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**Re: [EXT SENDER] RE: Notice of Public Hearing - File CUP0030-21 Remanded - Conditional Use Permit - RV Park**

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Mon, Mar 24, 2025 at 1:25 PM

To: Bonner County Planning Department &lt;planning@bonnercountyid.gov&gt;

Hi Jessica,

Please consider this email as comment by Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) regarding CUP0030-21:

Game species such as deer, elk, and wild turkey likely use this and nearby habitat year-round. Moose, black bear, and mountain lion are likely to occasionally pass through. The Department will not be responsible for losses of domestic animals (dogs, cats, livestock), ornamental plants, or private property.

IDFG offers the following voluntary recommendations:

Standing timber (including dead snags) and natural vegetation (including shrubs) be retained (outside building envelopes and with consideration for defensible space in a wildfire context) to provide cover, food, nesting sites, perching sites, etc. for indigenous wildlife.

Garbage should not be left outside, bear-proof dumpsters should be used, and an adequate garbage collection system should be designed and implemented including bear-aware signage.

We recommend that signage be placed prohibiting purposely feeding wild animals.

We recommend that any onsite security lighting be downcast to avoid disturbance of nocturnal wildlife.

We recommend pets be kept kenneled, leashed, indoors, or otherwise restrained from chasing or disturbing wildlife.

If perimeter fencing cannot be avoided, we recommend wildlife-friendly fencing (such as post and rail) that allows animals to move through unrestricted. Woven wire and chain link fencing can result in entanglement and injury to deer and elk. Exclusion fencing (eg. chain link with slats, wood slat) is recommended for smaller areas such as gardens or pet runs. Wildlife friendly fencing guides are available online from NRCS, Arizona Game & Fish, and Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

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