates from the Office of Emergency Management and San Juan County Public Health, email pio@sanjuancolorado.us to get on the email list. Make sure to sign up for emergency alerts through Nixle for San Juan County.

Text 81433 to 888-777.

Thank you.

**DeAnne Gallegos Public Information Officer** San Juan County Office of Emergency Management



Willy Tookey <admin@sanjuancolorado.us>

### SJCPH Weekly Update - San Juan County remains in GREEN on the COVID Dial 2 messages

SJC CO Office of Emergency Managment <pio@sanjuancolorado.us>

Reply-To: pio@sanjuancolorado.us To: administrator@sanjuancolorado.us Tue, Apr 13, 2021 at 1:31 PM



San Juan County, Colorado 4/13/2021

Silverton Colo: Getting the Vaccine is the best line of defense to combat the spread of COVID-19. It is the one act we can do as a community member to be a part of the solution and protect our families, friends, neighbors, guests, and co-workers. It is more about "who" you could potentially expose to COVID-19 if you are a carrier than contracting it yourself. Since COVID-19 can spread asymptomatically, it can be difficult for you as an individual to know that you have had it, meanwhile you are exposing other persons unintentionally. Your health may be able to manage contracting or being exposed to the virus but the unsuspecting person who is exposed to you is the concern.

Currently in the State of Colorado, vaccines are eligible to any person 16 and older which will help our community get to the goal of 80% of our community getting vaccinated. Be a part of the solution and sign up today!

San Juan County is currently in "GREEN" on the COVID Dial Dashboard COVID-19 dial dashboard | Colorado COVID-19 Update

Here is State of Colorado's web link to vaccine information: COVID-19 vaccine | Colorado COVID-19 **Updates** 

## **COVID-19 Vaccines and Testing**

**COVID-19 vaccinations are generally scheduled for Tuesdays** & Wednesdays 10am - 1pm at 1315 Snowden St., Silverton CO 81433 Please use this appointment request form.

Due to limited vaccine supplies, submitting the form does not guarantee you an appointment.

SJCPH continues to encourage people who are interested in receiving the vaccination and who are eligible to call public health at (970) 919-0130 or sign up online: San Juan County Colorado Website.

### **COVID-19 TESTING AVAILABLE:**

COVID-19 testing is available in Silverton Monday-Thursday 9am -10am daily. Call (970) 919-0130

or call/text 970-403-5237, Rapid antigen and PCR testing are available. All testing is funded through State grants.

### CLICK HERE TO READ PRESS RELEASE

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## **Bonita Peak Mining District Update**

March 2021











http://www.epa.gov/superfund/bonita-peak

### **Temporary Staff Changes**

- Christina Progess, EPA Team Lead, is taking a temporary detail to the EPA headquarters office to work in our Office of Resource Conservation Recovery branch. This temporary new assignment will begin mid-March and last through mid-July. While she is gone, EPA project managers currently working on the BPMD site will remain active. Rob Parker will continue to lead our efforts on the repository design and the Interim Water Treatment Plant. James Hou will continue to lead our OU3 investigations and sitewide characterization efforts focusing on the Upper Animas. Lastly, Athena Jones will continue to oversee our access agreements and historic preservation needs as well as the 2019 IROD sites for this year.
- While Christina Progess is gone, Joy Jenkins, Ph.D., P.E. will temporarily fill the EPA Team Lead role.
  - Dr. Jenkins has served as the EPA Region 8 Superfund Remedial Project Manager (RPM) for the Captain Jack Mill and Nelson Tunnel/CWR Sites in Colorado and the Gilt Edge Mine Site in South Dakota. Her work focuses on abandoned mine lands cleanup projects. Joy worked as a consulting environmental engineer prior to joining EPA in 2010. She completed her Ph.D. in Civil Engineering, Environmental emphasis, at the University of Colorado Boulder working on source control measures to prevent acid mine drainage generation. Prior to obtaining her graduate degree, Joy worked as a chemist at 3M's environmental testing and methods development lab in Minnesota. She completed her B.S. in biology with a chemistry minor from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Joy enjoys gardening and pretty much any outdoor adventure.



oy Jenkins

- Katherine Jenkins, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, is also taking a temporary detail to the EPA headquarters office to work in the Office of Land and Emergency Management. The temporary assignment will be from mid-April to early August. While she is gone, Beth Archer will fill her position.
  - Beth is a community involvement coordinator with EPA and works on a variety of sites, including the Libby Asbestos and the Colorado Smelter Superfund sites. She served in the Peace Corps in Guyana, South America, working on literacy development and teacher training before joining EPA in 2017. Beth began working at EPA in the legal enforcement group before joining the community involvement group a year ago. She loves being outside, recently completed her first half-marathon, and is hoping to grow some tomatoes this year.



Beth Archer

### **Site Updates**

EPA has started to send out consent-for-access (CFA) forms to private property owners for conducting field investigations, sampling, and necessary response actions for work starting in summer 2021. This process will be the same as it was in 2020.

EPA and their contractors will call property owners to discuss the need for access prior to sending a CFA form for their signature. If construction activities are planned on a property, EPA and partners will work with the property owner prior to construction to describe the work and seek feedback from the owner.

Field activities covered under the CFA include inspections, investigations, sampling and monitoring of water, soil, and mine waste materials, and remedial actions (construction activities) associated with the interim record of decision (IROD). These activities are similar to those conducted under previous CFA agreements.

### New on web

BPMD Update, January 2021 (PDF) (1 pg, 986 K)



Anthony D. Edwards Town of Silverton Administrator (Acting Interim) 1360 Greene Street Silverton, CO 81433 970.387.5522

April 12, 2021

San Juan County Board of Commissioners Attn: Administrator William Tookey 1557 Greene St PO Box 466 Silverton, CO 81433 970.387.5671

Dear San Juan County Commissioners,

As you are aware, the community is exploring solutions for OHV management within the Town of Silverton. These efforts prompted the Town Board to establish an OHV Working Group to explore management solutions and identify recommendations which were presented on April 12, 2021 to the community during the Town Board Meeting. In addition, I was directed to request the Commissioners prioritize identifying potential properties located outside the Town of Silverton boundaries where a staging area could be established and utilized as parking for visitors. In regard to a staging area, the suggestions are comprised of an area where a shuttle could transport our visitors to and from the Town of Silverton. For clarification, Administrator Tookey and I have discussed this matter and identified some of the issues which must be considered when identifying a staging area. Finally, during the OHV Working Group meetings there were two suggested staging areas identified for consideration due to their proximity to the Town of Silverton, which for informational purposes are further expanded upon in this correspondence.

### **Depot Station Grounds**

The first staging area suggested was the Depot Station Grounds where access to Kendall Mountain and the Animas River Corridor by OHV visitors would be provided by traveling over the Animas River by bridge on the Lackawanna Road and traversing along the base of the Lackawanna Mill through the Kendall Mountain Recreational Area parking lot. For parking purposes, visitors could then return across the Animas River and Cement Creek to the Depot Station Grounds where a shuttle could provide access to Town. This option would allow OHV visitors access to both Kendall Mountain and the Animas River Corridor without entering Town of Silverton boundaries. For clarification, this proposal would require the purchase of at least three bridges, changes to Town of Silverton

Ordinances, changing the Bureau of Land Management Recreation & Public Purposes lease agreement, revisiting the Animas River Corridor Plan, the Silverton Area Trails Plan, assessing environmental impacts, and clarification as to the status of the 20-acre right of way originally granted to the Denver and Rio Grande Railway Company.

The Depot Station Grounds right of way granted in 1872 consists of a 20-acre strip located between the railroad tracks and the Animas River. The strip extends generally from 6<sup>th</sup> Street to between 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Streets, just shy of the base of Kendall Mountain Recreation Area Parking Lot. The right of way when granted was limited to public land as may be needed for depots, machine shops, and other buildings for railroad purposes, and for a train yard location and side-tracks, not exceeding twenty acres at any one station. (See Act of Forty Second Congress, June 8, 1872 (17 Stat., 339)).

The Silverton Depot, donated to the San Juan County Historical Society in 1969, was used by the Railroad until 1966. The Society rebuilt the chimneys and roof and repainted the structure in 1971. In the fall of 1975 vandals dynamited the south end of the depot, which was restored the following year by the Historical Society. This structure was built in 1882, at about the same time the Durango depot was constructed. (See National Park Service, Department of Interior, Landmark Visit Report incorporated into the Preliminary Report Narrow Gauge Railroad Colorado, p. 6. 1989).

It is difficult to fully assess how the right of way was impacted when the property was donated to the SJCHS in 1969 and during the subsequent transfers and to do so would require an in-depth legal analysis and potentially obtain a declaratory judgment. However, presuming the right of way remains intact for the stated purposes, the question remains whether OHV parking and shuttle service would fall into the needs of a train depot, machine shops and other buildings for railroad purposes. For clarification, the right of way intersects private property and the Kendall R&PP lease and Kendall Mountain Placer owned by the Town of Silverton. Assuming the Depot Station Grounds can be used for OHV activities, other considerations required include whether the Department of Interior and Bureau of Land Management will allow us to change the purpose of the R&PP to include motorized activity within the Kendall Mountain R&PP leased lands and motorized use in areas where environmental remediation has been conducted. In addition, we will need to change Town Ordinances to allow motorized activity in Town of Silverton Parks, which is how Kendall Mountain Recreation Area is classified.

In sum, exploring the Lackawanna, Kendall Mountain Recreation Area, Depot Station Grounds option requires exploring changing the R&PP lease with DOI (BLM), mitigating environmental impacts, establishing multiple bridges, legal determinations and changing Town of Silverton Ordinances and associated plans related to the use of parks.

### Mayflower Mill Area Sunnyside Properties

The other area suggested for staging area consideration was the Sunnyside property adjacent to Animas River and the SJCHS Powerhouse Business Park. While there is a large area which could be considered, the Town does not retain historic information as it relates to those lands, nor have we discussed this with the owners. While it is difficult to identify exactly where environmental areas of concern lie in the area, there are multiple BPMD activities with Sunnyside and private landowners in the proposed area where the EPA is attempting to determine the potential source of loading in that reach of the Animas River. Therefore, any further inquiry as to utilizing the area would need to include discussions with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, the Environmental Protection Agency and the private landowners to assure a staging area doesn't interfere with the Remedial Investigation or any other impediment.

### Conclusion

Finally, the Town of Silverton requests the San Juan County Board of Commissioners prioritize assisting the community in identifying alternate staging area options for OHV visitors. As the OHV Working Group and Town of Silverton Staff gather additional relevant information, we will share this information with the County. If you have questions, thoughts, or concerns, please contact Town Staff.

Anthony D. Edwards

Town of Silverton Administrator (Acting Interim)



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### Hi Willy,

I'm glad you included that May 5th date, because I just found out yesterday that our RTD had to cancel all April 9th meetings!

I have you down for Wednesday, May 5th at 4pm.

I will send an invite and more information as the date nears. Thanks again!

Linda Morschauser Administrative Assistant II Region 5 - Environmental & Planning



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Hello, Animas River Stakeholders Group.

This is Ty with Trout Unlimited. I've hijacked Peter's email list for the ARSG to invite you to the dedication ceremony of the ARSG memorial that's been erected on the banks of the Animas River in Silverton.

As you know, Peter and Bill concluded the Stakeholders group in 2019 following the listing of the Upper Animas as the Bonita Peak Mining District Superfund site. Since then, the good work of the Stakeholders has been sustained through Peter's leadership of the Bonita Peak Community Advisory Group (CAG). I have the good fortune of co-coordinating the CAG with Peter and other members of the watershed.

In response to the conclusion of the ARSG's tenure, members of the Stakeholders group took it upon themselves to find a way to honor the 25 years of commitment by the ARSG and its founders, Bill Simon, Peter Butler, and Steve Fearn. It was decided a permanent memorial should adorn the banks of the Animas River, and members of the ARSG set-out to secure financial donations, a space and an artist. Over the past year and a half, Lisa Merrill with BLM, Kirstin Brown with DRMS, Marcie Bidwell with MSI and I have worked diligently to make sure the residents of this watershed honor these people in a way befitting of their passion for the river we all love. Using some historic mining pieces donated from the San Juan County Historical Society, and some rocks from BLM, we're happy to report the memorial is complete and ready for a dedication ceremony.

Therefore, please join us as we honor the ARSG and its founders, Bill Simon, Peter Butler and Steve Fearn.

When: Friday afternoon, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 2PM

Where: The banks of the Animas River in Silverton just downstream of the Cement Creek confluence, where the old dump used to be. The site is easiest accessed via 10<sup>th</sup> street just beyond the train depot.

What: A dedication ceremony and celebration! Drinks and light refreshments will be served in a COVID-friendly way. Along with the many members of the Stakeholders group, we anticipate attendance by various elected officials, State and Federal agency folks, Animas River watershed citizens and the media.

Let's take this opportunity to come together again as the Animas River Stakeholders Group to honor and celebrate the founders and their commitment to the health of the Animas River. After 25 years and much success, this is the least we can do for these people. Join us!

Please let me know if you have any questions, and by all means, share this invite with anyone who should be in attendance. Let's all pause to say, "Thank you!"

