

Date	Name	Address	For Proposed Campground (Y/N)	Summary of Comments	Alternate location of campground?	Full comments
3/10/2021	Susan Giannettino	1040 CD Olena Hailey, ID	N	Concern should be focused on dispersed & unattended campfires. Proposes no fires allowed in campground and campground has an on-site manager in a campground next to Hailey.	adjacent to Hailey	<p>I attended a meeting on the proposed campground recently. Most of the people attending had jumped to opposition to the proposed campground. The focus seemed to be fear of wildfire. People who work in natural resource management and in fire management know that wildfires do not start in developed campgrounds. Concern should be focused on the dispersed camping fires and the unattended campfires we have had in places such as the Croy bike park. Having said that, the most obvious solution is a campground that does not allow fires and that has an on-site manager.</p> <p>I am not opposed to a campground adjacent to Hailey. I see the value identified by the Chamber and other citizens. We have stayed in community campgrounds, mostly while traveling in Canada. It is not a wilderness experience, it is not even a wild land camping experience. We have camped in communities because we wanted to explore that cute little community. When camping adjacent to town, we have gone to concerts, eaten out, washed clothes. Families who want to attend kid's soccer matches, couples traveling cross country... they are not camping next to town so they can sit around the campfire and toast marshmallows. So, have a campground with no fires and a full time manager. If no fires is a deal breaker for some, then they can go camp on public lands.</p> <p>I still need a bit more information on campground design and the costs associated with an on-site manager versus revenues.</p>
	Laura J Bernard	Hailey, ID	N	Not aligned with preservation of sensitive ecosystems; poor location and bad planning (Fire hazard, rattlesnake hazard); doubts the demand for public camping; increased fires, garbage, noise are detrimental to nature/tranquility	away from sensitive ecosystems & extreme fire danger	<p>First email: We are opposed to a public campground in Hailey, especially close to the river and our town. It is an idea that is fraught with issues and not aligned with preservation of our sensitive eco systems near the river or otherwise. Please keep us informed. We intend to protest the City Council's nouveau attitude that more development to accommodate the masses, means progress . It will lead to the loss of our treasured natural resources and open wild lands. The fires, garbage, noise and addition of cumbersome vehicles tromping about the Draper in numbers , might be fun for visitors but very detrimental to those of us who strive for natural preservation, tranquility and reverence for what we have here. Thank you for all that The Land Trust does to ensure the longevity of this ideal. Second email: Fire danger isn't worth it with any plan for a campground. We also doubt there is significant inquiry for public camping. I believe that info is inflated and not true. Even so, it is a poor location and bad planning. It needs to be put far away from sensitive eco systems and extreme fire danger here , so close to residential properties and the Draper Preserve area. Rattlesnake liability is dangerous out Croy as well. We will try our best to fight in opposition to Lisa Horowitz and others flawed visions for " progress" and revenue resources for the City that profoundly threaten our way of life in the Idaho wilderness in small-town Hailey.</p>
3/5/2021	Nancy Richter		N	concerns are: fire danger, road safety, wildlife. Describes a fire in the Rancho Cielo area near Croy Canyon that could happen in that area if a campground was added. Day use proposed. No fires.	Day use only.	<p>Hello All!</p> <p>The discussions regarding the proposed campground in Croy Canyon last evening were very informative. Our group of residents concerns were for fire danger, road safety and wildlife.</p> <p>Rancho Cielo is located off of Rock Creek Road in Croy Canyon. The homeowner at the far, south in our subdivision had a burn pile, even though there was a burn ban, which "reignited " after 2 days, in a strong south wind. This fire sweep into the sagebrush in seconds, burning through sagebrush and grass enveloping the nearest 2 houses over 10 acres away. The fire continued burning towards 3 more houses as fire crews arrived. See photo 1. The fire was fought with ground crews, and retardant from the air before reaching Croy Canyon Road. Had all homeowners in Rancho Cielo not had sprinkler systems with green space around our homes, we would have lost everything. It takes nothing to start a fire in grass and sagebrush. A cigarette, a firework, a sparkler, an ember or spark blown out of a fire pit. A fire like ours could burn through the Draper Preserve and cross the river in a heartbeat. What a tragedy that would be. I see day use. No fires needed. Thank you for your time! Nancy Richter Entertainment Media 206-419-7052 (mobile) nrichterem@aol.com</p>

3/7/2021	Ed Northen	340 W Cedar St. Hailey, ID	N	<p>Let people stay in hotels when they come to town to stimulate the economy; campers don't stimulate the economy beyond fuel, groceries, and a quick hardware store visit. Management and maintenance of a campground require city funds; what is the cost of operating a campground? Against the Croy site for a campground due to proximity to Simon Bauer Nature Preserve and potential for campground visitors and pets to encroach on wildlife habitat or otherwise negatively impact the preserves. He is concerned for the trout population & negative impact on fishing in the Big Wood River if people catch and keep (eat) the trout, as the area is a wild trout fishery (no supplemental stocking of hatchery fish). People staying in hotels put money into the community, not people in campgrounds. No to a campground in Lyons Park, too, due to flood risk.</p>	<p>further out Croy Creek Canyon near Rock Creek Rd. or up Quigley Canyon away from the river.</p>	<p>March 7, 2021 The honorable Mayor Burke and City Council Members,</p> <p>I would like to make some comments concerning the desire to build a campground in Hailey. I am not certain why there is this sudden push to develop a campground. I have heard the comment, it will bring business into the city but I wonder how much research has been done to determine if this is true. I have been camping for over 50 years and when I camp, I do not stimulate the economy in any of the towns I visit, except for fuel and groceries and perhaps a hardware store for a camping item needed. When people camp, they do not go out and eat in restaurants, visit coffee shops, or spend money in town. Most people who camp are self-contained and focus on recreating in the natural places they visit with activities such as fishing, hiking, photography, bike riding or birding.</p> <p>Visitors who spend money in the community will be the ones who stay in the hotels and motels. We have just had another hotel built in Hailey and should be encouraging visitors to stay in one of the hotels in our city. These people will bring business and lot tax income into the city. We should not be building a campground as a convenience for people coming in for events, let them stay in the hotels.</p> <p>Management and maintenance of a campground is going to require city funds to operate. I am certain the city has looked at the cost of operating a campground. While I do not know these figures, I doubt they will cover the cost of an employee to manage the campground, cover maintenance supplies for bathroom facilities, noxious weed control and maintenance of the campground.</p> <p>Regarding the proposed Croy Creek Campground.</p> <p>I am opposed to this site for a campground due to the proximity of the campground to the newly acquired Simon Bauer Nature Preserve. I foresee problems with campground visitors and pets encroaching in wildlife habitat. A split rail fence that is wildlife friendly will not keep dogs from chasing moose and deer.</p> <p>The Wood River Land Trust and members of the community have invested heavily in securing these lands to protect wildlife habitat and floodplain along the Hailey Greenbelt. I have personally invested in these purchases and do not want to see these areas negatively impacted by a campground. Building a campground next to any of the preserves is simply the wrong place to build a campground. The impact will be detrimental to most people's vision for our community.</p> <p>Another issue I have concerning building a campground near the river in Hailey, is over the numbers of campers putting more pressure on the nearby Big Wood River trout population. Many people who camp like to fish and keep fish for dinner. The Big Wood River below the East Fork bridge has the special regulation of a slot limit, there is a two fish limit, no fish between 12" and 16" may be kept, however all other fish may be kept. Bait is allowed to be used and I am concerned about fish mortality when the number of fisher people on that section of river increases. A single family of four can keep eight trout per day! This could have a significant negative impact on the fishing in the adjacent preserves resulting in a much higher fish mortality. I am a flyfishing guide and many of the guides in the valley guide in these preserves. Guides practice a catch and release ethic, which helps maintain the excellent fishing in these waters. The Big Wood River from the North Fork all the way to Magic Reservoir is a wild trout fishery. This means no supplemental stocking of hatchery fish is permitted and the fish population is sustained by natural reproduction. North of Ketchum where we do have many campgrounds in the National forest, Idaho Fish & Game (IDFG) supports the fish populations with hatchery trout. The campers usually fish these waters out in two weeks and require IDFG to restock the waters. A campground near the river in Hailey could be devastating to the wild trout populations. The Outfitters in this valley support wild trout fisheries and it is the wild trout fisheries that bring people from all over the country to come and fish in our area. These are the people staying in hotels and putting money into the communities, not the people staying in campgrounds.</p> <p>I am also opposed to the option of locating the campground at Lyons Park, this should be completely off the table for the reasons previous stated above. After the devastating 2017 floods, there were discussions and proposals about constructing a pond in the area adjacent to Lyons Park to mitigate some of the flooding and direct it into the wetlands of Croy Creek. We all know the river will flood again and we need to come up with a viable plan.</p> <p>If the city believes it absolutely needs for a campground, it should be built in an area that does not negatively impact the amazing river and wildlife habitats we have worked so hard to protect and preserve in Hailey. Build the campground further out Croy Creek Canyon near Rock Creek Rd or up Quigley Canyon away from the river.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my concerns as you make this decision.</p> <p>Sincerely Edward C. Northen PO Box 3603 (340 W Cedar St.) Hailey, ID 83333 apilgram@cox.net 949-246-9372 mobile 208-788-3618 home</p>
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3/4/2021	Dayna Gross		N	Dayna has experience with recreation and planning. She believes the campground should be smaller, less intrusive, and designed to minimize noise, traffic, environmental and scenic impact.	heart of Hailey ok. Change the design.	Dear Keri and Wood River Land Trust staff, I am writing regarding the Croy Creek campground proposal and will send a similar letter to the City of Hailey. From 2005-2015, I managed a major recreational property in Blaine County and have been a licensed Landscape Architect in Idaho since 2005. Previous to my time in the valley, I worked for the Forest Service doing scenic landscape corridor assessments and management planning. All this to say that I understand recreation and planning. The siting, layout and the scale of the proposed campground do nothing to take into account the surrounding landscape, uses and flow of both wildlife and people. I am not completely opposed to a campground in the heart of Hailey but to be truly successful-- it should be smaller, less intrusive and designed to minimize noise, traffic, environmental and scenic impacts. There are other ways to create camping opportunities close to town with much less impact. Please explore the options (with robust community input) and take some time with this decision. Dayna Gross Landscape Architect Conservationist
	Dana Orzel	77 Croesus Creek Rd Hailey	N	fuels, ignition sources, oxygen are needed for fire; all would be present in abundance in the campground in Croy. In addition, the proposed location is in a pinch point of the bridge over the Wood river. Also, Croy Crk rd. in NOT a 2-lane road (not wide enough) that already has mountain bikers, off-road vehicles, local resident traffic, contractors, service truck. 2 fires in the area recently.	in the City of Hailey, not in the country	See file "comments from Dana Orzel 77 Croesus Creek Rd. Hailey"
3/4/2021	Ann Fuller	521 Aspen Dr.	N	Lions Park campground would be disruptive to current users & nearby residents. Current caretakers of Draper Preserve have let her down (noxious weeds grow, need more dog waste receptacles and more frequent garbage removal). BLM is already proposing dispersed camping, so this seems redundant.	Just let BLM make their 20-something dispersed camping	Good morning, I live at 521 Aspen Drive , and I am very concerned about the proposal to put a campground at Lions Park as it would be disruptive to the many people who use it for a quiet place to recreate with their children and dogs. Picnic and baseball, frisbees etc. Not to mention people who live nearby. The Land Trust has not been responsible caretakers of the Draper Preserve, noxious weeds are growing profusely everywhere, there are not enough cans for deposits of dog excrement, the garbage cans that are there are overflowing much of the time. There is no one helping to enforce the rules. So I can't help but think a campground would be a disaster of garbage and noise. Who will enforce it? There are too many people trampling off trail, making new, wider trails as it is. With the BLM proposal for the twenty something dispersed campgrounds it seems needless and redundant. Plus the BLM would offer a much more desirable camping experience. No to a campground next to Hailey, we never had a chance to say WHETHER we wanted a campground, our only choice is how close. Thank you, Ann Fuller
3/11/2021	Genise and Howard Homan	206 W Bullion in Hailey	N	against both campground proposals. Concerns: wildlife, fire, increased traffic, noise, light; inappropriate use of perfectly beautiful area. Consider a land swap for a more appropriate location	land swap	Subject: Objection to Croy Canyon Campground...both locations Hello Keri, I was in a phone-in group discussion on March 4th and was unable to make a comment but just wanted to send in my objection to the proposed campground. I was in agreement with all the other participants re concerns for wildlife, fire, increased traffic, increased noise and light and just the overall inappropriate use of a perfectly beautiful, one of a kind area, that so many enjoy...Just as is. There was a good idea mentioned from an individual who was employed or had been employed by a conservation conservancy who suggested a land swap for the land already purchased by the city...A common practice in the business. I am not against campgrounds, just not in either of these proposed areas. Please pass along my comments to the appropriate individuals at Wood River Land Trust. Thank You, Genise and Howard Homan 206 W. Bullion in Hailey

