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Notice of Public Hearing - File CUP0030-21 Remanded - Conditional Use Permit - RV Park

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Good afternoon,

The Spirit Lake Fire Protection District will follow and enforce the International Fire Code to the full extent regarding file CUP0030-21. Notably, RV parks pose a unique risk, especially in the Wildland Urban Interface. Spirit Lake Fire Protection District opposes any approval(s) that allows the applicant to proceed without the appropriate and required amount of fire flow, spacing, setbacks, and fire access. In addition to the risk to other RVs, and the surrounding homes and businesses, a fire in this park could spread to the wildland, become a significant wildfire incident, and impact all of Bonner County, even potentially threatening homes in neighboring fire districts. RV parks are unregulated in Idaho and the transient nature of the park makes prevention and enforcement nearly impossible. RVs burn more rapidly than structures and spread to other neighboring RVs rapidly. A full RV park poses a high risk for civilian rescue, or even life loss. LPG tanks and other hazards associated with RVs can pose unique operational challenges for short-staffed fire districts. With limited resources in our county, this RV park poses a tactical challenge and requires us to be more attentive to fire prevention features, conditions, and designs.

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