Cheers,

Ty Churchwell ty.churchwell@tu.org 970-903-3010



Willy Tookey <admin@sanjuan colorado.us>

### **Nnimas Forks**

1 message

Fritz Klinke <nagraph@ekiva.net> To: admin@sanjuancolorado.us

Sun, Apr 11, 2021 at 4:56 PM

Willy-- Just an idle thought--is there any need to open the high country roads in such a big hurry as we have done in the past? Everyone open for business this past winter has reported excellent returns, there is no poverty among the restaurants or hotels/motels, etc., so if we took it easy, didn't tear up equipment, saved a bunch of fuel, and opened up the roads several weeks later as a county we would be better off. The crews now have the housing area streets to be concerned with, the road to Gladstone, and perhaps equipment that needs attention. There is no push from mining and it serves only to let the off-road people into the fragile Alpine areas before the land can handle them. The train starts late May and it appears we will be overwhelmed this summer as it is. Thanks,

Fritz Klinke NA Graphics 4 Mears Ave. -- P.O. Box 467 Silverton CO 81433 nagraph@ekiva.net www.nagraph.com

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### RESOLUTION NO. 2021-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SAN JUAN COUNTY, COLORADO, SUPPORTING AND APPROVING THE GOCO RESILIENT COMMUNITY GRANT FROM THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND AND THE COMPLETION OF PUBLIC LANDS STEWARDSHIP AND VISITOR EDUCATION PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the San Juan County supports the Great Outdoors Colorado grant application for the Public Lands Stewardship and Visitor Education project and supports the completion of the project; and

WHEREAS, the San Juan County requested and received \$260,200 from Great Outdoors Colorado for the Public Lands Stewardship and Visitor Education Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SAN JUAN COUNTY THAT:

Section 1: The Board of County Commissioner of San Juan County strongly supports the application and has appropriated matching funds for a grant with Great Outdoors Colorado. The Board of County Commissioners of the San Juan County strongly supports the completion Section 2. of the project. The Board of County Commissioners of San Juan County authorizes the expenditure of funds Section 3 necessary to meet the terms and obligations of any Grant awarded. The Board of County Commissioners of San Juan County recognizes that as the recipient of a Section 4: Great Outdoors Colorado Resilient Community grant the project site must provide reasonable public access. The Board of County Commissioners of San Juan County hereby authorizes County Section 52 Administrator William Tookey as the Designated Official to sign the grant agreement with Great Outdoors Colorado. Section 6: This resolution to be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval APPROVED AND ADOPTED IN SILVERTON, SAN JUAN COUNTY, COLORADO THIS 14th day of April 2021

Scott L. Fetchenhier, Chairman	ATTEST:
Ernest Kuhlman	Ladonna Jaramillo Clerk and Recorder
Austin Lashley	

### **MEMORANDUM**

April 14, 2021

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FR: William A. Tookey

RE: CR 22

During their January 22, 2020 BOCC Meeting the Commissioners discussed motorized restrictions for CR 22 and CR 22A. It was the consensus of the Commissioners to receive public comment during their February 26, 2020 meeting. It was also the consensus of the Commissioners that CR 22 and CR 22A would be considered separately for any restrictions.

A Public Notice was published in the Silverton Standard informing the public of the February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting and requesting public comments. The Public Hearing began at 7:00 pm and the Commissioners began receiving public comment concerning possible restrictions to motorized traffic on CR 22 and CR 22A. The Commissioners received 49 verbal comments and were presented with 58 written comments. The comment period was concluded at 8:20 P.M. Chairman McKay asked for discussion from the Commissioners. Commissioner Kuhlman moved to leave both CR 22 and CR 22A without and motorized restrictions. The motion died for lack of a second. Commissioner McKay made a motion to make CR 22 and 22A into a "health corridor" and not allow for motorized traffic. The motion died for a lack of a second. Commissioner Fetchenhier suggested that the Commissioners continue to study the issue, continue to receive written comments and to set up a Committee. Commissioner Fetchenhier volunteered to set up a task force to provide a recommendation to the Commissioners.

The Task Force convened on March 6, 2020 at 9 am and consisted of Jim Lokey, DeAnne Gallegos, Bruce Conrad, Mike Lawyer, Cheryl Meadows, Joe Jepson, Ryan Marble, Clint Pinto, Austen Ashley, Becky Joyce, William Tookey and Scott Fetchenhier.

It was the consensus of the Task Force to continue to allow motorized use of both CR 22 and CR 22A but to close CR 22 to through traffic. The recommendation is to put a gate, barricade or some other road closure between the Powerhouse and Arrastra Gulch, probably in the area of the Boulder Gulch culvert, and to put another closure somewhere between Arrastra Gulch and Howardsville. The exact location of both "gates" would be determined after a site visit and consultation with the County Road Supervisor Louis Girodo. Signage would be constructed at both the north and south entrances to CR 22 and the entrances to CR 22 from Arrastra Gulch. The signage would notify the public that the roads were closed to through traffic. Additional signage would be installed to regulate trailers.

The Commissioners received the task force recommendations during their March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Commissioner Fetchenhier moved to receive public comment concerning the proposed recommendations until the April 8, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Kuhlman

seconded the motion. The motion passed with Fetchenhier and Kuhlman voting yes and McKay voting no.

During their meeting of April 22<sup>nd</sup> the Commissioners reviewed the written comments received concerning the recommendations from the Task Force for actions on CR 22 and 22A. Commissioner Fetchenhier moved to implement the recommendations of the Task Force, which will include placing a barricade between the Power House and Arrastra Gulch, a barricade between Arrastra Gulch and Howardsville and a barricade near the Joe Jepson property along with appropriate signage, and to reduce the speed limit on County Roads to 20 mph. Commissioner McKay seconded the motion. The motion passed with McKay and Fetchenhier voting yes and Kuhlman voting no.

Attached to this Memo are the public comments received last year prior to the decision as well as three emails related to the gating of CR 22 road. At this time we have only received one written comment concerning CR 22.



### Willy Tookey <admin@sanjuancolorado.us>

### River road restrictions

1 message

Connie <dconbishop@hotmail.com> To: sanjuancounty@frontier.net

Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 9:09 AM

I am Connie Bishop living on Cement Street. Last fall I expressed my feelings about the pile of stone blocking the road at the culvert. I ride my bike on that road. I am 74 and just need a safe route through that barricade. I've been riding that for the 21 years I've lived in Silverton. Please consider the bicycles. Connie Bishop

Sent from my iPhone

## COUNTY ROAD 22 AND 22A WRITTEN COMMENTS 2/26/20

- I would gladly see ATVs barred from every road in San Juan County, but that's unlikely to happen, and the closure of the river road to all motor vehicles seems wrong and especially unjust to elderly users, particularly fishermen, and the snowmobilers who for years were responsible for grooming the road for themselves and Nordic skiers. People should not be able to purchase and develop property on a given road and then change the road's use from what it was at the time of purchase.
- This is a scenic stretch of road that I enjoy every year in a Polaris RZR. Myself and the group I travel with always slow to a crawl for hikers, pets and fishermen. I realize not everyone does that but perhaps you could try educating those that don't with a sign explaining proper etiquette to use on the road and mentioning the road will be closed if non motorized users are dusted and disrespected. I would be willing to bet the San Juan Mountain Trail Group and other users could raise the funds needed for the sign. As a construction worker I know first hand what it is like to be dusted and put in danger by those who don't slow down. Please try education first.
- 3. As someone who has spent at least the summers in Silverton since 1972, I can say from first hand experience that the situation in San Juan County concerning road usage has become untenable. San Juan County has seemingly become primarily a playground for ATVs and OHVs. I rarely even go out in my jeep in the summer now because of the overwhelming traffic on the roads, sometimes groups of a dozen or more. As you know, on many roads it is almost impossible to pass others you meet and it involves backing in treacherous spots. The dust is a huge issue, but mostly I really resent the attitude of many who have no respect for the land or other people.

As a business owner I can tell you that I only have maybe a couple of handfuls of customers in my shop every summer from ATV users.

ANY restrictions on ANY roads or sections of roads in the county would be welcome to me. I'd especially love to see the road along the river from Silverton to Howardsville become foot or bike only. I additionally would love to see ATVs OUT OF SILVERTON. Permits to use the back country roads might be a good idea to slow down usage and increase revenue.

4. County Roads 22 and 22A are very important assets for the people of San Juan County to enjoy quiet non-motorized activities like walking, skiing, fishing, mushroom hunting, and dog walking. Currently almost 100% of the county's roads are motorized. Having these two roads non-motorized will offer a diverse healthy alternative that will allow all people the opportunity to enjoy easily accessed quiet beautiful scenery. These non-motorized roads will be an asset for the County for years to come which will improve the quality of life and make the County more

attractive for current and future residents. Please be forward thinking and make County Roads 22 and 22A non-motorized.

Please inform the County Commissioners that both Larry and I strongly object to the proposed county road closures for motorized use. We have enjoyed the motorized use of these roads in the 45 years that we have lived here and wish to continue motorized use of these roads, along with other uses.

Please share our objections with Ernie, Scott and Pete.

6.

I hope you're doing well and enjoying winter. I was hoping to run into you at some point (I prefer face to face over email), but this will have to do. I wanted to voice my support for closing the lower river road to motor vehicles. Though I am not versed in the landowner's concerns, I feel that having just one road that is non-motorized traffic in the county (and a short road, at that, that does not require traversing in order to access the surrounding backcountry) would be a benefit to our community, particularly those who are elderly and otherwise disabled. The lower river road is an ideal place to take a walk or a cross-country ski, and many elderly and/or disabled people don't want to walk there due to the heavy OHV traffic. Dan Hoyle comes to mind; after his neck surgery, he struggled to find a place where he felt safe to walk his medically-required miles each day. He couldn't turn his head to see upcoming traffic due to his surgery, and constantly felt like he was going to get run over, or fall after being surprised by a speeding OHV or motorcycle. I imagine there are other senior citizens in our town and visitors that feel the same way. Granted, there are other places that have been improved along the river, specifically within the city limits near the railroad's property, but having one other flat, graded option seems like a good idea to me.

I know this will upset the motorized-use advocates. They will say that their rights to use their public lands are being infringed and compromised. They will say that disabled and elderly people need motorized access to see these places. One could argue that it does nothing of the sort, as you can partake in most of the views that the lower river road provides by traveling on the upper river road for those few short miles. A plausible response to them is that by making it non-motorized, it would (apparently) address the concerns of landowners, while simultaneously providing a safe place for the hikers, cross-country skiers, and snowshoers among us that aren't as adventurous to enjoy the same views without the sustained hyper-awareness for OHVs and other vehicles that is inherently necessary when hiking on roads in these mountains.

This email is in response to the upcoming San Juan County Commissioners' hearing on February 26, 2020 regarding the possible closure of segments of County Roads 22 and 22A. I want to highlight that County Road 22A is utilized to access a number of patented mining claims on the west side of the Animas River. More specifically, Houghton Land Preservation LLC ("HLP") actively uses the road to access claims that it owns in Otto Gulch, using the road segment that leads to what is commonly referred to as the Auburn Tunnel. This road segment has clearly been in existence for decades as evidenced by USGS air photo AR1BT0000010046 dating 10-19-1945. HLP intends to continue to use this road. However, if there is a motion to eliminate OHV's from this road, San Juan Land Holding Company, LLC would strongly support expanding this to include all county roads within San Juan County.

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I would like to express my concerns to the closet of road 22 and 22a to motorized use. Neither me nor my family would like to see the roads closed. We use the road in the summer and winter (snowmobile) me and my father have several pieces of property along/across the road. In 2015 I officially granted easement to the county across my property along road 22 for public use. I would not like to see the public or my access restricted to the road or my property. Many older people like to have access to the river to fish and sight see also. The more you limit motorized access the less accessible the world is to the older and handicapped also.

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As a motorized recreation enthusiast (Jeeper), I am writing to ask that you please do NOT close county roads 22 and 22A to public motor vehicle use. As I understand it, the county is considering closing these roads in order to give exclusive access to a private landowner, who has expressed a desire to lock the public out of these roads. It is the duty of county officials to consider the needs of all citizens, not just one single landowner. These roads are important public resources that thousands of people enjoy driving every year. It would be a shame to lock the public out of these roads simply so one landowner can enjoy a favored status with exclusive access to to a public resource. I strongly oppose this action, and urge you to keep these roads open to public motorized use. Thank you.

## 10.

I am completely in favor of closing the roads 22 and 22A to motorized vehicles. This is so important and will help keep tiny portions safe from the destruction of the beautiful solitude in the San Juans due to OHV's.

#### 11.

We definitely want the lower river road closed to ATV travel It ruins a nice walk there and they can use the upper road. We need some roads just for walking in our opinion.

#### 12.

As property owners along 22A, we object to closing the road to motorized use. This will block our access to the property (Mater Delarosa and Hungry Joe) and will likely make it difficult for

us to sell our property. It is currently up for sale, and we object to anything that might make the sale more difficult or which would block our access.

## 13.

Formed in 1976, United Four Wheel Drive Associations Inc. is the only International Organization that represents the 4×4 enthusiast exclusively. Entirely comprised of fellow enthusiasts volunteers, United (UFWDA) understands the issues and works to maintain motorized access for full-size vehicles

When we do maintain motorized access for full-size vehicles, we are also creating access for ALL other user groups. All user groups use these roads and trails with no restrictions other than capability.

United has become aware of the issue being put before the Commissioners to possibly vote to close CR 22 and 22A to the public. We vehemently oppose these closures for the reasons being given.