3/4/2021	Roger Riccardi	Croy Creek	N	<p>remain opposed to high intensity camping & it's negative effects; summarizes this project. Would like an economic impact report that includes the load on city services to manage the campground, plus the liability of it. Considers this project light industrial with 20+ busses, generators, noise, sewage, light pollution. Consider moving the project to a high density zone.</p>	<p>more high intensity/density zone than Croy Canyon (R5)</p>	<p>Mayor Burke: I am looking forward to participating in your workshops this week. Many would agree that this should have been the process before the campground plan development and grant application but that is water under the Bullion Bridge.</p> <p>Since my first letter of January 24 I have had a chance to gain insight from environmentalists, business owners, many Hailey citizens, Croy Neighbors and Land Use Council. I remain opposed to the idea of high intensity camping where it negatively effects, wildlife, neighbors and safety. Your proposed project is really a small, loosely regulated, mobile subdivision of 33 units with thousands of transient residents all in R5 (one residence per 5 acre zoning). It is also right on top of a nature preserve and one of Hailey's rare wetlands.</p> <p>I am not aware that any real economic impact report has been presented. A full report would certainly take into consideration the \$750,000 grant, and the "donation" of staff time, do you really think this money is free ?</p> <p>In addition the load on city services to manage a campground and the significantly liability exposure the city will incur should be included. The very idea of the City of Hailey managing a campground is questionable, we already have experts in this area with BLM and the US forest Service. Are you going to manage a hotel next ?</p> <p>Your project as proposed is really closer to a light industrial use with potential for 20 + buses, generators, noise, sewage and light pollution – hence if you really think a campground is prudent it should be planned in a more high intensity zone.</p> <p>In the spirit of participating rather than complaining I would be happy to participate in a fund raising drive to place a WELCOME TO HAILEY sign on your gritty, dirty, un-screened, snow pile at the entrance to our town.</p> <p>Regret I can't be more positive but believe this project and the thinking behind it needs a real wake up call rather than incremental mitigation.</p> <p>Roger Riccardi Croy Creek Idaho.</p>
3/4/2021	Richard Spaulding		N	<p>Benefits of campground seem to be negligible compared to drawbacks: wildfire, increased traffic, wildlife corridor, riparian area, noise, trash, pollution, additional costs to City. BLM is considering campsite development and are avoiding areas where homes and wildfire danger are too close. Considers the campgrounds unneeded infrastructure.</p>	<p>No. Not needed in Lion's park or Croy.</p>	<p>You are probably hearing a variety of objections to the proposed Croy creek municipal campground. Please add my objections as well. I am not as vehemently opposed as many of my fellow citizens, but I am wondering at the rationale for a campground in the first place. Is it simply because you hope to get \$731,000 from the State of Idaho for the project? I'd like you to consider, for a moment, that bigger is not necessarily better. I've lived in Hailey, full time, since 1975. It has changed considerably in that time, as everything does. It is still a nice place to call home. But growth is not always a good thing and the benefits that the city hopes to gain from this campground seem negligible compared with the drawbacks.</p> <p>Wildfire especially comes to mind with our prevailing westerly canyon winds and our history of fires over the 46 years that I've lived here. Add to that the many additional objections: increased traffic, wildlife corridor, riparian area, noise, trash and pollution, additional costs to the city, etc. And what benefits do you expect? Perhaps some restaurant and grocery store traffic that you might have gotten anyhow.</p> <p>I have also read that the BLM is considering campsite development "in areas away from residential neighborhoods" and that campsites at the mouth of Lees Gulch will "not be permitted due to the proximity of homes and wildfire danger".</p> <p>Because the city owns property out Croy Canyon doesn't necessarily mean that they need to find a way to fill it up with more people. Lion's park is just fine the way it is. I see no great advantage in spending taxpayers money, be it from the State of Idaho or Hailey, to add infrastructure that we don't need. Snow storage is a fine use for the property.</p>

