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To: Bonner County Planning Department <planning@bonnercountyid.gov>

Hello Dylan,

This is Spirit Lake Fire District's response to the Conditional Use Permit located off Curtis Creek Road (CUP0005-25). Blasting at gravel pits happens quite often in North Idaho. This is not new to the area. The hazards as far as fire goes are quite low. Our main concern with this project is safety. For that, the Spirit Lake Fire Protection District will require the following items to be met.

- The area must have adequate emergency vehicle access and turnarounds. Roads shall be maintained to make sure fire rigs and other emergency vehicles can travel on them safely.
- Spirit Lake Fire must be provided with a Blasting Plan that details how and when blasting will occur. The Fire Chief or their representative shall review the plans with the blasting agency.
- There shall be an initial and post-blast inspection.
- Spirit Lake Fire will require a 24-hour notification prior to any blasting.
- The agency that is doing the blasting must have the proper ATF certification or license.
- There must be a responsible person from the blasting company on site at the time of blasting. This individual will be responsible for directing and supervising all blasting operations, including the handling and storage of explosives.
- A plan must be in place for blasting materials that fail to detonate as designed.
- Based on blasting material and blasting location, a fall out plan will be required for debris.

Should the Conditional Use Permit be granted, SLFPD will meet with the applicant to discuss these requirements and how to move forward.

Respectfully,

Dave England

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