The routes in question have existed over 100-years as both railroad rights of way and roadways. The petitioners for these closures came along well after the rights of way were well established.

This is a case of people building near an airport or other public facility and later complaining about the noise, pollution, and other annoyances.

These roads are used not only for ingress and egress for the residents, but for anglers, history buffs, and picnicking along the river. Many user groups will be affected by closures.

We see other alternatives to this problem. Enforced low speed limits near the residential areas should nearly nullify the problem. We understand the trouble and expense for the Sheriff, but there are ways to make that minimal.

By using one of the portable radar units and a traffic cam combination set up, an officer would not be necessary most of the time. Post signs with exorbitant fines for speeding and eventually, the problem will take care of itself.

There may be times when that radar unit could be moved to other locations to help justify the expense. During events in Silverton would be one example.

Consider too the economical ramifications that could result from closures. Silverton has used good sense in opening certain town streets to ATVs and UTVs and we are sure your town tax coffers reflect those decisions. We realize not all residents support those decisions, some for good reason.

Here again, the radar/photo unit(s) could help alleviate these concerns.

Too often, we see knee-jerk reactions from government to what are small issues in reality. We ask that you consider our alternative and any others that may be offered BEFORE any thoughts of closures are entertained. We trust your good judgment will be used rather than the knee application.

#### 14.

I am unsure yet if I will be back in town from a training. I wanted to pass my thoughts along. I am in full support of closing the river road to ATV's. The amount of territory that the OHV community has taken over is immense and has changed the character of our town. The river road is one piece of the pie that would be nice to reestablish for the walking, hiking, family, biking Silverton community. One that could be minimal dust too! In addition, it is a critical part of the corridor for elk, moose, and other animals.

#### 15.

Thank you for reconsidering closing the River Road and the inner road from Howardsville to Eureka to OHVs and all motorized traffic. The River road is particularly special to myself and the community. As it is now, during the summer, the OHV traffic is plentiful on this road (and everywhere) and this results in a loud environment and so much dust. It would be wonderful to close this road completely to all motorized vehicles, so that bikers, walkers, and runners could have a peaceful place to enjoy, close to town. Most towns have bike paths and river trails. We can and should strive for that too! I believe tourists as well as locals would appreciate and benefit from a non-motorized road. There is the main road parallel to these roads so vehicles can get where they want and need to go.

As a community that values healthy lifestyles, peace, and a good quality of life, we need to think a little more progressively. We need to think beyond just tourism and think how we can support a more active, healthy lifestyle. We need to support all groups of users. OHVs have a plethora or roads to use.

## 16.

Thank you for taking public input on the issue of closing the county road along the upper Animas River to motorized traffic. We are fully in support of this idea for several reasons. Having used the area for several years, we have noticed a significant increase in motorized traffic which often results in a very dusty and unpleasant experience for all participants. Limiting the road to non-motorized use would greatly enhance the experience for walkers, bikers, and runners. It should be noted that there is a county road parallel to this section and motorized access to destinations up-River would not be affected.

Silverton is distinctly lacking a flat path for easy walking. There is great potential benefit for public health in enhancing those opportunities, as many other surrounding communities have. Thank you for taking my input on this and I strongly encourage you to move forward to limiting these areas to non-motorized use.

just wanted to express our opinion on road closure of CR22 & CR22A. We are against this. It is and should remain a public right of way.

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I am strongly requesting the San County BOCC to restrict access to CR 22 & CR 22A to non-motorized traffic during the Summer Season.

**CR 22:** River Road is a haven for local residents and visitors for easy access to our Upper Animas River sanctuary amidst its scenic geology and visible wildlife. Restricting this section of rough road will result in a powerful benefit especially for local and visiting families; and senior citizens who may not be able to hike the steep trails of the Weminuche Wilderness.

**CR 22 A:** This extension of the above rough, dirt road provides hikers and other non-motorized users with opportunity to enjoy our beautiful and historic Upper Animas Valley. As there is a parallel highway it does not interfere with motorized vehicle use.

San Juan County, Colorado likely has the most primitive roads available to OHV's and 4x4 vehicles in the United States. This is, of course, due to our proud mining heritage. Restricting summer season use of the above roads will NOT interfere with the local OHV businesses or visitors.

19.

I am in favor of a nonmotorized river corridor from Silverton to Eureka (including both CR 22 and CR 22A). I do not take restricting public access for the gain of a private landowner lightly. I see nonmotorized use as a community benefit that fits into a long-term goal. I am, however, concerned about unintended consequences. For example, as a neighbor in the Powerhouse subdivision just below CR 22, I hope there is adequate public parking for owners of cabins on mining claims along the corridor and for nonmotorized users.

20.

If this is the road that runs along the Animas between Silverton and Howardsville, I think it would be a big mistake for the County and almost everyone, to close any of it.

We take all of our guest and family along this road to show them a close up of the beautiful Animas. There are not a lot of places to get this kind of View!

Prohibiting it's use because of the objections of one property owner, who may have built close to the road, is very self-serving, like he owns the hole road.

If not outright rejected tonight, I think it should be Tabled until mid-summer when the owners and Tax payers, that are out of town for the winter, can attend and can be heard! It has been a great joy to tourist for years, and should not be a hasty decision in the middle of winter.

21.

I Would like to voice my concerns and displeasure over the proposed closure

of segments of County Roads 22 and 22 a.

I understand that a property owner would like the area closed. I don't believe that one or two individual property owners have the right to dictate or demand closures a certain segments of county roads/public roads that have been accessible by the general public for 5880 some years.

I understand that a property owner would like the area closed. I don't believe that one or two individual property owners have the right to dictate or demand closures for certain segments of county roads/public roads that have been accessible by the general public for 50 to 80 some years.

What individual sized properly they are aware of the current roads and current users. So to later demands of the road closed to everyone except them is not appropriate Nor should it be allowed.

I would suggest making these sections of the road down to five or 10 mph. This would still allow the general public to visit and drive down these roads and still see the historical landmarks, buildings, Etc..., but at a much lower speed. But not exclude them from seeing it or discriminating Against those who are physically challenged and cannot walk or use her wheelchair on the road to see these areas.

I asked to believe that the meeting should be postponed and planned several weeks in advance so that the public can attend or are able to get comments in in a timely manner a few days notice is not ethical. Give the public time to prepare for the meeting or get comments in.

#### 22.

I would like to go on record as being vehemently opposed to the proposed closure of SJ County Roads 22 and 22A. I travel to the area several times a year to explore the backcountry and all of the scenery and wildlife that this particular spot of CO offers. The vistas are unrivaled, in my opinion, with anywhere else CO offers except maybe the iconic Maroon Bells.

Additionally, I would like to add that closure is NOT management. If the proposed closure has been prompted by complaints or such, I suggest that SJ County address the particular issues and/or individuals that are causing the complaints rather than completely close off access to these areas for the 99.9% of explorers that tread lightly and comply with rules and regulations.

## 23.

I have heard about the meeting in Silverton about possible road closures. I would greatly appreciate it if you did not close them. It is our go to area every year for summer and we love the people and the scenery. It would devastate all of us if you close down the roads and not to mention the Silverton Lakecity and ouray. So please do not close the roads to motor use.

Since 1991, my husband and I have explored in our Jeep the trails of the San Juans/Silverton. It is such a joy to visit and experience the beauty. We and many of our peers have never abused the privilege of using the roads and trails. We've always been cognizant of the fragility of the land and stayed the trail, closely monitored our speed and was considerate of others on the trails and respected land owners. I beg you to please not penalize us and all other good stewards because of the poor behavior of a few.

I would suggest closer monitoring of the roads and trails, and educating first-timers, renters of OHV's and SxS as well as 4WD vehicles. Stiff penalties for disobeying rules of the trails would be a deterrent.

#### 25.

Road closures are an infringement of the rights of law abiding tax payers and in so doing is miss management.

#### 26.

Was this a public access road when this landowner purchased their property there? It's a beautiful area and should be enjoyed by all. It's very unfair to the people also, to have this meeting when so many are away on winter vacation.

# 27.

I am a citizen of Colorado living in Pagosa Springs. For 21 years I have camped and ridden my atv up there, camping in Eureka usually. That beautiful river road is such a pleasant drive to get us away from CR 2 when we're going to other trails. I have never seen anyone doing anything to damage the road. We see it as a pleasant slow ride from point A to point B. Slow being the operative word. It has never seemed crowded. It's a historic road loved by many and respected. Please do not block us from using this lovely old road!

#### 28.

I think closing these roads would be a mistake. There is a tremendous amount of history located in this area that is accessible by these roads. I would also be concerned about the home/land owners in this area. If the roads are closed how will they access their property?

## 29.

My family and I come to this area at least once a year. Love dropping down into Silverton from both of these roads. So much beauty in the valley.

One of my concerns is if these are closed more concentration of vehicles on the other roads around this area! Please do not close these roads! Thank you! I am a Colorado resident, love my state and our many options to see our beautiful state!

30.

Please keep these roads open for all to enjoy.

We visit the area every year and enjoy so much try being Able To drive along the river and stop to listen to the river running over the rocks.

It would be a great loss to all of us if these were closed

## 31.

I am under the impression that a land owner would like you to close County roads 22 and 22A to all motorized vehicles. I among many other people use this road to access river to fish and also for a more scenic drive than the normal county road 2. Keep in mind also handicapped people like my mother in law who has a prosthetic leg she cant walk very far and uses the OHV to see all of the scenery on these two roads and well as all the rest of the San Juan mountains! If you take away the use of all motorized vehicles she wont be able to see river and that is not fair. I know OHV'S have not shown to much of a good name over last couple of years but the San Juan trail group is working to change that. I am apart of the group and see great potential for changing the way OHVS use the San Juan's for the better. All i ask is that that everyone who wants to shut them out give us as a group time to show we can demonstrate how OHV's can use the San Juan's and follow rules of the road including speed limit, staying the trail and share the roads. We are working really hard on making sure everyone is properly educated about OHV use in San Juan's and making sure rules are followed! All I ask is give us a chance before you shut down any roads I firmly believe our plan will work! THANK YOU Nathan Turk

## 32.

A majority of us OHVer's are law abiding citizens who love the backcountry to explore and wander just to see the beauty of what Colorado has to offer. Please consider this when making decisions to close roads. There are a few bad apple songs in the bunch but please don't punish the apple tree. Thank you for your consideration! I can be contacted by email or cell.

## 33.

Please don't close these roads to motorized vehicles. If it is being considered for closing do to its narrow width please consider making it one way. The main reason I really would love to continue to be able to drive my car down this road is for the amazing view of the river that you just can not see from the upper road. I was able to take my 87 year old mother down that road to view the river on her first trip out from Texas to my home in

Farmington, NM and I know it was one of the highlights of her life. The thought of never being able to take her to see it again is extremely sad! Please, please don't close these road to motorized vehicles.

#### 34.

I am respectfully reaching out in regards to road closures in the San Juan's. I feel the real issues lies with education and carrying out that knowledge for 4x4 drivers, specially stay the trail guidelines to help keep our nature preserved but use our knowledge to explore other areas of the San Juan's. Thank you.

#### 35.

For years I have shared the beauty and splendor of the San Juan Mountains with family and friends. We take great pains to leave no trace as we travel these roads thru time. Closing these trails would be a terrible loss to past, present and future generations. Please work to keep these wonderful trails open for everyone to cherish.

## 36.

It's is not, nor should it be, the role of the government to restrict public use of public lands and right of ways.

#### 37.

One the highlights of our yearly trips to Silverton from Fort Worth has always been enjoying the old railroad grade alongside the river. The intimacy and solace of the narrow passages, envisioning how it must have been in the heyday contribute immensely to our experience. Please do not deprive us and so many others of such a special place!

#### 38.

I am the co-founder and active VP and Treasurer for a nonprofit organization that holds offroading trails runs for officers as well as events to raise money for our law enforcement members that have been injured in the line of duty or struggling with PTSD, anxiety, and depression related to their oath to serve and protect. Our organization uses our trails throughout the state to get from one location to the next and it is instrumental for our ability to continue to have our events. We will be actually coming through this area both this year and 2021. We educate and require members and participants to tread lightly, stay the trail, pack out more than you take in just to name a few as we value our trails systems and nature. We ask for you to consider the impact a closer will have on the offroading community and nonprofit organizations such as ours that rely on our trail systems to do the positive work for our communities.

39.

Name: Armando Martinez Subject: Closure of road 22A

Details: I just heard that you are considering closing road 22A to private traffic and I believe this will be hurtful to the outdoor community. This road had been used by multiple generations of my family and has created many great memories for us. To close this road would shut down those memories and the access to them for my future generations. This would be sad.

## 40.

A use of County Road 22 that excludes through-traffic for motorized vehicles will impact me in that I occasionally use 22 to avoid nettlesome traffic and excessive dust raised on County Road 2 in the summertime. I would, however, be more than happy to sacrifice that personal alternative were 22 linked with 22A to establish a non-noisy, non-dusty corridor linking Silverton to Eureka. That linkage, I believe, would be an embellishment to the Silverton/San Juan County community, and a popular one at that.