3/9/2021	Heather Clendenin		N	<p>minor economic benefits do not outweigh the negative issues of the proposed campground.</p> <p>Negatives: it seems that the Hailey government is advocating for tourists rather than it's citizens. It could be located anywhere. This letter reacts to several of the points in the grant application by questioning how it promotes health and safety, how it represents best practices for land planning, how it provides stewardship of the natural resources, why it's considered a "dry" campsite when water and sanitation are provided ... see full comments or "Letter from Heather Clendenin" for more specifics.</p>	<p>one of the many empty parking lots in town or near the airport</p>	<p>Mayor Martha Burke City Council Members Hailey City Hall Hailey, Idaho 83333 March 8, 2021</p> <p>Hello Mayor Burke and City Council Members-</p> <p>This letter is being written to state complete rejection of and disagreement with the city's plans to develop a campground in Croy Canyon. It's curious that you're advocating for tourists rather than for the residents of this valley when, in fact, the website for the Mayor's Office and City Council states the following: "The Hailey City Council acts on behalf of citizens to maintain the wellbeing of the city through its legislative functions."</p> <p>The visual, spatial and overall environmental impacts of this campground will add nothing to this valley or provide for the wellbeing of the citizens of Hailey and the immediately surrounding areas. In fact, everything about this campground is a detraction. Of course, there are some minor economic benefits but those surely can't outweigh the negatives in this case.</p> <p>I have responded to several points in the grant application in blue italics . It's a lengthy document so thank you in advance for reading through it.</p> <p>The proposed campground promotes health and safety through the following goals: How does it promote health and safety? For whom? Who determined these goals? And with what public input?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.It reflects best land planning practices for dry RV and tent camping design and compatibility. Explanations are needed to illustrate how this is accomplished. The location, alone, of the campground site is an example of the very worst of land planning practices. And...compatibility to what exactly? 2.It provides strong stewardship of the natural resources, and considers the high-desert, riparian-edged landscape in which it is located. Frankly, this statement is almost laughable. This project represents the very anathema of stewardship! The high desert, riparian edge is one of the most fragile of habitats. The so-called "design" of the campground could be ANYWHERE. Why not locate it in one of the many empty parking lots in town or near the airport? 3.It provides safe drinking water and sanitation facilities. How then is this a "dry" campsite? 4.It educates guests as to the values and ethics of our local Hailey community – Exactly whose values and ethics? They are certainly not ours! - through signage, waste management ???????, land impacts – This non-site-specific proposal would clearly highlight the lack of a land ethic and clearly state how little the Hailey community actually values the open space that surrounds our town!; erosion: Has anybody thought about the cut that will be necessary in the bluff to accommodate the RVs?; soil compaction: Has anybody thought about the severe soil compaction that will take place by the construction alone, not to mention the presence of the trucks and campers and Sprinter Vans that will be parked there?; management of pets: There's already a huge issue of people not picking up after their pets. This will expand an already terrible problem into fragile land once heavily populated by ungulates; information on the native wildlife and ecosystem –Will it include information as to how the native wildlife and ecosystem of this once pristine site has been compromised by this campground?, and more. What's included in the "more"? <p>More specifically, this project further supports the RV Program's purpose – What is the "RV Program's purpose"? How is it defined and by whom was it defined? by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Offering recreational vehicle camping in Hailey. Currently, no RV or tent camping exists in or around Hailey. There's a reason for that! This is a town! And there is an RV park just south
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					<p>of the hospital. RV camping is also very limited within Blaine County. Why should the citizens of Hailey be obligated to lose precious open space to the sight, sound and smell of campers? The Croy Canyon corridor is one of the few remaining open spaces left in the vicinity of Hailey!!! It needs to be preserved! The proposed project would create a total of 24 RV sites, with size and configuration breakdown as shown on the site plan. Nine (9) tent sites are also proposed.</p> <p>2. Providing amenities which improve the camping experience. Again, why should the citizens of Hailey and the immediately surrounding communities to the west of town lose the precious commodity of wide-open space directly adjacent to town? Once that open space is gone, it's gone forever...replaced by paltry looking "amenities". The creation of Croy Creek Campground would offer camping in close proximity to downtown Hailey and to local events such as music concerts and festivals, such as Trailing of the Sheep and our Fourth of July celebration, as well as sporting events, such as baseball tournaments. Why should a campground that will permanently damage the visual corridor and open space along Croy Canyon Road be built to serve these singular events??? The proposed RV campground would provide campers with level, graded RV and tent pads, double vault toilets, potable water, picnic tables, dish-washing stations, and fire rings. All of these so-called amenities would completely destroy this site...forever. In addition, has anyone considered the amount of grading and cut and fill created by leveling out the site? The vault toilets, two (2) of the recreational vehicle sites and one (1) tent site would be ADA compliant.</p> <p>3. Educating and encouraging strong stewardship of the natural resources. Croy Creek Campground would be located within a high-desert, riparian-edged ecosystem. The City would strive to educate and encourage strong stewardship of the land via signage, which would illustrate proper waste management, land impacts, erosion and soil compaction, management of pets, information on the native wildlife and ecosystem, and more. Again, this is a very transparent attempt to justify and use currently politically correct lingo ("strong stewardship?") to justify a very BAD decision.</p> <p>"Eighty-five percent (85%) of all wildlife species native to the area, both aquatic and terrestrial, depend on riparian or wetland habitat". This reason alone is justification NOT to build an RV parking lot here! 1) It is our responsibility as campers and hosts to be mindful of our actions, to value, preserve and protect the natural treasures of the area. And how exactly is the building of an invasive campground that will rip out the existing fragile plant community and ecosystem a responsible action that values, preserves and protects the natural treasures of the area? It is anything but!</p> <p>2) Project Urgency. a. Describe the urgency of this project due to potential resource damage, or other impacts that may cause an opportunity to be lost if no action is taken. If this project is not funded, what effects will it have? No RV camping exists in and around Hailey.</p> <p>The 2020 pandemic has increased pressure on municipal and public lands to provide safe, sanitary facilities suitable for RV camping. There is a great opportunity on this municipally-owned land for the development of a campground. City staff are available in 2021 and 2022 to work on this project, both in design and construction, as part of the obligated matching funds due to a lull in other municipal projects. These staff resources, due to the economic growth of the City of Hailey, will not be available in later years, causing a lost opportunity if the grant is not awarded. You want to push this through because other projects aren't available? Shame on you! Resource damage is another motive to prioritize the development of the campground. Degradation is occurring at informal, unstructured camp sites near town, such as near the Big Wood River. Detailed examples need to be provided. What once was a small, impromptu site can eventually grow into 'campers sprawl', which leads to erosion, degradation of vegetation and wildlife habitat, an increase in pollutants in our waterways, and more. It happens fast and unfortunately, restoration in a high-desert environment is an incredibly slow process. This is the second such statement that irrefutably proves that this project should not be built at this location! Wildlife resources in and adjacent to Hailey are defining components of our community character that should be protected. See earlier comments.</p> <p>"The cottonwoods that line the river are the largest natural forest within the City and provide important floodplain functions, as well as excellent wildlife habitat". (2) By providing designated RV campsites in an otherwise fragile ecosystem, we hope to promote sustainable recreation practices and eliminate the 'sprawl' that inherently comes with non-specific sites or primitive camping. Camping should not be allowed in this area period. Additionally, these campsites will offer suitable camping for those with RVs, tents, 'Class B' motorhomes</p>
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					<p>sites, or primitive camping. Camping should not be allowed in this area, period. Additionally, these campsites will offer suitable camping for those with RVs, tents, Class B motorhomes and/or those requiring ADA accommodations, where none exist. For good reason! By furnishing the resources needed to camp (restrooms, potable water, trash bins, level and graded sites) we can safeguard the delicate and natural habitat of the area, provide a safe facility to meet the needs of various user groups, encourage sustainable use and enjoyment of the great outdoors, and promote health - for our visitors and our environment. What about residents- city and county taxpayers who will be paying for this compromised landscape? b. How does the project address public health and safety issues? Camping in non-designated areas with risk of wildland fire, health and sanitation issues due to lack of resources (toilet facilities nearby), and trash or littering due to lack of resources (dumpsters or trash disposal nearby) are the predominant public health and safety issues within the area. This will definitely be an issue, just look at other campsites along 75 after a weekend of use and again refer to the rampant dumping of RV tanks onto roads and parking lots of the area. 1.The use of campfires is steeped in history and tradition, so much so, some would not camp without a campfire. To enjoy a campfire and be safe, the best practice is to build a fire within an existing fire ring situated in a designated campsite. By formalizing specific RV campsites, we would minimize the risk of wildland fire. Metal fire rings would replace the need to create a fire ring, and fire rings would be set into the living area (gravel pad), which would eliminate the overgrowth of native plants and/or noxious weeds; another potential fire hazard. What are you going to do about the prevailing winds that come up every afternoon in the late Spring, Summer, and Fall? 2.No toilet facilities exist in the area and the closest facility to the proposed project is approximately 0.7 miles away. Health and sanitation issues arise when appropriate facilities are lacking. By installing two ADA compliant vault toilets within the RV campground, we would abolish the accumulation of human waste within these sensitive areas. All this means is that there will be more people and more peeing and pooping on the trails. We see it all the time already! Additionally, by having an established RV dump station in Hailey (approximately two (2) miles from the campground), we have a safe facility in place for RV campers to properly dispose of human waste. Why would they drive that far? The fact is that they WON'T drive that far! Put the campground closer to the dump station! 3.No form of garbage disposal exists in the area. Integrating dumpsters within enclosed areas of the campground would lessen the adverse impacts and unsightly scene inherent with trash. Two trash enclosures with dumpsters are proposed within the campground to alleviate any problems. You are creating problems by providing a lure for hungry wild animals. 3) Project Impact. Describe how the project creates new opportunities not currently available. Croy Creek Campground would create an opportunity for RV camping in close proximity to downtown Hailey, with an option for campers to attend special events, the Farmers Market, festivals, visit the parks, and utilize the surrounding trails, all at a stone's throw away from their RV door or tent flap.The City of Hailey, aka, 'Idaho's Hometown in the Mountains', is situated in the heart of the Wood River Valley. This town, snug within the majestic Central Idaho Rockies, is surrounded by wild and raw, public lands. – Which this -or any project - would completely compromise. The Big Wood River meanders its way through the valley and along the western edge of the City. A town intertwined with the natural beauty of a high-desert ecosystem, Hailey thrives on diversity, tourism, culture and recreation, and community. Hailey is a four-seasons destination with pleasant lodging options, but no option to camp locally, and no RV camping.This campground would create that opportunity. It's close proximity to downtown and suite of campsites would fulfill the needs of various RV user groups from standard RV sites and tent sites, to 'Class B' and ADA-compliant sites. Croy Creek Campground would be a less expensive alternative to hotels, lodges and short-term rentals, and would be priced competitively with Forest Service campgrounds located north of Ketchum. Additionally, this RV campground would facilitate educational opportunities -- a way to learn more about RV camping in a high desert, riparian ecosystem, and an opportunity to enjoy the expanse of sagebrush and rocks, wetlands and water, the mountains and the open spaces of Hailey. Let people be educated elsewhere! Even locals let their kids hop over the fence in the Draper Marsh...do you think non-locals are going to have any more respect?</p> <p>4) Plan or Survey. Is this project included in an outdoor recreation plan or survey? How does this project relate to the recommendations of the plan?The Hailey Comprehensive Plan and the Hailey Greenway Master Plan both state a need for camping near Hailey. The Hailey Comprehensive Plan outlines several goals for special areas, sites and recreation, parks and lands. The goals encourage the preservation of special areas, which includes cultural and scenic amenities, such as trails, the historic downtown, open spaces that surround Hailey,</p>
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					<p>undeveloped areas between the cities, visible ridgelines, the night sky, and agricultural areas. This project clearly defies three essential goals of the Hailey Comprehensive Plan: 1)Scenic Amenities, 2)Open Spaces that surround Hailey, and 3)undeveloped areas between cities (in this case the residential development beyond Mountain Humane). Further, the plan is sensitive to the stresses and complexities of growth, providing recreational opportunities, such as camping, that conserve the natural environment, - RV Camping does not conserve the natural environment at this site! - but meet the diverse needs of a diverse community. The proposed RV campground would facilitate the protection of the natural environment by providing a variety of developed RV campsites in a unique, specified area for people to explore, while preventing disturbance of the ecosystem that helps define the rural character and charm of Hailey. This is an outright and naively stated falsehood. According to the 2018-2022 Idaho Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), "As Idaho's urban areas continue to grow, the demand for urban outdoor recreation opportunities will increase, and much of that burden will fall on local governments to provide the appropriate facilities and programs within these areas". (3) The City of Hailey has 'felt' the pressure to connect urban outdoor opportunities with local amenities. – Please provide specific examples. Due to limited resources and funding, the City has struggled to meet this demand. Please provide specific examples. If awarded grant monies, the City plans to develop an RV campground that does not adversely impact natural resources, native landscapes or wildlife species, but provides a facility and appropriate amenities that balance outdoor exploration with the preservation of our natural resources. How was this "balance" determined, and by whom?</p> <p>5) Scope of Work. a.Describe what the project will accomplish. Describe the project planning. Explain, in detail, what will be accomplished, including the number of units, timetable, etc. If equipment, who will be using, number of hours used per year, and for what? (Attached drawings or conceptual plans. Nothing larger than 11X17). No RV camping exists in Hailey. Due to the size of the parcel, and its vicinal position to downtown Hailey, the proposed site would be an ideal area for a municipally-run campground. Not True - See above Statements. The development of this campground would fulfill a void in Hailey - providing of a safe, modern, well-designed RV campground in an area where none exists. A certified engineer, a certified landscape architect, and City Staff have collaborated to design an RV campground, which provides environmentally sensitive camping in Hailey, and addresses the needs of various user groups, including RV users. These professionals should be ashamed of themselves. As stated previously, this campground could be located anywhere. It is not responding to the site at all. RVs lined up cheek-to-jowl do not provide a pleasant camping experience and, as such, they certainly don't represent a positive, "environmentally sensitive" addition to Croy Canyon! If the goal is cheap overnight accommodations to get people to spend money in Hailey, let it happen in the city core, where the noise of RVs are more compatible or closer to the dump station by the airport! The attached drawings depict the size, scope, detail and layout of the proposed project, including costs associated.The Public Works Department and selected contractors would utilize and provide the equipment, supplies and materials necessary for project construction. Construction would include the creation of a 20'-wide gravel road, which is looped road system, to adequately service the proposed campsites. Each campsite would be level, graded and developed, and landscaped with native materials. Does the term "native materials" mean "native plants"? If so, native plants are very difficult to introduce into a disturbed site and will not prosper under the intense sun and wind (as evidenced by the landscape at Mountain Humane), even moreso from the abuse of campers. Twenty-four (24) RV sites would be constructed. Of these, six (6) would be pull-through (12'x 65'); 15 would be back-in (12'x60'); three (3) are parallel parking sites (12'x25'), and two (2) RV campsites would be ADA-compliant (12'x60' and 12'x40'). Coupled with each campsite is a 'living area'. This area would include a picnic table, metal fire ring and tent platform, approximately 15'x 15' in size. ADA-compliant vault toilets, enclosed dumpsters, dishwashing stations, pet poop bag dispensers, overflow parking area, trail system, native landscaping,and an offsite RV dump station (located approximately two miles from the campground) are other valuable amenities that round out Croy Creek Campground. In collaboration with local contractors and design firms, the City would also assist in the design, construction and installation of the informational kiosks for the project. These kiosks would be positioned at the entrance to the campground and another toward the center of the campground. Through signage, maps and informational vignettes, these kiosks would inform campers of the rules and regulations, visitor information and important safety information of the campground and local area.</p>
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3/3/2021	Ronile Robinson		N	<p>The city has taken a lot away from its constituents; don't take more. Draper is crowded; we keep it clean; outsiders won't. Use public lands that aren't so close to town. Focus on improving local parks instead of spending money on a campground. We don't need to lose one more place to get away from tourists.</p>	Public lands away from town	<p>Dear Council Members,</p> <p>I am at a loss to understand where the idea of campgrounds in Hailey came from. I had thought the idea of one so close to town, out Croy Canyon, was a bad idea and now read that if that doesn't work the City Council will pursue creating a campground at Lions' Park. The city has taken so much away from its constituents already by allowing building out Quigley and on the Dumke property.</p> <p>Many of us that live in Hailey use the trails at the Draper Preserve which is already crowded. We take pride in that trail and keep it clean. People that come and camp there will not have that same sense of ownership. We, the people of Hailey, deserve consideration on this encroachment from tourists. There are public lands that they can use that are not so close to town.</p> <p>I have read that one of the arguments in favor is to support the local businesses. Aside from during the pandemic the local businesses are doing well. We now have another hotel that will bring more people into our town. Camping is a completely different issue and should be done in areas away from towns. Our local parks need improvements: softball field at Lion's, pickleball courts in Della, local trails etc. I would vote to have the money that you are going to spend on a expensive campground go to these parks and the many more improvements that could be made.</p> <p>I normally depend on my elected officials to make wise decisions for me but this is one that I would like you to reconsider. As far as I am concerned if this happens we will have lost one more place to go to get away from the crowds of tourists that come here. I like going to Draper and seeing friends that walk the trails and people that use the softball fields. Adding people from out of town to this would just drive the locals away from the reasons we moved here.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration, Ronile Robinson</p>

