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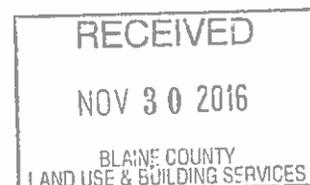
Dear Ms McCleary,

In considering the application by Camp Rainbow Gold (CRG) to build and maintain a camp at 708 East Fork Road, I believe it comes down to the needs of the long-time residents of Triumph, and others along East Fork Road, and the sadly temporary needs of sick children and their parents and families.

It's a highly charged, emotional issue so I'm hoping cool heads will prevail. The residents of Triumph will be negatively impacted by more noise and more traffic along East Fork Road, which will result in more wear and tear on a County road which can hardly sustain the present increased activity. I am not in favor of an increase in my property taxes for the benefit of CRG residents and visitors.

From a personal standpoint, when my husband passed away in July 1994, I had a choice of moving from Triumph but decided to stay as I really like my house in the country, with its quiet, peaceful surroundings. After getting married, I moved to Triumph in March 1988, where I enjoy gardening, the birds and wildlife, fresh air and walking my dog along East Fork Road every day. My parents have passed away in Australia and my sister and her family live in London. I have no children and she's my only relative. I have no other home except the one in Triumph so a disruption to my existence would be a real hardship. I am 74 years-of-age and retired, and want to enjoy the years I have left.

I am not prepared to give up my lifestyle for the sake of the Board members of the CRG, who are probably well-meaning, but do not fully understand how they are disrupting other Peoples' lives, which is not fair. The owners of the land will benefit with a tax write-off for their land donation, as will the real estate agent handling the sale. Employees of Ruscitto/Latham/Blanton will get their share from the architectural plans they will produce, as will all the construction workers who will be employed for the twenty-two (22) months it will take to build the camp. How will the residents of Triumph benefit? They will not! This seems to be an exercise of David versus Goliath! Big money against the village of Triumph whose residents want to be left alone!



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Idaho is a big, beautiful State and the Board of the CRG needs to keep looking for another location. There was a lot of animosity at the meeting at the Community Campus on August 31, 2016. The animosity will not dissipate if the CRG continues to go forward with their plans.

I urge you to please deny approval for the conditional use permit for the CRG as a settlement of approximately twenty-two (22) buildings will constitute a small town which the location cannot sustain. Several studies have been presented trying to prove otherwise but they are not realistic. In case of a fire or medical emergency East Fork Road is not wide enough to accommodate fire trucks, ambulances and emergency personnel. The resulting traffic jam would create complete chaos and endanger lives if an evacuation became necessary.

The CRG hasn't even considered the negative impact the camp would have on wildlife in the area. Wildlife have enough of a hard time dodging hunters and coping with snow and reduced food sources in winter. If the CRG has compassion for sick children where is their compassion for wildlife? They were here first and we are the intruders!

As we live in a free, democratic society I believe the residents of Triumph, and others along East Fork Road, should be given the choice of being able to vote on the issue. Or the option of a referendum should be considered. At the last meeting the Board members said we would be able to "testify" against the camp at the next Blaine County Commissioners' meeting. To me a verbal testimony doesn't carry much weight. I would like to suggest the option of being able to vote on the measure with an actual ballot and a choice of "Yes" or "No". I think the Commissioners have the capability of offering a fair and transparent choice to Blaine County residents, to circumvent any "back room deals" being made. The latter might be fine in South America or Africa but, fortunately, we live in the United States of America!

In conclusion I am adamantly opposed to a permanent childrens' camp at 708 East Fork Road being considered and built.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. M. Sullivan".

(Mrs.) Jitka M. Sullivan