I do believe the wishes of homeowners along the corridor should be given particular weight in deciding road use alternatives. They are the ones most impacted. That courtesy was never accorded me when the approved town ATV route was altered in my absence to include that segment of CR110 running right by my house, bringing noise that now disturbs my peace. I do not wish that discourteous sleight perpetrated on others. And so, I urge the County Commissioners to pro-actively seek and consider the input of affected homeowners along the County Road 22 & 22A corridor, giving them extra weight.

## 41.

I encourage you to restrict all motorized vehicle use on the proposed segments of CR 22 (River Road) and CR 22A (inside ROW from Howardsville to Eureka). I believe that these scenic roads, next to the Animas River, should be reserved for healthy activities such as walking and bike riding. It's no accident that so many other Municipalities have non-motorized trail systems alongside their river corridors, it's simply good planning with the health (both physical and mental) of their citizens in mind.

#### 42.

I am in full agreement that motorized vehicles should be restricted along the corridor CR 22 and CR 22A. I believe we have many options for motorized vehicles, and the more our community grows, the more we need open natural areas, free from the traffic and dust that motorized vehicles bring.

#### 43.

I, as a resident of Silverton, and father of two young children who attend Silverton School, encourage you to please consider restricting all motorized vehicle use on the proposed segments of CR 22 (River Road) and CR 22A (inside ROW from Howardsville to Eureka).

I believe that these scenic roads, next to the Animas River, should be reserved for healthy activities such as walking and bike riding. It's no accident that so many other Municipalities have

non-motorized trail systems alongside their river corridors, it's simply good planning with the health (both physical and mental) of their citizens in mind.

This is also a safety concern as there are currently no roads that are non-motorized in the Silverton area. This presents a concern for us, as parents. We have had many "close calls" while hiking along the Animas River Road with our children.

#### 44.

I am respectfully submitting my thoughts concerning the upcoming meeting on the HOV restrictions along CR22 and CR22A. I encourage you to consider restricting all motorized vehicle use on the proposed segments of CR 22 (River Road) and CR 22A (inside ROW from Howardsville to Eureka) during the summer months.

HOVs still have many roads accessible to them in the beautiful San Juan Mountains. The River Road allows for families and children to have a safe and flat trail close to town, as they might not be able to access other trails further out of town with strollers etc.

Other municipalities have successfully converted a few select motorized trails in an economically viable way. I truly understand the need to keep the tourism industry and HOV tourism in the Silverton. Restricting only one or two short trail segments in town would not affect the regional aspect of HOV tourism and its associated income for the town. It would, however, broaden the tourism base. The trail segments in question could be presented as health corridors, with informational panels on the flora/fauna of the area, mining history, with view points, benches, etc. Mile markers could help hikers/bikers/runners check their progress. I have seen similar approaches in other town also offering various exercises at regular intervals (ie jumping jacks, squats, etc). Durango, for example has created a successful river walk within their town. The large amount of dust and the HOV speeds prevent those road segments from being multi-use in a truly safe way if kids, strollers, dogs on leash are also using that corridor. This is not a pro vs anti HOV discussion, it is finding a fair and safe middle ground for all the many recreation options Silverton has to offer.

## 45.

It is my most sincere desire to have a place to walk in peace and serenity. All OHV/s and motorized vehicles should be banned from both County Road 22 and 22A. This needs to happen to restore some balance and include activities for all. Currently, there is NO balance in San Juan County. The motorized vehicles have a beautifully maintained road that parallels 22 and 22A. This is a perfect place to restore some balance. I beg you to do your jobs and serve all.

#### 46.

Please consider closing CR 22 the river road to motorized use. This would be a great addition to our limited non motorized trails right out of town. With Cr 2 right above providing through access we would be losing nothing but gaining so much in providing a healthy environment for our residents and visitors to enjoy. I would envision benches and interpretive signs about our history scattered through out in the future. We should be willing tonight to give this a green light for at the least a trail period. Thanks to the board for the willingness to discuss this subject.

Details: My husband and I have been coming to Silverton for the past 20+ years every summer. We were even married in Animas Forks, that's how much we love this area. I'm semi-disabled and cannot ride bicycles or hike for extended distances so it's always a thrill to drive CR22A so I can experience the rushing river, it's one of my favorite roads in CO. Please do not close this scenic road, it should be for the enjoyment of all.

#### 48.

I am writing as a Health Care Provider to show my support to close CR 22 & 22A to ATVs. There are currently no flat roads that are not motorized as a place for older aged adults to walk & ride a bike in a safe, dust- free environment. Older adults frequently are unable to hike a "typical" trail in San Juan County that is very steep with arthritis in their knees, back or hips. We need this road as a safe alternative for them & anyone else who wants to walk their dog or push a kids burley that is close to town. Please try to bring some balance back to our road systems. Currently as a local it feels like the motorized users have taken over our roadways.

## 49.

I believe the health and well-being of multiple users could be enhanced by banning OHV use of these two roads. In my experience, while standing on the side of the road painting, the dust and exhaust from these vehicles is, at time's overwhelming and definitely a health hazard.

In General I believe the concept of these roads becoming -non-motorized is a good one and would greatly enhance outdoors experience by providing a safe, quiet healthy area for walking, biking, fishing and general enjoyment. As CR 22A is a dead-end this a particularly appropriate designation for it.

## 50.

I encourage you to restrict all motorized vehicle use on the proposed segments of CR 22 (River Road) and CR 22A (inside ROW from Howardsville to Eureka). I believe that these scenic roads, next to the Animas River, should be reserved for healthy activities such as walking, running and bike riding. There are narrow places along this stretch of road, and the smell of gas gets trapped down along the river. When camping in the backcountry, people are encouraged to be 100 feet away from the river to keep pollutants from going into the river. Motorized vehicles this close to the river surely contaminate the water way in some form. Please restrict this area for non-motorized use, as this is a common practice with other towns and counties, and it has been incorporated with the citizens health in mind.

#### 51.

If this proposal is granted, I believe it will cause nothing but future problems and possible lawsuits. I think the commissioners are more intelligent than that, and cannot believe they would pass such a resolution.

Lets not Discriminate against persons who have disabilities who cannot physically experience the beauty of Animas River and Cunningham river, and all its beauty.

#### 52.

I agree, closing that stretch of road for a landowner complaint, who likely bought and built his place knowing that there was a county road there for many years is like suggesting we move an airport because someone who buys a house next to one complains of the aircraft noise. I agree with Bill and support keeping county roads accessible to county property owners and tax payers.

## 53.

During the summer, I try to avoid this area because of the constant ATV dust and noise. I would love to have a place for biking and walking that is not steep. It would be wonderful to have the Silverton Trails plan loop road around the river.

I disagree with the threaten argument that once one road in the county is designated limited - other roads will be designed non-motorized too. This does not happen nor will it ever.

I believe hunters and people who believe they need motor access could come up with alternative methods to access the areas they need. And I think there could be special considerations for safety access for river activities.

## 54.

We love your town and mountains and have been coming there for many years. I am following the discussion on road closures, and thank you for voting to "table" the subject at the meeting. We often take the river road from the Powerhouse to Howardsville, poking along in our Jeep and reliving the times when the Silverton Northern was in operation. there is a lot of history on that road, Walheim, Silver Lake Mill, Mears-Willfley Mill, the Pinnacles and much more. This summer I will be leading a group of 7 to 8 Jeepers to Silverton. This is one of the trails we will travel as I relate the incredible tales of the men and women that worked here over a century ago. I sincerely hope that this road will be open, we travelo it with respect and slow speeds in mind. A 5 mph speed limit would not be out of the question in my opinion. Closing this road to vehicular traffic will only lead to more attempts to close other trails in the future. Promoting responsible use would be a much better way to go. As a member of the San Juan Mountain Trail Group, I am working with Michael Maxfield to develop a plan to encourage responsible trail usage. Thanks!

#### 55.

Not restricting motor vehicles on these two road segments makes it impossible to ride bikes outside a few streets in downtown Silverton. My grandson, Tadashi, loves to ride bikes, as do I. When he visited last summer, he looked forward to taking long bike rides. He is not a mountain biker so riding trails that connect to town was not helpful. He does not have the strength to ride up the Kendall Mountain Road, nor do I, and he should not be riding on the roads to Durango and Montrose. That leaves County Roads 22 and 22A.

We tried riding to Eureka but the dust from Off Road Vehicles was so thick that I could not even see him if he was more than a few score yards ahead of me. In addition, both of us were quickly coughing on the dust, even with wearing face masks. We tried riding at different times of the day and found that the only safe times were before 7:00 AM and after dark.

Bottom line: We had to give up bike riding except for loops around downtown.

Is this the best way for Silverton to serve its residents, much less attract visitors and future residents?. If Off Road Vehicle owners were limited to doing a loops around an an open meadow, would they visit Silverton? I suspect not, and its the same for bike riders.

Please provide at least one route for bike riders to access roads that they can ride, without the dust and noise of Off Road Vehicles. Limit County Roads 22 and 22A to non-motorized traffic.

56.

Name: Chris Vandivere

I'm an avid off roader, mountain biker, and hiker. I emplore you to keep 22 and 22a open to all traffic and to seek a solution that meets the needs of all users. as Mr. Maxfeild says "we are all in this together".

#### 57.

My Family and I have been coming to the region for the past 7-8 years. The first year we stayed in Lake City the next year in Ouray and the third year in Lake City. We fell in love with Silverton and we have stayed there for the past 5 years. When we started coming to Silverton we stayed in cabins at Silver Lake Campground so we could ride our Polaris RZR straight to the Alpine Loop. When you opened some of the roads in town to 4 wheeler traffic it gave us the opportunity to rent houses and bring more people with us.

I belong to the San Juan Mountain Trail group on Facebook and received a copy of a news paper article that stated you will be discussing closing the lower river road. I would like to ask that you not close this road; this is one of the most beautiful roads in the area. We did not discover the road for the first several years but now it's on of our favorite spots. It's nice to be able to take this route coming back from the Alpine loop and stay off the busy road and we especially like having a picnic by the river in the evening. I'm 63 years old with one heart attack and I'm not sure if you close this road to motorized traffic if I would be able to walk it or where you would be able to park.

I know there are people that don't obey the rules, ride fast, stir up dust or leave that trash behind, but the majority of us respect your community and the mountains. Please leave this road open and enable us to enjoy the beauty of the area.

#### 58.

As a life time visitor to Silverton , and a fan of the San Juans I am somewhat opposed to these road closing to motorized traffic. I know I am not a resident, and I truly don't have to deal with the challenges that the Law Enforcement folks, and the County Road equipment operators do. Nor do I have to content with the accidents that may occur there as well ... My objection is absolutely selfish, in that My wife Stacee and I love that

drive. Unfortunately I would not be able to walk much of it. Please keep in mind, as you look at the daunting task which lays before you...Those of us who enjoy Silverton, who may not be able to walk a great length of it. We realize a handful can determine the fate of many.. Either Good or Bad, depending on ones outlook.

God Bless in you all your do for our Home away from Home ..Best Regards See you in Sept..

## 59.

Details: There are way to many road already closed. This road your able to get closer to nature, water, wild raspberries, beautiful sight. When I go back to silverton to visit I alway go on this Road. Brings back some many memories growing up in silverton. I now take my grandsons on that road. We hike or drive, we fish or walk and look for gold rocks. You can't walk on the upper road with out getting mouth full of dust or afraid you will get hit by truck or car going over the speed limit. Your not able to hear the sound of the river on The upper road of fish. Please really think about in the impact closing this road will have '

## 60.

Details: Please keep this road open as it is a great scenic drive for responsible off-road users

## 61.

Details: As a resident of Ouray County I do not support the proposed closure of this section of public roadway to mechanized transportation.

## 62.

Details: San Jaun County is one of my favorite parts of Colorado. We are there every year to off road and tour Gods Country. Please keep CR 22 open. TIA

## 63.

This is a county road, always was and should continue to be. Right now I am able to walk this road, but there will come a time that I won't be able to. And I would like to be able to still enjoy the beauty of this road. We have all had parents that weren't able to walk this road so we would drive them in a vehicle so they could still enjoy the beauty of it. Thank you

## 64.

Details: I hope no roads around Silverton are closed to 4X4 travel, I've been enjoying fishing and driving the back country around there all my life.

65.

Details: We are from Oklahoma and visit Colorado once or twice a year. The San Juan Mountains have become our preferred destination because of your local towns acceptance of out of towners and sxs riders. We refuse to spend our hard earned money in towns and counties that don't want us there. My wife and kids live getting to ride for 30 or 40 miles and then get to get some ice cream or buy a shirt. It has become our favorite family activity. I understand it is your responsibility to be a good steward of your local resources and that includes deciding what roads are open and to what type of travel. Our fear is that if CR22 is closed to OHV travel, it will be the first closure of many to follow. Thanks for your consideration and good luck pleasing all parties involved.

#### 66.

Hope i sent this to the right person.

I hate to see these roads closed to all motorized traffic. I use 22A to drive down and fish the Beaver ponds along the road. My family have been vacationing near Silverton since the 1980's. I have seen the increase in traffic and the problems that it has caused. IMHO its the SXSs that are the problem. I have NEVER meet a jeep going 30-60mph on those roads but, i have meet countless SXSs going way too fast. Thank you for your time. The Stricker Family. Woodward, Oklahoma. Email is a good way to contact me.

67.

Details: Why?