3/11/2021	Mike Healy		N	keep Croy Creek less developed; consider alternate location of campground (See alternate location description)	put it on that strip of land where the snow used to be stored and where (the now unused?) ballfield is - Lions Park Or farther west past Rotarun	<p>Message: This is a message for Scott: A couple of weeks or so I saw you at the boardwalk and we talked about the city's plan for a campground along Croy Creek. I couldn't make it to the meetings at the animal shelter because I got my second covid vaccination that day, but I do have two cents to contribute. I often walk dogs at the shelter and have an appreciation for Croy Creek. I also see that a campground near our town may be a good idea. But why not put it on that strip of land where the snow used to be stored and where (the now unused?) ball field is? It's close to town and near the river. It would be attractive to campers, I suspect. And it's closer to town than the proposed site farther west. Then the land along the creek could be set up with hiking paths, maybe biking paths, and some shade trees where the dead willows are now. The camp ground would benefit from being close to town and near very pleasant nature trails. Keeping Croy Creek itself less developed would be a good idea. (My wife Irene thinks the best place for a campground is farther west, past Rotorun, at the trailhead for mountain bikes. To each his own.) Mike</p>
3/4/2021	Kris Wirth	521 Aspen Dr.	N	Land Trust acquires properties but doesn't address long term issues:flood, noxious weeds, fire-wise management, law enforcement, restricting Draper Preserve to established trails only. Would like to hear Army Corps of Engineers report on the river flood, an environmental assessment & cost estimate for the Old Hailey dump removal, and from voters. Lion's park has served the city well in its current state. BLM is proposing camping in the area.	Use BLM's proposal	<p>City of Hailey</p> <p>I live across the river from Lion`s Park. With recent proposals to establish a campground there I have become concerned. My interest led me to links to meetings and opportunities to comment, at a Wood River Land Trust page. While I support the Land Trust`s vision I believe that the decision to convert the park is a city choice and comments should be taken there.</p> <p>While the Land Trust has provided positive acquisitions of cherished properties I find their focus to be narrow. While we all want a healthy river, The Trust has failed to recognize and allow for the needs of the City. Their response to the flood was distant. Idaho State Code for noxious weed control are dismissed. Knaap weed and thistle flourish on their private properties. Fuels reductions and fire wise management of forests are not considered. There is no presence of law enforcement on Land Trust properties. I also find the Land Trust`s power structure to be autocratic</p> <p>As we remember the open space/park requirement for the development of Carbonate View Subdivision was fulfilled by gifting property to the Trust. They in turn have closed access to the property and restricted access to The Draper Preserve to established trails only.</p> <p>I think there are outstanding issues that should be addressed by the city before a Lion`s Park Campground is established. I would like to hear The Army Corps of Engineers report on the river flood. I would like to see an environmental assessment and cost estimate for the Old Hailey Dump removal. I would also like to hear from Hailey`s voters about the issues at hand, on a Hailey City format.</p> <p>Lion`s Park is an established cornerstone of Hailey`s amenities. It has served the city well as a baseball field, wildlife sanctuary, dog park and open space for families and all to enjoy. To sacrifice this for a municipal campground, in light of the BLM`s recent proposal for over 20 new campgrounds in our area, seems hasty, ill advised and contrary to the best needs of our fair city.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Thank you, Kris Wirth @ 521 Aspen Drive</p>

