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Hello Blaine County Commissioners

I live out East Fork and have concerns about what I am hearing about a commercial development with Camp Rainbow Gold. This project needs to take all the steps with Planning and Zoning and public hearings.

In a letter sent to me, they said they have been doing this for 15 years and have expanded their program into a 5 week a year program. Two of these weeks are only partially attended. From what was said in this letter, they want to rent the new facility out the rest of the time. They don't tell anyone who they want to rent it to, and don't seem to have a clear plan. My concern with this is this 90% unknown use. The CUP states that, as a retreat, it can't be used as a resort or quasi-motel, but that is what it sounds like.

I am also concerned with the safety of 200 medically fragile children 7 1/2 miles out a dead end canyon. Our past fire history speaks for itself. Firefighters would have to give top priority, and direct all their resources, to those who are disabled, or medically fragile.-CRG. I think this facility would tax our existing fire departments, and leave most of the homes in East Fork to fend for themselves. There must be three hundred homes in East Fork, but unlike Greenhorn, any fire coming out this canyon will have way less lead time with the prevailing winds. If a fire starts at the dump or from the highway it will spread fast, and the path will be straight at this camp. The only way out is to drive straight through the fire.

I am concerned about the commercial use of the existing road, it's not built for commercial use, it is an old narrow residential road. If they build all 25 buildings they will be using the Blaine County Commercial Building Codes. Wouldn't it make sense to have a commercial road that supports what they are planning. Who pays for that ?

The only reason CRG is interested in this property is because the seller is giving a huge reduction in price and taking a huge tax write off for a piece of property that hasn't sold for 30 years. CRG could certainly find a better home.

Thanks for reading this and I will be at every meeting and very vocal with my concerns-
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