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**CUP0030-21 - Opposition to RV Park - Hearing April 3, 2025**

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Planning Department,

Attached is a letter from Sheriff Daryl Wheeler, which is submitted in opposition for the CUP 0030-21 hearing scheduled for April 3, 2025.

Thank you.

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# BONNER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Daryl Wheeler, Sheriff • Ror Lakewold, Undersheriff

March 26, 2025

Bonner County Planning Department  
(via [planning@bonnercountyid.gov](mailto:planning@bonnercountyid.gov))

IN RE: CUP 0030-21 – RV PARK HEARING APRIL 3, 2025

Bonner County Sheriff's Office would like to express concern and opposition to approving the proposed CUP Application on this **non-conforming** 4.17-acre parcel that is located in a Rural-5 zone, which zone only allows "one dwelling unit per five (5) acre density" per *Bonner County Revised Code* 12-323(B)(2). BCRC 12-340(D) states: ". . . It is the intent of this title to permit these nonconformities to continue as required by law. It is further the intent of this title that nonconformities shall not be enlarged upon, expanded or extended, nor be used as grounds for adding other structures or uses prohibited elsewhere in the same district or zone. (Ord. 501, 11-18-2008)."

The density of 20 RVs on less than 5 acres in a rural area exacerbates the intensity of danger or hazards both to the occupants of those RVs and to the residents on adjacent parcels. One safety issue to note is that there are no sidewalks along the gravel roadways, which will experience increased pedestrian (including children), bicycle, RV, vehicle and animal traffic. If there is an emergency requiring a response from law enforcement, fire, and/or medical services, the fallout may be intensified because of the response time and the lack of and/or poor or damaged infrastructure. There is also a question as to the adequacy of the rural dirt ingress and egress for all emergency services (potentially more than one of each at one time), along with water resources readily and adequately available.

The health, welfare, and safety of visitors and our residents staying or living in or around RV parks is far better served by placing those facilities in zones with close proximity to emergency infrastructure (e.g., fire hydrants, paved roads) and emergency services.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Daryl Wheeler