3/12/2021	Amy Roberts	103 Pioneer View Dr, Hailey, ID	N	feels dismissed; significant issues: fire hazard (especially in windy area), traffic congestion & hazards, negative impacts on wetlands and wildlife. Urges further study of fire, traffic, and wetlands/wildlife issues and their potential impacts to the local residents (fire insurance premiums, traffic, noise, light pollution) prior to proceeding with the proposed campground	Yes	<p>Thanks for your comments Mike and I do appreciate the value of a campground in/near Hailey, but I do not see how your responses address any of the concerns. A fire pit does not mitigate the risk of a wildfire in a dry area that is prone to high winds. It would be so very easy for a spark from one of the multiple fire pits to travel on the wind and burn Drapers Preserve and Hailey (the winds almost always blow from the west down the canyon). Do you remember that Arbor Day a few years ago when a little spark on some cottonwood fluff started a fire at Lions Park? Also, we have been told that a campsite host is not in the plans. The rest of the comments do not address traffic congestion or hazards, or wetlands or wildlife impacts.</p> <p>I am aware from the Wood River Land Trust that they are considering the residents and other stakeholder comments from the public meetings last week and in their words "discussing alternatives for these properties" (email from Keri York to those that participated in the first public meetings). I sincerely hope that the City of Hailey does the same - considers the feedback and discusses alternatives.</p> <p>Thanks for taking the time to respond back to me. Regards,</p> <p>On Fri, Mar 12, 2021 at 2:17 PM Mike McKenna <mike@valleychamber.org> wrote: Hi Amy, I'm sorry that you are against this much-needed campground. I understand that bringing more people to camp in this location or our community is not perfect. But we desperately need it. That's why so many locals are in support of it.</p> <p>I gave responses to some of your concerns in the previous Chamber Newsletter. You can read it here: https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Camping-Out.html?soid=1103032891551&aid=qC9M0p5gQvs I'd be happy to go into more depth on any of these issues by citing what experts feel about it concerning fire, wildlife or traffic. This campground will actually help us improve safety in all these areas.</p> <p>People are coming here in record numbers every summer and with the recent population growth of our County and Southern Idaho there's no let down on pressure from human impact on the horizon. This campground gives us a safe and direct way to communicate with and control some of the impacts of visitors.</p> <p>It also financially supports our community with tax (LOT) income that will be used to help support the fire and police departments, the roads of our City and some of our popular local events like the Fourth of July.</p> <p>I hope you can see that the benefits of this campground greatly outweigh the detriments and it will make our City a safer, more financially stable and more welcoming place.</p>
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Thanks,
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On Fri, Mar 12, 2021 at 12:47 PM Amy Roberts <amyplatoroberts@gmail.com> wrote:

Please include my comments in the public record

Dear All:

I have just read the latest Chamber of Commerce letter. It is very disheartening for the residents of Croy Canyon to be so dismissed and disregarded in the discussions around the Croy Campground. We are expressing our concerns as constructively and as best we can in public meetings, in letters, in a petition and in contacting city, county and state officials, but no one seems to be listening or interested.

In the recent public meetings with the city and the Wood River Land Trust there was an almost unanimous opinion that a campground for Hailey would be great, but NOT at the proposed location in Croy Canyon. There are significant, worrisome issues about fire hazard, traffic congestion and hazards, and negative impacts on the wetlands and wildlife. The fire hazard issues alone are enough to call for a different location for this proposal.

I am a full-time resident of Hailey, a voter, a property owner, a tax payer, I have kids in local schools, I responsibly make use of all the trails and outdoor activities in Hailey, I support local conservation organizations and I support our city to the best of my ability and support our community by volunteering, by shopping local at every opportunity, and by patronizing local businesses and restaurants. Please do not turn a deaf ear to your residents and property owners. There needs to be further study of the fire, traffic and wetlands/wildlife issues, as well as an understanding on the potential impacts to residents (fire insurance premiums, traffic, noise and light pollution) before any further movement on the proposed campground.

