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Blaine County Planning and Zoning Commisioners

I fully support Camp Rainbow Golds proposal to purchase property on East Fork Big Wood River and construct a permanent camp there. That would be best use of the property and provide an excellent location for the camp.

I am a 4th generation East Forkite, am co-owner of property further out canyon, and spend a lot of time out there. I get out there a few days a week all year long as do other family members. The property proposed for the camp was my grandparents homestead/ farm/ ranch and where my mother was raised.

A permanent camp there would be very valuable for the children attending and their families. It is the highest and best use for the property. A few new mansions on the current subdivision lots will only benefit a few people. They would likely only be occupied a few weeks a year. The camp would benefit a lot of children with extreme difficulties and their families much more of the year.

It would be very good to develop a permanent camp in the "Sun Valley" area with its solid foundation of supporters, close medical services, and other resources.

There will be some increase in traffic on East Fork Road but that is okay. Things change. I would prefer the whole canyon stayed in working farms/ ranches as it was when I was growing up and in my grandparents and great grandparents time. That time is long gone now and will never return. Enough of the canyon is subdivided already. We do not need more "castles". There will be a temporary increase in construction traffic for a while but no more than if/when the current subdivision lots on the property and adjacent properties are developed.

The opposition to the camp locating there is a prime example of NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) and is very selfish. It is going to be in somebody's back yard. I am embarrassed by the opposition. I thought we (Wood River Valley) were a center excellence for doing good things for people less fortunate than ourselves.

I have many fond memories of roaming the hills and river bottoms of East Fork as a kid. I have continued to roam there the rest of my life. I would be very happy to share it with the Camp Rainbow Gold kids and their families.

Thank you,

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