## 68.

Details: As a person with disabilities it's very important to keep these type of places open, we are unable to hike, walk ride a bike etc. please don't close us out! Thanks

## 69.

I would like to address the discussion to close CR 22. This road has been accessible to many people for over a hundred years. It would be a shame to lose access to this wonderful area. And it will cut off access to a lot of people who are incapable of walking it. Every time a road is closed, it restricts access to the elderly and the disabled. These roads should be open to everyone. Thank you for your time.

# 70.

Details: I do not support the proposed closing of County Rd. #22 and #22a. My family and I enjoy traveling the river road and would hate to see it's closure. We appreciate the beautiful scenery as well as it's historical significance of being the railroad grade of the Silverton Northern Railroad. I believe that all forms of travel can be used on this road in harmony. I would rather see speed restrictions (enforcement), one way travel, and dust control be put in place, before a road closure.

Details: Please keep this road open. This is a very popular road for tourists and travelers. One of the many reasons why so many people visit. This road holds many memories for me and my family.

72..

Details: I live in Spring Glen, Utah please do not close the motorized roads in the Silverton area I have been driving the roads and trails there since 1990. Increase enforcement before considering closure. Closures will cause decrease in visitation revenue. Thanks please forward to proper persons.

73.

Details: Please don't close a piece of a lot of trail lovers hearts. If anything start a system of stricter regulations and enforcement. The issue is that the wrong people are using these trails that don't know how to respect them. It hurts those who do use them properly and see it's worth.

#### 74.

Details: I don't understand why there can't be a compromise. I understand both sides. Could the road be closed to OHVs in the morning until 10:00 and starting in the afternoon at 4:30 or 5:00 so that walkers can use the trails in the morning and late afternoon and OHVs during the day? That seems like it would give some peace and quiet to the people who live down there and camp down there as well. Just a thought. OHVs can use the upper road during the off hours.

75.

Details: Please keep the roads open. I'm in the San Juans every summer and travel offroad to enjoy the beauty of God's creation.

## 76.

Details: I dont live there in Silverton, but have been coming out for over 50 years. I took my kids on drives up the river road and they still talk about it. This July we'll be back again. This time I'll have 2 couples new to the area, even coming out to jeep the river road is alway one of the best place to take a short drive when in town.

#### 77.

Details: I had a chance to listen to audio from recent meeting regarding closures of county road 22 and 22 A. I really support the idea of oneway traffic going with the flow of traffic on county road 2 so no one has to cross on coming traffic to access these roads. Also I understand we must keep speed limit at 10 miles per hour I am in favor of installing a few speed bumps or speed reminder flashing signs. I am a part of San Juan trail group represented by Michael Maxfield and like he said we are willing to help with anything necessary to keep these roads open and safe for everyone. So let us know or Mr Maxfield know how we can help to make this possible please don't close. Because many people who can't walk long distance or up hill with bad legs or hips won't be able to access without transportation. I believe we can

all coexist if we all work together with each other, the county, BLM and Forest service. Thank you

78.

Details: While I understand the concern of vehicle speed on CR 22 & 22a, among other roads in San Juan County, I feel that closing roads is not the solution. A better solution would be to make sure that speed limits are posted conspicuously and enforced. Speeding is not just a problem on the backroads- all major towns and cities have problems with speeding. It is a matter of making people not want to speed. If the county closes one road because of a homeowner or private citizen's request, how many others will follow? Unfortunately, because San Juan County, Silverton, and many other surrounding towns rely heavily on the tourism from off-roaders, closing the roads that those tourists come to travel will ultimately hurt the towns and the people who live in them. This issue is not only about the roads currently discussed - it is about the precedent that may be set and how that could affect the residents and local businesses in the long run.

79.

Details: I from Louisiana and wish this road open, my wife died on this road and we like to visit there each year. Thanks

80.

We have read on line about the possible closing of County Road 22 & 22A, We have been visiting the San Juans for more than 20 years before we purchased land there with hopes of building a home in Cole Ranch. The lower road is such an enjoyable road with views like none other. We take family & friends there when they visit during the summer months. We would hate to have that drive experience taken away because of a single land owner. Thanks for hearing our concerns & the consideration of everyone else who enjoys the drive along the river.

81.

Subject: County Road 22 and 22A

Details: My family owns a cabin on 22A. We would hate to see these beautiful roads closed to motor vehicle use. Please keep them open! Thank you.

82.

Subject: Keep 22 & 22A Open!

Details: Willy, your good friend Pete is off chasing cattle outside the reservation once again. There is no need to close ANY historic, long standing County Road in San Juan County. If Pete wants yet another place to enjoy quiet he can visit the congressionally designated Wilderness Areas as you two do on the weekends. Add some basic maintenance, and possibly some speed control measures - but at the heart of this, as has been his history for a long, long time is simply another petulant assault on motorized users.

Carefully consider the words of the individuals who were the genesis of this issue, as printed in today's Silverton Standard newspaper: "Pete McKay is

the one who dreamt up the closure of 22 and 22A. We have no desire for an inch of those roads to be closed. We did not request any part of any road to be closed. We have nothing to do with this road closure crap."

Keep 22 and 22A, along with the rest of San Juan County's public access routes open to the PUBLIC!

83.

San Juan County Commissioners,

We are in favor of restricting both CR 22 and CR 22A to non-motorized use.

While we just recently purchased property near Maggie Gulch, we have been coming to Silverton since the mid 80's and feel that Silverton has an abundance of motorized opportunities and access.

While we enjoy riding our ATV's, motorcycles and snowmobiles, we equally enjoy skiing, biking and other non-motorized activities. Given the proximity and accessibility to town, we feel that both CR 22 and CR 22A are well suited for non-motorized use and would be a nice step toward diversifying user groups in the Silverton area.

It is our understanding that CR 22 is currently groomed by the snowmobile club and that closing the road in the winter would likely mean an end to grooming by the club. If that is the case, we are curious if there may be another grooming option as this is a great asset for the winter community. It would also be great if grooming could be extended up CR 22A during low avalanche periods.

84.

Subject: Movement to close C.R. 22 to motorized traffic

Date: March 20, 2020

Concerning the movement to close C.R. 22 to motorized traffic.

As property owners possibly directly affected by this proposal please consider our feelings on the subject. Without going into great detail about how much we love and appreciate the beauty, history, and countless other reasons this place means more to us than words can say. Let us say that we understand BOTH sides.

Closing the "River Road" to motorized traffic would offer us peace and quiet, less dust, more privacy. But we also understand people rights to public access and what an amazing and beautiful drive this is especially for those who may have physical restrictions. We see both sides and respect those opinions.

But our direct concern is access to our driveway is from C.R. 22 and there is no alternative.

consider this as we were not contacted regarding the subject. We only found out via social media and then a few phone calls from local friends. As property owners we just want to make sure that the right to access our driveway is being considered.

85.

As an addendum to my previously submitted comments

I heard the audio from the commissioners meeting on the county road 22 issue. Most of the people for closing the road seemed to be town people. So. Why not close the town roads along the river side and along their property? They would never consider it. Because it infringed on their personal property rights. But when they can vote as a mob to infringe on others property it's ok. The whole thing has become a proxy war over atvs in the county and city. I think the only thing that would help the whole county would be institute a county wide tab speed limit of say 10 or 15 mph what ever seemed reasonable for safety and dust control then in force it. Also mag chloride use. Greatly helps. Closing or restricting roads is never good. Their are plenty of flat ground and mountains to walk in without closing roads.

#### 86.

With regard to the usage of county roads 22 and 22A. As a matter of principle county roads should not be closed/abandoned. For many years I have used portions of these roads in several ways- walking the dog after shift, with a 6 wheel ATV, side by side UTV, Jeep and Land Rover. At this point I am over 80 have been on oxygen for a number of years and unable the walking thing . Perhaps more than the average I am aware of the dust problem.

During the times when I have been inconveniently affected by traffic on the CR22 it has been from all sides except equestrian usage. The worst has been by large groups regardless of the mode of travel, there is a definite urge to herd in order motor bikes (dual purpose) yes I had one of those too, bicycles, hot rod side by sides, jeeps and pedestrians. Blocking any of these usages would create an elitist portion of the population.

Enforcement of speed and the bad usage is a problem for law enforcement because unlike New Mexico and Arizona the ATV/UTV licenses are an unreadable little sticker-the motor cycle size plates in the other states gives a readable and reportable identification.

I have had no problem on the 22A stretch from Howardsville except for folks parking on the roadway. County should not back down on the 22A ownership issue.

Possible alternatives suggested all have drawbacks but the interim suggestion of turnaround at Arastra has the fewest negatives. Long term should add some pedestrian walkways where practicable. Perhaps a small users fee to create a fund for mag chloride on the roads. The town should put some money into that as the principal recipient of the increased sales tax monies which the visitors have created

## 87.

Details: Please reconsider closing CR 22 and 22A. I live in Ouray and consider this one of the most beautiful drives in the area. My guest and I are not physically able to walk or hike this area so if it restricted we will

never be able to enjoy it again. I am in favor of any compromise that let's everyone enjoy the roads.

## 88.

Details: I am against closure of this road. It is designed for vehicular traffic. If walkers want their own road, they should petition for a separated pedestrian walkway to be added to the existing road.

#### 89.

Details: I would like to see 22 and 22a remain open to motorized vehicles. Everyone likes to enjoy the the scenery. We love to enjoy it on our motorcycles. For some of the older people driving the roads is the only way they can see it because some can't physically walk that far. Please consider leaving it open to motorized traffic.

90. Hello.

We visit the area at least annually. I am very much opposed to the proposed closures of CR 22 and 22A.

#### 91.

It has come to my attention that a attempt is being made to close roads 22 and 22a in San Juan county..

While I am not a "local" or property owner Of the area, I am a frequent visitor to this beautiful part of America.

And as such, I feel it is my right to protest this in the strongest manner possible. These are public roads.. roads build and maintained with public tax dollars...

access to these roads to all, yes even motorized vehicles is a right of everyone...

I do understand a small percentage of visitors abuse these rights by speeding and making unnecessary noise, but that is not the fault of the many many of us that respect the beauty and natural peacefulness of the area...not everyone is capable or willing to enjoy these public roads on foot.. In closing please protect the rights of all by keeping these public roads open to all the public..

## 92.

Details: I am writing you in opposition to the closure of CR 22 and 22A to motorized traffic. While I am not a resident of San Juan County, I am part of the thousands of visitors to the area each year. While we are there, we rent a jeep, stay in local hotels, eat in local restaurants, and support other local businesses. Part of the draw to the area is the abundance of roads that allow us to enjoy the natural beauty that the area offers. While we like to take these routes slow and easy out of respect for nature, residents, and other users of the roads, I do realize there are a few bad apples that are not as courteous as we are. Do not punish the majority of the users of these roads due to the actions of a few. I urge you to work with the off road community to develop solutions that will address concerns without total closure to motorized vehicle.

Subject: Closure of County road 22

Details: I am against closing to motorized vehicles

94

Details: This is a request to please consider keeping CR22 and 22A open to vehicles. We spend 3-5 months in Silverton every summer. This is by far my favorite ride. There have been times, when we were not up to a ride on a bumpy trail (I was recovering from surgery), but this gentle ride along the river always brings such peace. It is probably the only "trail" accessible to some vehicles that gives a taste of what the San Juans are like. To take away the right to drive a scenic route along this County Road would be unspeakable. Please work to find a solution that works for the vehicles and the people who don't want to share it.

95.

Details: I am the information director and Secretary for the Creeper Jeepers Gang 4wd Club of Durango. Personally I use CR22 often when going back into Silverton for a change of scenery and the historic value to show my friends as it was the old Silverton Northern RR bed. I know a friend that drives for Mild to Wild that uses CR22 also to show people closer the Silver Lake Mill. Please do not shut this piece of history down.

96.

Details: I have enjoyed the drive along this road for many years and would hate to see it closed. I oppose the restriction of motorized vehicles along this road.

97.

Details: Please keep these roads open for my Jeep. I am mobility impaired and really enjoy the access I have.

98.

Hi,

I recently read where the county is considering closing CR 22. It would be unfortunate if this were to happen, it's one of our favorite rides along the river. We often eat lunch as a family and take in the peaceful sounds of the surroundings. We've been traveling to Silverton since 2017 and typically spend a couple weeks there riding our side by sides. We enjoy learning about the history of your Town and this road contains quite a bit since it is where the train once ran. I feel the road should be left open as I'm sure we're not the only ones who enjoy this ride. The amount of people who drive this road most likely out number those who walk this route and it would be unfortunate to lose this access just to accommodate the minority. Please leave this road open to all. Thanks you for your time.

Let me tell you a story. As a child, I traveled to Silverton with my grandparents and we rode trails on four wheelers. My grandparents are now 80 years old and I take them to ride their OHV in the mountains every year. Not only do I take my grandparents, but my parents and my children go too. You see, this is a family tradition for us. We are teaching new generations to appreciate the San Juans and all the beauty there is there. A day in the mountains and my soul is glowing. The stretch of 22 that is proposed to be closed is like the precursor of things to come. When we first ride that stretch of road, I can feel the stress lift from everyday life and I can breath again. I'm begging, please, find another solution besides closing this road. Let the generations after us continue to enjoys everything the San Juans have to offer.

#### 100.

I am writing to voice my support of the proposal to close both the upper and lower sections of County Road 22 to motorized use.