Regards,

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Amy Plato Roberts

3/13/2021	Dana Orzel		N	<p>Mike responded to an earlier email of Dana's and then Dana responded to Mike's email. (see Mike's response and Dana's counter response in row "I").</p> <p>Concern: if the campground is full, people will camp illegally. Campground may end up being workforce housing (construction workers). Cost of a new bridge won't be paid for by a 6 month campground any time soon & speeding traffic is a concern. Fire insurance premiums would be reassessed if a man-caused fire happens in that area. The campgrounds that are in Idaho towns are privately owned & operated.</p>	Yes in the city.	<p>From: Dana Orzel <dana@solarwork.com> Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2021 11:21 AM Thanks Mike for your response, However I am not sure where you live but we bought in a rural area for specific reasons. I take issue with your assertions with all the following of your points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I have spoken with Fire officials & their off the record responses are completely contrary to your response. Since when is the City of Hailey responsible for saving the region and how much effect is 24-32 spaces going to save the region from the overflow that is still going to be out there esp. when the spaces in this proposed campground are full. Most folks that camp either in a tent or RV are not looking to locate & recreate in a town. I would not define this as camping. I suggest that this campground may fill with construction workers for our upcoming building boom. This sounds great a campground full of partying men. Have you ever heard the term "man Camp" from the oil fields? I have been to man camps traveling in years back, & it is not exactly what you want next to a residential neighborhood. The pandemic has brought on a flood to recreate in nature & I would not define this location as in nature next to an animal facility & wedged up against a town. 2. The Pinch point is the bridge over the Wood River: Have you priced out the cost of bridge replacement? It would take 80+ years of income from a 6 month campground to offset the cost alone of a ridge replacement. How about the 15 MPH zone past Hop Porter Park? 1 in 25 people drive at 15MPH currently drives the speed limit thru this area now. There are lots of kids, class trips, people headed to Carbonate with dogs on off leash. I drive thru this area M-F at least once a day & sometimes twice a day. Please do a little reconnaissance. 3. Insurance: I spoke with Patrick Bucannon at State Farm Insurance my provider & I quote " In the event of a man caused wildfire the entire region would be re-assessed". All insurance companies would have to reassess the areas risk. We would have one fire & the games up. WHY WOULD WE RISK THAT? Chub insurance that my neighbor has I have been told would they would decline to insure their house. I think you need to talk to insurance companies using the term "man caused wildfires." It is not as rosy as you are promoting. Once there is a fire the cat is out of the bag there is no turning back, 4. I dispute your claim that "most Idaho Towns have campgrounds" Yes they do but they are not owned & operated by municipalities. I went on the following website https://www.idaho.gov/recreation/parks-camping/ & checked from Mountain Home to Boise & to the Oregon border & not 1 is owned & operate by a municipality every single one is privately owned & operated. https://idaho.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=b3082ed9589042c1a96c94c5664bdca9 5. Traffic: Come on now what kind of math are you using? If you add people & vehicles, you increase traffic, fact and you can "communicate how & where to recreate" So now you are sending them off to Where now? & this does not increase traffic? Back thru the Hop Porter Park Zone? This really stinks of double talk, come on now. 6. Wildlife – I regularly see moose, birds of prey, elk, & deer from the river to out past Rock Creek. If you lived here in the valley you would know but you don't live out here, so you don't know what is out here at different times of the day & night. <p>I am not against your "much needed" campground just the location. Would you camp in such a campground? I see the benefits to the city and a greater tax benefit with this concept located in the city.</p> <p>I await your response with anticipation.</p> <p>Dana Orzel - E - dana@solarwork.com - C - 208.721.7003</p>
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					<p>From: Mike McKenna <mike@valleychamber.org> Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 2:04 PM To: Dana Orzel <dana@solarwork.com> Subject: Re: Croy Campground.</p> <p>Hi Dana, Yes, I was on the entire call and have been in numerous meetings and public workshops about this subject since 2016. I will be happy to respond to your concerns, but please note all of my responses will be based on what professionals in the field have said and not my personal opinion.</p> <p>1 Fire Safety: Fire professionals in the Wood River Valley believe that campgrounds with proper fire rings, proper landscaping and onsite hosts are very safe. In fact, earlier this week a local fire chief said such campgrounds are rarely the cause of any wildfires. What is a growing concern, however, is the massive increase in camping at primitive or dispersed sites, where fire rings are shoddy, landscaping isn't fire safe and no one is checking them regularly. The type of camping found throughout the Croy Canyon area. In the SNRA alone last year, the Forest Service found over 350 fires left in unsafe conditions at their various dispersed sites last season. They usually only average 40 per year.</p> <p>2 Croy Pinch Point: Getting a grant to put in a campground in this location will actually give the City and County a path to improve the roadway in this area. Successfully acquiring and installing the campground with grant funds can be used by the government agencies and BCRD to get more money to improve the roadway and pedestrian/bicycle access. The campground will literally be the foundation upon which the roadway will be improved.</p> <p>3 Insurance: Not a single local insurance provider has corroborated this concern. In fact, many Chamber members would be happy to help these homeowners with their insurance needs if such an issue ever arises. And according to a meeting with City staff where this subject came up, there were no homes within the legally impacted area of concern with this campsite location. It's one of the reasons why it's considered an ideal location. Some of the homes in Croy Canyon are actually closer to dispersed or open camping spots, so this is clearly not an Idaho insurance concern at this point.</p> <p>4 Liability. All this is covered by a variety of insurance and legal means. They don't let you build these things without covering such subjects. Most Idaho towns have such campgrounds within or at their city limits, from small places like Salmon to big cities like Boise, and there is no notable history of such issues in the State.</p> <p>5 Increase in Traffic: See point 2. In addition, having a campground where visitors can safely assemble it also allows the City to directly communicate with the potential local recreation users about how and where to recreate responsibly.</p> <p>6 Wildlife: Since you referenced this issue I will answer your concerns. Original feedback from Fish and Game officials is that the bench where this campground will go is not ideal habitat or wildlife corridor/passageway as it's along the road and little grows there outside of sagebrush. A seasonal campground will also be less impactful on wildlife than the other potential uses zoned for this land, which include, but are not limited to, a school, affordable housing or vehicle storage.</p> <p>I'm sorry that you are against this much-needed campground. I understand that bringing more people to camp in this location or our community is not perfect. But we desperately need it.</p> <p>People are coming here in record numbers every summer and with the recent population growth of our County and Southern Idaho there's no let down on pressure from human impact on the horizon. This campground gives us a safe and direct way to communicate with and control some of the impacts of visitors.</p> <p>It also financially supports our community with tax (LOT) income that will be used to help support the fire and police departments, the roads of our City and some of our popular local events like the Fourth of July.</p> <p>I hope you can see that the benefits of this campground greatly outweigh the detriments and it will make our City a safer, more financially stable and more welcoming place.</p> <p>Thank you, Mike</p>	
	Marti Helmers	920 War Eagle Dr. Hailey, ID	Y	Put the campground at 89 Croy Creek; put a pond in at Lion's park	Yes, 89 Croy Creek	I think a better place for the campground would be 89 Croy Creek as there is less congestion with day walkers through the Draper Preserve. Also it's better for the residence and wild life that live near the preserve due to noise and trash concerns. A few years back there was a proposal for a pond at Lion's park. I am still very much in favor of a pond at this location, not only for native plants and animals, but possible diversion of Big Wood River flooding in the future.

Bob Dix	63 Croesus Creek Road	N	increased fire risk with new residential developments, increased use of recreational opportunities, 21% of human caused fires are from campfires. Only one escape routh via Bullion Road bridge.	Yes, east side of town in a location not hindered by crossing the Big Wood River	<p>My name is Bob Dix and I have owned my property at 63 Croesus Creek Road since 1991. I am writing in opposition to the proposed Croy Canyon Campground. Over the past 30 years, I have witnessed our quiet canyon's increased density and traffic. A fact that has alarmed me since our small community seems to be growing at an increasing pace. The addition of new residential developments will not only accelerate the density and traffic of our canyon but will escalate the risk of fire. Our beautiful canyon already supports the community with a wide variety of recreational opportunities, including Rotarun Ski area, the BMX and moto cross track, access to Carbonate Mountain, Democrat and Colorado Gulch hiking trails as well as numerous biking trails. With all these opportunities the fire risk becomes even greater. Fire is a real and present danger in our community; a danger that we all live with and one that can not be ignored. Those of us who have survived some of our past fire events know how scary they can be. I have witnessed first hand the Roe fire 1992 which burned my property, the Castle Rock fire 2007 and the Beaver Creek fire 2013 in which I was evacuated. These events should heed the alarm that increasing the opportunities for fires in our canyon should be mitigated. The State of Idaho Hazard Mitigation Plan 2018 stated that from 2011 to 2016 human caused fires increased from 46% to 72%. Out of that 21% due to campfires! An alarming statistic. When a fire sweeps through our canyon like the Roe and Beaver Creek fire, residents have only one escape route, the Bullion Road bridge. A proposed campground would greatly impact residents ability to evacuate as well as hinder emergency vehicles access to our canyon. During the Beaver Creek fire evacuations were exrtremely difficult with only ONE exit route. I remember the stress of waiting to cross the bridge and the bottle neck as residents fled and fire fighters were trying to gain access to our canyon. Since 2013, the increased number of homes and residents have multiplied creating an even greater danger when another fire event takes place. Although a campground for the City of Hailey is a sound idea. I believe it should be located on the eastern side of town where the access is not hindered by the Big Wood River.</p> <p>Please I urge the City of Hailey and the Wood River Land Trust to reconsider the placement of the Hailey Campground. Heaven forbid lives lost when another fire event takes place because of a rush to provide a campground.</p>
Therese Magner		N	Not in Croy Canyon or Lions Park; fire danger is a big concern; recent development has impacted wildlife; snow removal area is in Croy canyon and its' impact isn't yet known	Yes, in the area	<p>To be clear we are in adamant opposition to developing a campground in Croy Canyon or Lions Park. There are alternate sites that have been considered and we feel are a better fit in the area and should be explored. Not to mention the fire danger in the canyon as documented year over year repeatedly and always a threat. We came across this story regarding Croy Canyon and how within recent years development has impacted the local wildlife in the area on many levels. This adds to our deep concern for the canyon. Now we have the snow removal area that contains yet to be determined possible toxic runoff and then we hear talk of "redirecting" the "natural" path these animals travel who already live in a habitat that is no longer "their" world. The sheep? Plan for them? When do we put on the brakes by making decisions that do not negatively impact both the animals and the hard working residents that live in the canyon as well as those in the valley that recreate here? This is a valley wide issue. Croy Canyon is not a DUMP. It is a life spring. If we wake up and realize this sooner than later. Please take the public comment into consideration. https://www.martinezbeavers.org/wordpress/tag/beaver-trapping-in-idaho/Respectfully, Therese Magner</p>

