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Rachel Martin, Blaine County Land Use and Building Services

Reference: Request for Comment REVISED, Burks Residence Fire Access Roadway

The Wood River Fire Protection District has been asked to provide written comment on the above proposed fire apparatus access roadway and residence. A copy of the project drawings was provided to me for this review.

- 1) The fire truck turnaround indicated at the intersection of Lemhi Drive and the Burks driveway meets dimensional requirements (2018 IFC Appendix D) however the cross slope of the turnaround cannot exceed 2 percent.
- 2) The fire apparatus driveway meets width requirements **however the curve at the beginning of the driveway at the fire truck turnaround cannot exceed a 7 percent slope.** The entire driveway and turnarounds shall be maintained clear and unobstructed across the entire 20-foot width at all times.
- 3) Due to the length of the driveway, an approved fire truck turnaround is required at the residence. The cul-de-sac turnaround indicated at the residence does not meet fire truck turnaround dimension requirements (2018 IFC Appendix D) as indicated at 60 feet in width. In addition, the cross slope of the turnaround cannot exceed 2 percent.
- 4) The proposed size of the building exceeds 4,000 square feet and therefore requires an approved water supply or a fire sprinkler system throughout (Blaine County Fire Protection Ordinance 2021-06). Due to the grade of the surrounding slopes, an approved fire sprinkler system is recommended.

This is a preliminary review only. Additional reviews and comments will be required as the project moves forward. Note that construction on this residence is not allowed until Lemhi Drive is improved to meet Fire District requirements.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this project.

Sincerely,

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