I frequently use the lower part of that road for running because it's one of the flattest, most easily accessible places to run from town. However, the river road becomes unusable during the summer months due to the noise, dust, and congestion from motorized use. It has reached a point where it's not just an inconvenience, but a safety issue. People drive excessively fast, and on multiple occasions I have had to jump out of the way of lines of speeding OHVs and dirt bikes.

Closing this road to motorized use does not take anything away from any other user group. Howardsville and Eureka are accessible by other routes, and there is parking at the Arrastra road for people who want to come enjoy the river.

I support the non-motorized distinction for the winter months as well. I don't believe that designating a route as non-motorized precludes grooming. Plenty of places groom trails for non-motorized use - they're called Nordic centers, and people are willing to pay to use their services. Providing segments of trail for cross country skiiers and snowshoers that are unmarred by motorized use would draw people to our town in the winter months.

We have many opportunities for motorized recreation in San Juan County - so much so that other visitors are being driven away (pun intended!) by our image as a four-wheeled free-for-all. Many residents say that they chose Silverton for the peace and quiet; it's our responsibility to maintain those precious resources for others who would enjoy them.

#### 101.

I am highly opposed to the closure of County Road 22 and county Road 22A. I am 81 years young and my wife is close behind. We don't drive these super fast UTV's, just our Dodge Ram FWD pickup, driving slow and enjoying the scenery. Contacted me via email Marvin

Details: Closing a road due to OHVs driving too fast is masking the problem. If your roof wasn't leaking in a back bedroom you wouldn't just stop using the back bedroom. You'd fix the root cause of the problem. If a small percentage of people are driving beyond the speed limit then fix the root cause. Don't let a silent majority have negative consequences for the majority.

#### 103.

As visitors and potential residents to the San Juan area, I would hope you would consider NOT closing these roads to vehicular traffic. My wife is mobility impaired, and it would be discriminatory to prohibit her from enjoying our Public lands. These roads are built and maintained by Public Funds, and should remain open for ALL THE PUBLIC.

#### 104.

Details: Do Not Close the river road. In all my years I have NEVER seen any problem here. Not sure why this is even brought up. Also I have never seen 1 hiker or biker on this road, why would they start now? This road is WAY under used compared to the main road. Love to drive it so my girl friend can take pictures......

#### 105.

These roads should remain open. The off road community and the tourism that it brings to the area is a major contributor to the prosperity of the region.

Closing roads and trails, restricting access to scenic routs is going to force people to look elsewhere their off road adventures. Please reconsider the closing of CR22 and CR22A.

Thank you for your consideration.

#### 106

Details: Please do not allow these roads to be closed or altered! Having vacationed in Silverton for much more than 20 years, I am no longer able to travel the rough roads over the passes in the area due to a spinal cord injury, nor would I be able to walk these roads. They are a couple of the few left that I can now ride on in my vehicle without causing further damage to the spinal cord.

## 107.

I would like to see them stay open. Even if there is a strictly enforced lowered speed limit. Or even one way. Please do not close the roads. I hope and pray that everybody can come to a reasonable compromise and leave the roads open to motorized vehicles.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and have a blessed day.

Details: Please do not close theses roads. I have been 4 wheeling on them for the past 25 years. In 2017 I was diagnosed with cancer and I am unable to walk, to miss one of my favorite roads in the county would be heartbreaking

109.

Kerp the road open for everyone.

Gordon

110.

Subject: Closing of roads to motorised vehicles around Silverton.

Details

Do not close roads to motorised vehicles. Once you let something like this start it only gets worse.

## 111.

I'd like to submit a comment about the proposed changes to access on County roads 22 and 22A.

I would urge that there be NO closure of those two roads to any type of motorized vehicles beyond what restrictions may be in place now, if any. My reason why is that when I was in San Juan County last summer I had occasion to drive on the lower road along the Animas river in order to go around the avalanche and flooding issue on Cty road 2. It was some of the most pleasant and soothing driving I was able to do while in the Silverton area that day. I hope to be able to access roads 22 and 22a next time there. It is inspiring to be able to get that close to a rushing river in the mountains. Having said that, if everyone who uses the roads will simply use common sense and courtesy treating the land they are driving on as if it is borrowed, the rise of complaints would subside.

Concluding, please leave the two roads in question open to all forms of traffic so everyone can enjoy them responsibly! Thanks!

#### 112.

Details: I would like to vote to keep CR22 and 22A open to vehicles. I would like to bring my family here.

#### 113.

My name is Scott Westfahl and I am a member of the San Juan Mountain Trail Group and I stand with them in opposition of the potential closure of CR 22 & 22A to motorized travel. I feel these roads should remain as they have for many years open for multi use. There are many activities that wouldn't be accessible for many if motorized transportation is prohibited. Fishing, camping, exploring and just enjoying the spectacular natural beauty would be lost forever for some that have enjoyed these activities their entire lifetime. Let's not forget there are many significant historical landmarks along the river road, the road itself following the historic Silverton Northern Railroad grade. I'm not opposed to compromise as long as all that

want to access these roads are able. One way traffic or barriers preventing through traffic are viable compromises in my opinion. Excessive speed is something that definitely needs to be addressed not just on these two roads, but others in the San Juan's. I feel like a majority of the users in this area follow the rules and act responsibly, but unfortunately there is a small percentage that don't seem to be able to follow or think that rules apply to them. How is this problem resolved? Strict enforcement of posted speed limits and steep fines and penalties for those not playing by the rules. How is this financed? Unfortunately I don't have the answer to that, but perhaps a portion could come from the fines collected. I'm not completely unsympathetic with those that have safety and health concerns, but feel there must be an alternative other than restricting access that can benefit many and not a few. Certainly there must be a way all groups can coexist. I agree with statements I've heard saying "let's make Silverton inclusive not exclusive". Seems to me one Telluride in the area is enough. I'm sure this will be a difficult decision for each of you, but feel confident it won't be one taken lightly. Thank you for taking the time to hear my position.

#### 114.

Details: Im a Home Owner in Town .... I am way more than Strongly opposed to closing the Lower River Roads as I call them .... So much Joy to people all year around... Shame that some locals think they own it and not all People.. Residents and Visitors alike.... so I guess were going mining again?? I for one have never seen a town Gov. try to Harm the Small business community as is common practice here... Silverton is a Great place with more problems in Local Leadership than most...A Vote sounds alot more fair than this process... But Comment I will.. I say NO! and a vote would be alot more fair then Fetch deciding if roads closes or not..

## 115.

Please do not close CR 22 and 22A near Silverton. My mobility is limited in high altitude areas and this closure would prohibit me from seeing this area. How can a county road that is funded with Federal money be closed? I would like my comment to be sent to the proper contact. I am a non-resident of Colorado.

#### 116

I have been a visitor to Silverton for more than 60 years. My family used to camp along South Mineral Creek when we were children. We have been riding the jeep roads in our SUV's, trucks, jeeps and now atvs for years. We abide by all the rules. If we come upon someone walking, we slow our vehicles down to make sure there is no dust for the walker to have to deal with. (I do the same thing driving home on my dirt road.) My husband and sons have always fished the Animas along the lower road where it is not posted. Our grandson has grown up fishing there. To close either of these roads is ludicrous. How would anyone get to Animas Forks? You expect us to go around Hurricane and California to get there? Last year it was very congested since the big

avalanche closed the road. A permanent closure would make these roads always very congested. It seems that every year Mr. McKay comes up with another idea to close the area to tourists. Perhaps he should remember that two years ago when the fire closed off the train to Silverton for well over a month, it was the off road folks that came to spend money in Silverton. We were part of that group. Spent well over \$1000.00 in lodging, food and souvenirs. If Mr. McKay would just prefer to shut the town to tourism, or only wants the train tourism, he should just state so. We don't have to go to Silverton, we have a cabin 3 hours away, that is closer to home, I can spend my money in Chama as well as Silverton, but we love Silverton. My husband and I have spent many, many anniversaries in Silverton. I just think it's a shame that closing roads seems to come up every single year. Leave the roads open.

#### 117.

I have lived in the Four Corners all my life. I have always enjoyed the San Juan Mountains, the communities and the people. I have never had a negative experience any where I traveled. That being said, last year was the first time I was able to experience the country north of Silverton. I fell even more in love with the San Juan Mountains. I joined a group on Facebook called San Juan Mountain Trail Group. I would truly hate to see these roads closed. I plan to bring my family up there and show them the beauty of those mountains. The only way my mom (75 years old) would be able to enjoy this trip is to be in a vehicle. She has limited mobility. I look forward to spending time with my grandchildren up there, showing them the history of those mountains. It will also be a good lesson on "leaving no trace." Please do not close these roads, do not punish the good ones because a few bad seeds. I am positive other solutions can be found, i.e.; better/more signs, pamphlets created with rules, suggestions and ideas for being a good visitor. Also, an increase in fines would help with cost of signs. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

#### 118.

I am not in favor of having County Road 22 gated or closed in any way.

It is a beautiful area for all to enjoy wether they walk, ski, ATV, Jeep or otherwise recreate. We have all been having a lovely time along that corridor for many years.

I do not believe it is the responsibility of our County Commissioners to decide who in the public sector will recreate on the lower river road, County road 22.

This has been Pete's idea from day one. There are plenty of areas for people to hike, walk and find peace in our County if they are not happy mixing with others in the public who choose to ride ATVs or travel in a car or jeep.

Scott ,please do not close off County Road 22 with a gate in the middle or anywhere else. Just leave it alone for the public to enjoy as they choose. We have been enjoying it for many years through all seasons here in San Juan

## County

As for County Road 22A. I have spoken to Joe Jepsen. This is Private Property and if he and his wife do not want motorized traffic through their property they have that right. The Government has no right to deny them their rights on their property.

## 119.

PleAse do not close the roads in Silverton along the River. I live in San Miguel county but love the SanJuans.

## 120.

Details: We love riding these trails. They are fun and not over populated which is nice when you let the dogs run! All the trails over the san jaun area should remain open as its our public land and it's a nice place to escape to.

## 121.

Dear Mr. Tookey, I met you several years ago when my brother and I did some repair work on the courthouse clock. My wife and I have been coming up to Silverton for well over 30 years and have grown to love the town and it's mountains. In regard to the possible closing of CR22 and CR22A, I had another idea that may be a workable solution. You could declare the roads a "No Dust" zone. This would require vehicles to travel slowly enough to not raise dust, it would also limit the noise from them since the engines would be operating at low rpms. A side benefit would be less dust settling into the water of the Animas River, thus lowering this form of pollution. I am sure that hikers and mountain bikers would also appreciate this. Signs at both ends of CR22 warning that violators of the ordinance would be cited would be a powerful deterrent. Sincerely,

## 122.

I hope you will consider the elderly and handicapped people who can only enjoy driven along the river road.

At this time you are capable of hiking wherever you want? But it may not be always so.

George's late mom, Marie Shilling, loved the times we drove her on the Jeep roads. Please choose wisely.

## 123.

Please keep CR 22 open, these need to be open for the beauty of the area to be enjoyed. These roads bring tourism dollars to the state.

## 124.

Please keep roads 22 and 22A open for all to use. It always has been and should continue to be open. Find a solution to dust and speed control.

Keep the roads and trails open. Closing them solves nothing, but it will cause economic hardship to those who rely on the tourist industry. Keep the roads open

#### 126.

Please dont close these roads to motorized travel.

We use it to get to the beaver ponds to fish. Never really had allot of traffic until 2019. We saw lots of Side by Sides and ATVs on 22A in 2019 and most were going fast.

Maybe patrol it more or put in speed bumps instead of closing it.

#### 127.

I am a member of San Juan Mountain Trail Group and have vacationed in the area since 1991. Do not close the two roads mentioned that provide untold amounts of pleasure, fishing, observing wildlife, enjoying the scenery and so much more. These are public roadways and the many should not be penalized by the few. There are ways besides closure to accomplish the situation. Seek those alternatives first.

#### 128.

Please make the decision to designate CR 22 and CR 22A non motorized. Motorized vehicles have a parallel CR 2 to use, but walkers and bikers have no way to escape noisy and dusty ATVs etc. Safety is an issue too with walkers and bikers "sharing" the road with speedy, fun seeking ATVs.

I am writing this not as a Silverton resident, but as a frequent visitor.

#### 129.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this issue of a health corridor. In particular my comments would address the sections of road marked C.R.2 and C.R. 22.

As a 4th generation Silvertonian I have vivid memories of walking, and fishing on these sections of road. In recent years these activities have been made impossible by the huge influx of traffic and people.

Few vehicles are observing the speed limit and the sheer volume of vehicles and people simply is overwhelming.

I would like to express my being in favor of closing the above mentioned roads in the summertime. As to the other sections in question I have no opinion.

I would urge the commissioners to think of the number of pristine areas in our county that have been brutalized and frankly sacrificed in order to please the recreation seekers who do not reside in Silverton. So. Mineral Falls, Clear Lake and Ice Lake Trail, and more recently Velocity Basin.

Here is an opportunity to preserve a beautiful part of our county, create a healthy atmosphere, and allow the residents and tax payers of Silverton back in.

I am writing to weigh in on the plan for CR2.

It is my view that this road should only be opened to non-motorized access for the purpose of reducing the amount of dust in the area, improving the quality of the Animas Valley region by reducing noisy and damaging motorized vehicles, as well as improving the natural vibrancy of the area. I appreciate that you must somehow feel similarly since you have chosen to live in such an amazingly beautiful area of Colorado.