3/12/2021	Paul Oelerich		N	campers don't spend money in town; people staying in hotels do spend money in town. Why are we working on adding "cheaper" options than hotels? He'd rather see an economic development department working to bring business to what already exists. RV owners don't spend money in town, but do bring their UTV's/dirt bikes. Concerned about fire danger with campground fire rings and people like the person who lit the dry cotton from cottonwood trees on fire in Lion's park. He also gave several detailed anecdotes to back up his comments. Mike McKenna replied to Paul refuting many of his comments as false. See column J	Yes. In certain locations with proper management (not in Croy Canyon or managed by the City of Hailey)	<p>Regarding the proposed campground in Croy Canyon:</p> <p>I am a resident of Croy Canyon, and I have also been in the outdoor/tourism magazine publishing business for 25+ years. One magazine that I did for 15 years was a tourism generating annual for the Utah Office of Tourism (UOT) that was distributed around the western US, designed to get people to come to Utah and recreate outdoors. It was a circulation of 250,000, and mailed, and revenue was generated by ad sales. Needless to say with the boom economies of tourism towns like Moab, Springdale, Park City, etc. it was a very successful piece that aided many small businesses outside of Salt Lake City to cater to the destination tourism and travel market.</p> <p>Throughout those 15 years, the hospitality industry (hotels, motels, restaurants, tour operators, etc) had a somewhat official/unofficial credo towards campers and their benefit to the tourism economy. The saying, if you'll allow me, was "campers come to town with \$20 and a pair of underwear and they don't change either while they're here." While the saying may be dated, the aforementioned businesses would not advertise in any publication perceived as going to 'campers' as they did not see any benefit/revenue from the camping crowd. The benefit/revenue that drove and still drives this tourism economy was having an infrastructure of hotels where people could drive and fly to the destinations, rent hotel and motel rooms, and visit restaurants and shops. Not campgrounds.</p> <p>Doesn't Hailey have a newly constructed Fairfield Inn that needs to be filled with paying guests rather than a campground that needs to be built? I will certainly reach out to the hotel managers/owners in the area and see if they agree with Community Development Director Lisa Horowitz's opinion in the January 13th edition of the Idaho Mountain Express that "...the campground would give non-residents a cheaper alternative to hotels and short term rentals." I would think that these hotel operators would prefer an Economic Development department working to bring business to what already exists, rather than adding additional, 'cheaper' competition?</p> <p>Too-I was also speaking with the owner of one of Hailey's oldest and most successful restaurants about the proposed campground recently and he stated to me that it was a 'dumb' idea. Campers, and people in RV's he stated do not come to shop and go to restaurants and he could not foresee any benefit to his business from the proposed campground. To quote Mayor Burke from the same issue of the Mtn. Express as above, "People have decided if they're going to travel, they're going to travel self contained. COVID has brought out the Sprinter crowd, the (van life) movement."</p> <p>I agree with Mayor Burke's statement, though I don't think in the way she intended. Me and my wife own a Sprinter van, and we have owned RV's in the past. We travel self contained as the overwhelming majority of RV/Sprinter Van (life) people do as well. Meaning we have a refrigerator, stove, bed, barbecue, television, etc. and when we and others go 'camping' we have everything we need on board, and we don't go to restaurants or shopping or anything else. We have all we want and need on board when we leave our house so we don't have to buy anything else to support us. Have you ever seen RV's driving around town looking for parking to go to restaurants or shopping? Of course not. Myrestaurant owner friend referenced an annual event in Ketchum/Sun Valley when they have the annual Jazz festival and the River Run parking lot is filled with RV's. They stay put and don't change a \$20 in town.</p> <p>RV owners do bring their UTV's and dirt bikes however, which will be fun to have them screaming around town and on the local trails...</p> <p>To continue I'll address the elephant in the room, that of fire danger. Every summer it seems as if the Wood River Valley shuts down for a few weeks as the area fills with smoke from nearby fires. Having 33 fire pits in the dry and windy landscape fo Croy Canyon is indeed "playing with fire." When we lived in Starweather (mid-valley) when the Beaver Creek fire raged, you may recall that the fire made a run towards our neighborhood one night. Of course the entire Valley was shut down for the previous two weeks due to evacuations, effectively shutting down the entire economy of the Valley. Anyhow- as the fire approached Starweather, the firefighters sent in some 20 engines in an effort to hold the fire back from entering the Bigwood River corridor chasing every ember that came over the river. As I spoke with one firefighter afterwards about it, he said that if the fire were to enter the river corridor, with</p>
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all of the trees, it would pretty much be 'game over' as the fire would rage up and down the river corridor consuming the ample fuel.

I think it was only 2 or 3 years ago when Hailey had another wonderful 4th of July Parade and a day full of festivities. My kids rode their horses in the parade, and afterwards we all headed over to Lion's Park for the party with food, music and friends. It only lasted a few minutes however as some knucklehead decided it would be a good idea to light some of the dry cotton from the cottonwood trees on fire (watch this, he said holding his lighter to the duff), which spread to the hillside with amazing speed. If the local police and firemen were not already in Lion's Park to jump on the blaze, one can only imagine. Nevertheless, it was day and party over as they had to move everyone out of the park and cancel all of the day's activities. A huge bummer from one bad move from one guy. Now you wish to put 33 fire pits burning all summer not a 1/4 mile from where this incident took place? What happens when, not if, but when there is a fire from this proposed campground, or from some other knucklehead who has to have the biggest bonfire from the willow tress he has destroyed in the wetlands. Has the City considered any implications of what the fallout will be when this happens? What if it spreads to the Mountain Humane Center, and into the river corridor, and into West Hailey? You'll only get one chance with this risk.

Last-I'm not opposed to campgrounds, I do think they should be in certain locations and with proper management by experienced and regulated entities, like the US Forest Service, or by private business in urban development zones, not Croy Canyon and not by the City of Hailey. While I'm at the Fairfield Inn I'll ask the manager if the City has the expertise to manage a hotel.

I agree with my friend the restaurateur. A campground in Croy Canyon is a dumb idea. While I understand the need to move the snow pile out of Lion's park, we now have a huge black, soot and dirt covered pile at our entrance to the city. It looks dumb. Add to that the accompanying Cat (Diesel Power) bulldozer parked on the side of the road, and numerous orange traffic cones scattered haphazardly about the site, it looks dumb. Adding a campground for 24 RV sites plus 9 others with the accompanying traffic and crowds bottlenecking through a residential zone (15 MPH in front of Hop Porter Park) is dumb. Let's stop the thinking that Croy Canyon is a great catchall place for whatever project the City has tossed its way and the dumbing down of our undeveloped lands. If you and the City Council and Chamber think people will be coming to camp and going into Jane's Artifacts to buy \$90 canvases to support the local economy (my daughters take on the topic), then forge ahead with your idea for a campground. However I respectfully submit my, and many of my neighbors opinion, that the City and people of Hailey and Blaine County in general might be better served if alternative locations are considered rather than tearing up what cannot be replaced.

Thanks for reading.

Paul Oelerich

2/27/2021	Barb & Mark, Therese Magner		N	get names to go into the Ad to show stronger solidarity of concerned citizens in the canyon and valley	<p>IMPORTANT!!!!</p> <p>Hello all - I just got off the phone with Mark and Barb Acker who kindly have contacted the Idaho Mountain Express to place the ad attached here likely to be published in the paper on Wednesday. They are asking for some support by simply offering to include your name in the ad so that we can show a stronger solidarity of concerned citizens here in the canyon and the valley. All you need to do is to contact Chris Mullen at the Mountain Express before Monday at noon and give him your name. His phone number is 208-726-8060 (Mt express). His email is cmullen@mtexpress.com. He will need to verify the information. Again, this needs to be done this weekend or by noon on Monday.</p> <p>We appreciate your participation as this may be the first in a series of ads that are placed.</p> <p>Also, I continue to encourage ALL of you to participate in the planning meetings next Thursday and Friday either remotely by phone or in person. I am happy to re-forward the link information to you if you have not received it.</p> <p>Together we can come up with a better solution to the city's campground proposal.</p> <p>Thank you, TM ----- Forwarded message ----- From: svskylan.net <backer@svskylan.net> Date: Sat, Feb 27, 2021 at 7:47 AM Subject: Ad for Mountain Express To: Therese Magner <therese.magner@gmail.com>, Roger Riccardi <Roger.Riccardi@ejgallo.com>, Mark Morgan <boulderpt@hotmail.com></p> <p>Hello, This is what Mark has come up with for an ad for the Mountain Express. Mark is happy to pay for this ad, but would love to have more names on it. Therese, you have access to more people who might be interested. Please feel free to forward this on, to people who might want to sign it. Anyone who wants to sign must contact Chris Mullen at the Mountain Express before Monday at noon. His phone number is 208-726-8060 (Mt express). His email is cmullen@mtexpress.com. He will need to verify the information.</p> <p>We are also attending the planning session with the Land Trust for the Greenway and Campground next week.</p> <p>Thank you, Barb and Mark</p>
3/4/2021	Bernard Brown		N	The Land Trust should stop development in the name of wildlife.	<p>land trust should lead the way in stopping development, period. Not campground! We have too many people here now, and I am one of them. What about the eld, deer, etc., that we supposedly care bout? I walk out Cutters and there are more houses every day; the eld stand on the hillside, looking at what what is and wondering what was? What is next? Some want to stop trapping, but want no snakes to remind us of our vulnerability. Are snakes less part of the niche than sage grouse? Elek? Deer? Get it together, folds. Than kyou. sincerely, bfbrown</p>