Please consider this request and help preserve the Animas Valley for the unique ecosystem that makes it so special.

### 131.

Of all the many decisions that are part of your job as a county commissioner the decision around County Road 22 and 22A is one that will last a long time. There are currently is no good option for hikers, bikers, and skiers to travel the Animas Valley between Silverton and Eureka safely away from traffic and dust. Though no decisions are easy this one seems simple...... by making County Road 22 and 22A non-motorized the motorized population has easy access through the Animas valley and non-motorized users would have safe access without the concern of dust and traffic. This should also appease the private landowners who surely knew about access through those mining claims via these roads.

Quite honestly it baffles me how the motorized lobby is so willing to have everything motorized and so unwilling to have some spaces where people can enjoy public lands without having to deal with the traffic, the dust, the noise, and the safety issues. As a citizen I respect the motorized population and feel fine that they have access but it's hard to understand why they should have every access option. The decision is yours.

We are property owners in San Juan County. Please record our input as coming from a non-resident property owner in favor of designating CR 22 and 22A As non-motorized use only. This would include the use of non-motorized bicycles non-motorized skis non-motorized hikers etc. but exclude the use by snowmobiles motorcycles four wheelers and side-by-side's.

## 132.

County Roads 22 and 22A are very important assets for the people of San Juan County to enjoy quiet non-motorized activities like walking, skiing, fishing, mushroom hunting, and dog walking. Currently almost 100% of the county's roads are motorized. Having these two roads non-motorized will offer a diverse healthy alternative that will allow all people the opportunity to enjoy easily accessed quiet beautiful scenery. These non-motorized roads will be an asset for the County for years to come which will improve the quality of life and make the County more attractive for current and future residents. This will fit nicely into the quiver of non-motorized trails I hope get developed around

Silverton in the future. Please be forward thinking and make County Roads 22 and 22A non-motorized.

# Unofficial Tally

Written Comments (122)	In Favor of	Opposed to Motorized
	Motorized Restrictions	Restrictions
Residents/property owners	24	18
Visitors	1	74
Verbal Comments (48)		
Residents/property owners	24	18
Visitors	0	0

## **MEMORANDUM**

March 9, 2020

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FR: William A. Tookey

RE: CR 22 and CR 22A Task Force Recommendations

Commissioner Fetchenhier assembled a task force to consider alternatives to CR 22 and 22A. The Task Force consisted of Jim Lokey, DeAnne Gallegos, Bruce Conrad, Mike Lawyer, Cheryl Meadows, Joe Jepson, Ryan Marble, Clint Pinto, Austen Ashley, Becky Joyce, William Tookey and Scott Fetchenhier. The Task Force convened on March 6, 2020 at 9 am.

Upon the completion of the discussion it was the consensus of the Task Force to continue to allow motorized use of both CR 22 and CR 22A but to close CR 22 to through traffic. The recommendation is to put a gate, barricade or some other road closure between the Powerhouse and Arrastra Gulch, probably in the area of the Boulder Gulch culvert, and to put another closure somewhere between Arrastra Gulch and Howardsville. The exact location of both "gates" would be determined after a site visit and consultation with the County Road Supervisor Louis Girodo. Signage would be constructed at both the north and south entrances to CR 22 and the entrances to CR 22 from Arrastra Gulch. The signage would notify the public that the roads were closed to through traffic. Additional signage would be installed to regulate trailers.

It was also recommended that a gate, barricade or other road closure be installed on CR 22A just north of the Jepson property line. A sign would be installed stating no motorized traffic beyond this point. Non-motorized traffic would still be allowed to proceed beyond the "gate".

The Task Force believes that this action will greatly reduce traffic along CR22 while still allowing motorized users the ability to visit, fish, camp etc. along the River Road, and to improve non-motorized user's experience.

There was no discussion to make any changes to the winter use of either CR 22 or CR 22A.

In addition to the original 58 written comments that you received at the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, concerning CR 22 and 22A, San Juan County received another 62 written comments as of March 10<sup>th</sup> for a total of 122 written comments. We have noticed the public that we will continue to receive written comment until March 23, 2020 at 4:00 pm. Copies of all of the written comments to date are included. I have also included an unofficial tally of both the written and verbal comments divided by local residents / property owners and visitors.

Should the Commissioners choose to consider moving forward with these recommendations I would suggest that we notify the public of these recommendations and allow for additional written comment period to address the specific proposed actions.

# 2020 Written comments received concerning proposed gating of CR 22

# **Douglas Bishop**

to sanjuancounty

I have been a resident of Silverton since December of 1999. One of the things I always thought I understood was that it was a unlawful for anyone to gate off an existing public road. Perhaps I am wrong, but I have seen the Boulder Gulch road closed with gates in recent years as well as segments of other roads. My wife and I frequently bike the lower "river road, and yes, we do encounter motorized vehicles there, but most occupants of those vehicles are very considerate and slow down or get over or even stop for us. There are some exceptions but very few in our experience. A large concern of ours is with people walking their dogs without lease and insufficient control of their pets. We have had encounters with them far more dangerous than with the motorized vehicles.

All that aside, my greatest concern is with people who want to limit or eliminate the rights of other at their own selfish desires. Whatever happened to "love your neighbor" and showing consideration for their rights and freedoms? For the price of the gates improved signage on those roads could be helpful in reducing issues and encouraging people to work together for the benefit of all.

What about the private landowners who need motorized access to their properties? What about the elderly who need motorized access to the river road to enjoy the close proximity to the river? Do they matter?

I shake my head in disappointment with so many people who are unwilling to work out a compromising solution that could benefit everyone. Please rethink the closure and gating of public roads.

Doug Bishop

## Connie

to sanjuancounty

As I read comments about wanting the corridor closed to vehicles, I get upset and disappointed. Right now I am physically able to walk or ride my bicycle. I'm in my 70's. The day may come, as it might for everyone, where that stretch of road can only be enjoyed in a vehicle. It's close by and makes for a nice short drive. An all day outing in the backcountry may not be an option for the elderly. If you are still healthy, the all day adventure is still open to you. Think beyond yourself. Connie Bishop, Silverton resident

## Connie

to sanjuancounty

I am opposed to the proposed corridor being gated. I ride my bicycle on that road and I find people driving vehicles are quite courteous. I always wave and say thank you. There is room for all to enjoy. If someone wants to walk and avoid motorized traffic, the already gated road behind cemetery leading to Boulder Gulch is available. I've enjoyed that walk many times.

I don't like the trend of gating off roads. It does not send a very warm message. Connie Bishop, Silverton resident

# **Edith Mary Eggett**

to sanjuancounty

We do not live in a gated Community or County.

Do not gate off sections of the Lower River Road.

This is not a decision County Commissioners or a "Task Force "should make.

This is a decision for the People of Silverton and San Juan County.

Put this issue on the Ballot this November.

The people should decide.

Sincerely, Edith Mary Eggett

Willy,

If in fact the lower river road is closed to through traffic, it would be wise if the upper road is treated periodically with magnesium chloride to cut the dust levels significantly as it gets so bad that it can be difficult to see, not to mention the pulmonary health hazard. We have an ATV, and that is the main reason we would use the lower road...to avoid the dangerous conditions that often occur on the upper road. Dust masks are helpful with the pulmonary issue but not 100% so, and they do nothing for the vision issue. Closing the lower road to through traffic will only intensify the problem on the upper road. During the years mag chloride is used, it isn't applied often enough, and when it is not used, the conditions can often be intolerable.

Thanks,

Doug Bishop
County Commissioners:

Do not gate off the Lower River Road in any way, shape or fashion. It is a public road, for public use and paid for by the taxpayers.

Do not try to use what power you have been granted by the people of San Juan County to stop what you do not personally like.

The Lower River Road is not your road it belongs to the public.

Putting gates in the middle somewhere on both sections, limiting thru traffic is an overreach of government "power".

Sincerely, Edith Mary Eggett

Karla Pendleton <a href="mailto:khpendleton@hotmail.com">khpendleton@hotmail.com</a>

12:12 PM (47 minutes ago)

to sanjuancounty@frontier.net

I encourage the county commissioners to take a second look at their proposal to gate off parts of the lower river road outside Silverton for the following reasons:

- It does not meet the requirement of providing dust mitigation for the few residents near the road and in fact could propagate even more dust as vehicles must turn around and make a second pass at these residences.
- This is a costly proposal, that does not benefit the majority of taxpayers in the county, and will require future expenditure to maintain.
- Many vehicles will find a way around the gates, so the area will need to be patrolled, further burdening taxpayer funded agencies, i.e. the sheriff's department
- •Silverton and San Juan counties are not gated communities and have ALWAYS maintained dirt or graveled roadways which are, by the laws of the physical universe,...dusty during the summer months. People, like myself, who chose to build their homes near a roadway must also live with dust and know that going in. I'm ever so grateful for mag-chloride.
- Instead of attempting to subvert the laws of physics by providing gates, why not spend money on treatment of the roadways with mag-chloride more often...my daisies can't get enough of the stuff. Better yet, let's invest in pavement as a time tested method of dust control.
- San Juan county will be hard hit by the current government mandated emergency and the resultant economic downturn. Much harder hit than

by COVID19. Let's not add to the misery and expense by sneaking in this restriction while citizens are distracted with more urgent matters.

I could probably go on...but that's enough for now. NO MAN MADE GATES ON LOWER RIVER ROAD.

Thank you for your kind consideration

Karla Pendleton, Silverton resident

Steve Pendleton <steveppendleton19@gmail.com>

Mon, Apr 13, 6:21 PM (14 hours ago)

to sanjuancounty

I say NO gates on CR22. This subject has been brought up before. Again I say, NO to gates on the lower river road period!!! Steve Pendleton Silverton, Resident 1550 Mineral Street



## Willy Tookey <admin@sanjuancolorado.us>

# Fwd: Lower River Road Barricade

3 messages

Pete Mckay <mrsilvertown@gmail.com> To: William Tookey <sanjuancounty@frontier.net> Wed, Jul 29, 2020 at 6:32 PM

Please include this e mail and pics in our next bocc packet please. Thx, Pete

----- Forwarded message ------From: Ray Dileo <raydileo@gmail.com> Date: Wed, Jul 29, 2020, 2:10 PM Subject: Lower River Road Barricade To: Pete Mckay <mrsilvertown@gmail.com>

Hi Pete.

I know you were involved with the change along the lower river road so I thought you would be best to pass this information to. Quite possibly you already know.

At the barricade between Cunningham and Arastra it is obvious that the ATVs are going around it. Proof is in the photos and in what we experienced.

On Tuesday, July 28, we walked from Cunningham and were about to Arastra when two ATVs came up behind us. We didn't see anything since the barricade so the only way they could have come up behind us was to go over or around the barricade.

Attached are photos of the barricade and of the two ATVs.

Let me know if there's anything else I can do with this.

Ray

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Pete Mckay <mrsilvertown@gmail.com> To: William Tookey <sanjuancounty@frontier.net> Wed, Jul 29, 2020 at 6:34 PM

Thx Ray. Will get this e mail and pics into our next county board packet Pete [Quoted text hidden]

Willy Tookey <admin@sanjuancolorado.us> To: Louie Girodo <siroads@outlook.com>

Thu, Jul 30, 2020 at 9:50 AM

Hi Louie.

Is this something you can take care of?

Also, Norm Fish from sanjuanjeeproads.us asked if we could keep him updated on road closures etc. so that he can update his web site and keep the public informed. I told you all were too busy working but that I would pass on the information. You can leave him a message at 970-247-1583 ext.11, if you feel the need. Sometime when you have a minute or two stop by the office.



### Willy Tookey <admin@sanjuancolorado.us>

# lower river road

2 messages

Terrence M. Kerwin <kerwintm@frontier.net>

Tue, Sep 8, 2020 at 11:54 AM

To: admin@sanjuancolorado.us

Hi Will;

Just thought I'd let you know I think the gating of the lower river road was a great idea. Unfortunately we saw 3 dirt bikes cruise through the gate. Doesn't really appear to be a problem yet, but I'm sure over time there will be more and more dirt bikes using it. — Terry

Willy Tookey <admin@sanjuancolorado.us>

Tue, Sep 8, 2020 at 12:02 PM

To: "Terrence M. Kerwin" < kerwintm@frontier.net>

Thanks Terry.

We know that we will need to do a better job next year to address some of the OHVs and dirt bikes that are going around and through the barricades. Willy

William Tookey San Juan County Administrator 970-387-5766 admin@sanjuancolorado.us PO Box 466, Silverton CO 81433

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These are photos of Connie Bishop, age 73 and my wife, having to

push her bike up and over the culvert where the barrier closest to Silverton prevents OHVs from proceeding through the river road along the Animas River.

This decision by two of the three county commissioners at their whims and prejudices has created this situation. This is a road that we have biked for years, and now this This was total foolishness, a waste of our money, a display of selfishness, and a total lack of common sense.

I was unable to find emails or phone numbers for these two commissioners or I would have directed this message to them. Hopefully, they will receive this message, thou

Douglas Bishop Sent from my iPhone

Willy Tookey <admin@sanjuancolorado.us>
To: douglas bishop <dconbishop@hotmail.com>

Thu, Aug 6, 2020 at 9:43 AM

Hi Doug, I will make surt the Commissioners receive a copy of your email.

Willy

William Tookey San Juan County Administrator 970-387-5766 admin@sanjuancolorado us PO Box 466, Silverton CO 81433

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Willy Tookey <admin@sanjuancolorado.us>
To: douglas bishop <dconbishop@hotmail.com>

Wed, Aug 12, 2020 at 3:27 PM

Hi Doug,

The Commissioners did discuss your email this morning during their BOCC meeting.

They wanted to let you know that they will look at making the Boulder Creek barricade more bicycle friendly for next year.

They also wanted to let you know that the task force that recommended the barricades included representatives from the motorized, non-motorized and bicycle communities. Willy

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**Douglas Bishop** <dconbishop@hotmail.com>
To: Willy Tookey <admin@sanjuancolorado.us>

Wed, Aug 12, 2020 at 3:45 PM

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There is a lot of this year remaining.

When all the input is received by the commissioners, does it not easily come down to each individual commissioner's opinion and prejudices? I wonder.

Thanks for letting me know, Willy,

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 12, 2020, at 3:28 PM, Willy Tookey <admin@sanjuancolorado.us> wrote:

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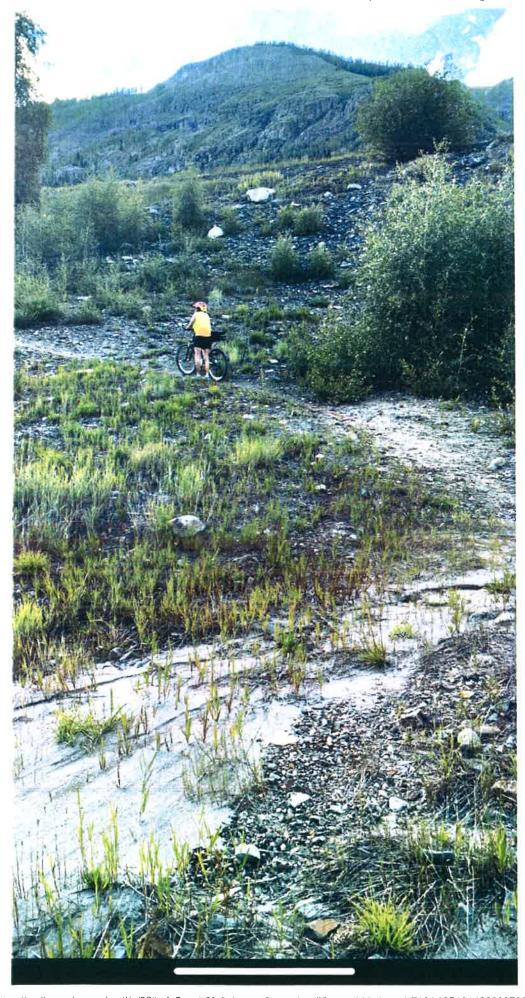
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On Wed, Aug 5, 2020 at 1:19 PM douglas bishop <a href="mailto:double.com">double.com</a> wrote: <a href="mailto:double.com">double.com</a> wrote:



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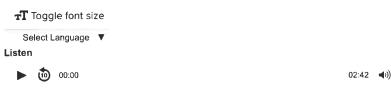
# Pilot project allows OHVs on highway to connect entire Alpine Loop

Previously, vehicles were banned on 3-mile stretch of road

By Herald Staff Report

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The Colorado Department of Transportation recently approved a three-year pilot project to allow off-highway vehicles on Colorado Highway 149 in Lake City, thereby allowing riders to travel the entire stretch of the Alpine Loop.

Previously, OHV riders were not allowed on an estimated 3.25-mile stretch of Highway 149.

Now, for the term of the pilot project, OHVs will be allowed to run the Friday before Memorial Day through Sept. 30 from 2021 to 2023.

The Alpine Loop is a 63-mile backcountry route traversing the San Juan Mountains and connects the towns of Silverton, Lake City and Ouray.

According to a statement from Hinsdale County, OHVs will be allowed to ride Highway 149 from County Road 30, south of Lake City, to the Ocean Wave Drive intersection on the north end of Lake City.

"OHVs are not permitted to ride on any other areas of the highway at any time outside the boundaries of the program," the statement said.

OHVs are permitted on all Lake City and Hinsdale County roads.

As part of the pilot project, officials will place more signs in the area about designated routes and regulations, as well as speed limits, which will be set at 30 mph on Highway 149.

Accidents involving OHVs will be reported to CDOT. The Hinsdale County Sheriff's Office will hire an officer to focus on enforcing OHV regulations. Penalties and fines will also be increased for OHV infractions.

Hinsdale County said educational efforts to inform OHV riders of rules will include a volunteer information stop, maps of the pilot program route with rules and informational material about OHV operation, and the pilot program.

"CDOT will be provided a report on the pilot program at the end of each OHV season, including specific data from law enforcement ... numbers of accidents involving OHVs on the highway, warnings issued to OHV drivers, tickets issued to OHV drivers," Hinsdale County said.

OHV counts will also be conducted eight times through the season, and they will be included in the report. The public will also have the opportunity to comment.

Hinsdale County said a similar pilot program took place on Highway 149 in the summers of 2019 and 2020. At the close of the 2020 season, a new pilot program was sought by local officials.

"Following several separate and two joint meetings, county commissioners and town trustees directed their staff to work with CDOT on an application for a new three-year pilot program," the statement said.

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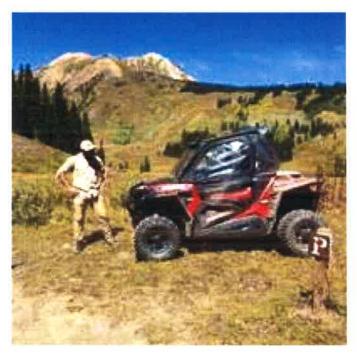
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# Crested Butte ending free-for-all camping, designating sites

Agencies identifying as many as 211 formal campsites, requiring reservations

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Dave Ochs spent some long days last summer working on a new bike trail up the Slate River above Crested Butte.

The executive director of the Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association was driving down to town one July evening when he counted a train of 20 cars a minute heading up the drainage.

"All the campsites up there were already taken," he said. "I was like, 'Where could all these people be going?""

Wherever they wanted. The river drainages that spill into the East River Valley above Crested Butte offer some of the most popular dispersed camping escapes in Colorado.

Maybe too popular.

After a deluge of trailer-hauling, tent-tossing campers last summer, a coalition of locals and forest officials plan to end the free-for-all, camp-anywhere bacchanal. Beginning this spring, the six drainages surrounding Crested Butte will have designated campsites. By as soon as next year, reservations will be required.



Forest Service officials are joining the Crested Butte community in designating 211 official campsites in the drainages above Crested Butte as a way to protect natural resources.

Courtesy Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association/Crested Butte Conservation Corps



The Crested Butte Conservation Corps is working with the Forest Service to build 211 designated campsites in the six drainages that spill into Crested Butte.

Courtesy Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association/Crested Butte Conservation Corps

"I chalk this up to Colorado's growing pains," said Joe Lavorini, the Gunnison County Stewardship Coordinator for the National Forest Foundation. "None of us would really want to go down this route if we didn't have to, but this is best for the resources and ultimately it's what's best for the users as well."

The new management approach is part of a collaboration between the Forest Service and the Gunnison Valley Sustainable Tourism and Outdoor Recreation (STOR) Committee. That committee, created by Gunnison County's commissioners, includes 19 members from the community.

The STOR Corps, as they call themselves, works to promote sustainable tourism and recreation in the valley and approached the Forest Service with the designated-campsite plan after last summer, when Crested Butte was busy with campers and visitors eager to get outdoors during the pandemic.

"We decided as a community and as a committee, that it was time to say you just can't camp anywhere," said John Norton, the executive director of the valley's Tourism and Prosperity Partnership, "It's not an anticamping sentiment. Everybody here loves to camp and everybody here does camp. It's just that you can only take so much without hurting the resource. We need to protect the natural resources that make this valley so special and this one way to do it."

Camping exploded in Colorado last summer with record numbers of residents and visitors popping tents and parking trailers in remote corners as a way to get outdoors and distance themselves during the pandemic. In some areas, the deluge overwhelmed both land managers and facilities.

The South Platte Ranger District in the Pike National Forest last fall converted 340 dispersed campsites into reserved, fee sites after the close-to-Denver forest swarmed with record crowds. The district's \$15-a-night sites have assigned parking spots, pit toilets and fire rings. And they are a sign of the future.

Reservations are increasingly common in Colorado's busy high country. Hikers need to book access to Hanging Lake. Camping permits are mandatory around Conundrum Hot Springs. Access to the Maroon Bells outside Aspen starts with a shuttle ticket. Even Vail Resorts required reservations to ride chairlifts this winter.



By 2022 there will be 211 official campsites in the six drainages that spill into Crested Butte. Courtesy Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association/Crested Butte

Conservation Corps

This summer the backcountry-protecting Crested Butte Conservation Corps will help the Forest Service install campsites, with posts and numbers to designate each site. They will start up Slate River Road with 43 sites and 48 campsites up Washington Gulch Road and then expand into Kebler Pass, Irwin Lake, Brush Creek, Cement Creek and Gothic Road. By next spring there should be 211 designated camping sites across the valley.

Norton said if everything works well this summer, campers will be able to book the sites on rec.gov by next spring. But that would require the campsites to meet a host of infrastructure criteria, like fire rings and toilets, outlined under the Federal Land Recreation Enhancement Act's rules for establishing fees.

The Crested Butte Conservation Corps is already building campsites. A crew of 10 STOR Corps workers paid by a Great Outdoors Colorado grant - will spend

the summer helping campers learn the new rules. Tourism officials in the valley will warn visitors to have a back-up plan for camping. And maybe a back-up back-up plan on busy weekends.

"This is our community being proactive and doing something before the recreation gets out of control," Lavorini said. "It's time because we are seeing these areas lose their wild and wilderness characteristics due to overuse."

The STOR Committee studied camping landscapes around other popular destinations, including Sedona, Prescott and Maricopa County in Arizona.

"We saw that if you don't have reserved camping, it's just chaos," said Ochs, whose mountain bike association formed the Crested Butte Conservation Corps in 2017 as a professional trail and stewardship team focused on protecting the valley's backcountry.

The camping crowds last summer were gasoline on the Crested Butte community's simmering plan to designate campsites around the valley. Ochs and his corps spent many days talking with campers about proper etiquette, including how to bury poop (deeply!) and where to discard trash (not piled at makeshift campsites and trailheads!).

"Some of them truly just did not know," Ochs said.

Ochs and his corps have some concerns about the coming camping season. More people have their toys - rooftop tents, trailers and vans - and are eager for another summer in the woods. He's joining the Crested Butte community in a chorus of messaging urging visitors to make a plan and have an alternative in mind when that perfect campsite they've visited for years is not available.

He's urging town leaders to set up a temporary one-night spot in a local parking lot for campers who get denied when they arrive late.

"People are coming here to camp and ride and ... they are going to do it," Ochs said. "We need to be ready for them and help them."

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August	11,781.46	13,949.50	6,568.03	13,486.95	10,921.79		-19.02%	11,341.55
September	15,042.34	21,634.93	9,579.78	22,429.05	21,745.79		-3.05%	18,086.38
October	12,955.34	16,769.39	11,057.45	13,774.16	18,726.14		35.95%	14,656.50
November	13,548.66	-4,182.80	11,187.78	15,070.58	17,785.19		18.01%	9,822.54
December	6,497.13	4,750.60	5,273.24	7,547.72	17,476.46		-5.00%	5,888.17
Total	140,498.76	125,349.48	111,665.35	144,841.14	186,708.50	68,951.26	28.91%	128,151.67
Year to Date	38,883.21	43,202.46	41,091.13	40,789.11	59,591.04	68,951.26	15.71%	

			I	Lodging Tax				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 % Change		5 yr. Average
January	1,083.78	35.05	126.80	885.93	3,729.44	543.94	-85.41%	1,064.23
February	7,581.19	10,406.98	8,318.23	10,816.00	14,088.47	20,282.97	43.97%	12,782.53
March	1,544.89	786.00	3,097.25	145.07	454.00	00.099	45.37%	1,028.46
April	195.49	1,543.39	2,002.98	33.00	0.00	1,489.56	%00.0	1,013.79
May	7,263.06	13,776.57	11,375.54	17,612.98	14,069.00		-20.12%	12,819.43
June	4,849.00	1,094.30	1,356.34	952.07	300.40		-68.45%	1,710.42
July	1,394.08	309.00	2,702.84	170.21	573.00		236.64%	1,029.83
August	9,590.21	10,799.07	11,477.00	14,372.43	13,978.56		-2.74%	10,758.36
September	1,354.94	5,661.40	7,956.78	2,738.12	139.00		-94.92%	3,770.81
October	3,733.58	2632.10	62.999	2848.73	780.48		-72.60%	2,167.27
November	39,304.00	38,017.00	43,574.04	47,263.00	58396.70		23.56%	39,678.68
December	1,011.00	2,839.96	2,029.95	1,790.37	1918.52		-5.00%	1,995.60
Total	78,905.22	87,900.82	94,684.54	99,627.91	108,427.57	22,976.47	8.83%	82,723.46
Year to Date	10,405.35	12,771.42	13,545.26	11,880.00	18,271.91	22,976.47		