3/10-19/21	Billy Hughes		N	<p>responding to several letters to the editor in the Idaho Mountain Express, he's trying to get a group of people to buy a conservation easement on the proposed site for the campground in Croy Canyon</p>	<p>Jennifer Zung, PE, CFM Harmony Design & Engineering harmonydesigninc.com</p> <p>From: Keri York <keri@woodriverlandtrust.org> Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 4:37 PM To: Jen Zung <jen.zung@harmonydesigninc.com> Subject: Fwd: Fw: Re: municipal campground</p> <p>----- Forwarded message ----- From: Scott Boettger <sboettger@woodriverlandtrust.org> Date: Fri, Mar 19, 2021 at 4:11 PM Subject: Fwd: Fw: Re: municipal campground To: Amy Trujillo <atrujillo@woodriverlandtrust.org>, Keri York <keri@woodriverlandtrust.org>, Courtney Jelaco <cjelaco@woodriverlandtrust.org>, Rebecca Patton <rebeccap1234@yahoo.com>, David Woodward <dcwoodward100@gmail.com>, Roland Wolfram <rpwolfram@mac.com></p> <p>FYI ----- Forwarded message ----- From: Billy Hughes <wilfrahug@cox.net> Date: Fri, Mar 19, 2021 at 1:58 PM Subject: Fw: Re: municipal campground To: sboettger@woodriverlandtrust.org <sboettger@woodriverlandtrust.org></p> <p>Scott, here is the continuing thread of comments I sent to Sam at the city regarding the property at the mouth of Croy Canyon. I believe I sent you the first email. It appears there would be considerable support for a conservation easement at this location. Conrad Casser and Dave and Susan Hammond were concerned enough to submit LTEs to the IME, so folks out Croy would no doubt contribute, as apparently my friend Janet is willing to do! Pleased that some at the city are finally questioning the agenda.</p>
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From: "Janet Carter" <haileyjanet@gmail.com>

To: "Billy Hughes" <wilfrahug@cox.net>

Sent: 3/19/2021 9:06:03 AM

Subject: Re: municipal campground

Hi,

I read Dave and Susan's letter in the IME, thinking, "Wow, was it that long ago that they built out Croy?" I remember talking with them, about their new project, at the time of planning. I think a fund raiser for a conservation easement might be a good answer. I would donate to that:)

Charlie and I have been vaccinated, how about you?

Thanks for keeping us in the loop, and glad you are feeling some clam. Enjoy the rain!

Janet

On Mar 18, 2021, at 6:50 PM, Billy Hughes <wilfrahug@cox.net> wrote:

Janet,

Yeah, Sam has responded a number of times, intelligent enough to determine who is telling him the truth and who is not!

Here is my response to his inquiry about perhaps knowing someone to purchase a conservation easement for the property, which I don't believe I sent to anyone else. Surprising, because when I write something I really like, my ego wants everyone to see it.

I am much more calm now that I have raked and dug in the dirt planting snow peas, spinach, lettuce, AND the fascists have been beaten back for the time being!

Have you and Charilie been vaccinated?

billy

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From: "Billy Hughes" <wilfrahug@cox.net>
To: "Sam Linnet" <sam.linnet@haileycityhall.org>
Sent: 3/10/2021 8:36:08 PM
Subject: Re[2]: municipal campground

Sam,

Scott Boettger at the Land Trust, or perhaps someone at the Nature Conservancy might have some ideas. The individuals(s) submitting LTEs to the IME (two of them below) might have some ideas, or perhaps even the ability to assemble a group to raise the funding to withdraw this property from development using a Conservation Easement. Again, this is something Scott has excelled at for many years now. I hope he is not getting too burned out doing so!

Does this question you ask imply a willingness by the city to dedicate the area to open space in exchange for monetary compensation, and if so will the money be used to off-set deferred municipal fees and payments by qualifying small businesses to the city? I would be okay with that, but not with just giving the money away. I hope the anticipated stimulus from the Feds helps small businesses in Hailey.

There is risk inherent in any business enterprise, commonly survival of the fittest in an openly competitive environment, though I have often written that it is irrelevant whether 'boutique' businesses owned by the affluent desiring to be part of the mountain-resort-area-scene net \$100K or lose \$100K. Many restaurants in the valley over the years have been subsidized by deep pockets with profitability much less of an issue than someone with loans and their a\$\$ on the line.

Any such relief should be rigorously means tested, as in this valley precious units of affordable housing have gone to those transferring their assets to adult children, and adult children a couple years away from inheriting substantial wealth. Gaming the system apparently a birthright for the economic aristocracy, systematic tax avoidance institutionalized by a government they have owned for forty years. Sam, how would you like to pay only \$750 in income taxes for a few years?!

LTE from IME This Week:

There were five in-person meetings regarding the proposed campground at the mouth of Croy Creek Canyon on March 4 and 5 last week. I understand there was not one attendee in favor of the campground. Yet I also understand that the sentiment was expressed or implied that supporters of the campground did not attend because there is "almost universal support" for the project. Hard to understand the depth of this "support" with no visual presence of these supporters. Think about it.

Conrad Casser

Croy Creek Road

Conrad certainly gets it! "Universal support" assertions no doubt identical to the "No Traffic," "No Opposition" lies served up by the attorney of record for Marathon Partners and the CDD during the Sunbeam review process.

Any capacity for critical thinking is entirely absent from those promoting this profoundly ignorant proposal, reflecting the influence of Fritz' pathological belligerence in ramming the narrow interests of the few down the throats of everyone else while making them pay for the privilege...power corrupts!

Sam, you have already been coerced into bad decisions by people you were willing to trust, the purity of spirit such trust implies now tarnished by the self-seeking of others (a\$\$h0le\$). We are all here to learn, unfortunately, NOT to trust!

I had really close friends with kids when I was living north of Ketchum in the eighties. I always told them they were the best family I ever had! They were the nicest people from Minnesota, and their children so innocent and trusting it worried me considerably.

The highest compliment I was ever paid is when the parents thanked me generously for cultivating their kids' bullshit detectors by telling them tall tales they automatically believed, then explaining my deceit and how truth and kindness are not always reasonable expectations, allowing them to more easily accept and better cope with the bullies and injustices they experienced in school. disturbance which they sometimes had difficulty processing emotionally.

Sensitive people commonly get run over. Moving often as a child, I always made friends protecting the weaker kids from the bullies, bullying the bullies so to speak. Still doing it, Holden Caulfield, at war against the "phonies," like those who played the council for fools with Sunbeam.

LTE from IME Last Week:

My wife and I have lived in Croy Canyon for 20 years. Building our house was a complicated, expensive and time-consuming process to satisfy Blaine County, Idaho Fish and Game and the various county hillside ordinances. We gladly complied with all the regulations, because we respected the environment and the wildlife. It appears those restrictions and ordinances are now being ignored.

According to The Nature Conservancy, "Our wildlife are searching for survival." We can't take away wetland habitats, home to upland birds (sage and ruffed grouse) and migratory birds. We can't surrender water access for grazing deer, elk, moose and small animals like mink, beaver, muskrats and weasels who live there.

In addition, danger of wildfires increases dramatically when you introduce a campground with 33 sites with multiple vehicles, kids and dogs. Consider the issue of pollution: 1) wastewater and sewage dumping, 2) animal feces, 3) chemicals entering Croy Creek from people and campers, 4) trash and 5) noise and traffic from dozens of cars and campers using the small country road into Croy Canyon.

Recently, The Pioneer Alliance set a goal of protecting 110,000 acres of private and public lands from the mountains north of Ketchum to Craters of the Moon, the idea being to enhance wildlife migration and improving the health of existing habitat—not destroying it with a large campground in the middle of the wetlands.

Incidentally, there are already three large campgrounds in the south county: Hayspur Hatchery, The Willows near Silver Creek and Stanton Crossing. (I fish there all summer and none of these is ever close to being full.)

Remember: Thoughtful conservation protects critical wildlife, land and fish habitats, it doesn't destroy it.

Dave and Susan Hummon
Hailey

Sam, I support the good intentions behind this project in attempting to provide stimulus to small businesses, but from a Land Use Planning perspective, at the proposed location, it is an entirely incompatible purposing of city-owned property.

Future liabilities so far surpass any potential, short-term benefits, it is simply another really bad idea constructed by the same individual(s) with a history of costly, failed, bad ideas, driven by the misguided rationalization that any procurement of grant money will somehow adequately compensate for the costs of such glaring stupidity long-term.

Please advise these people to invest their energy in collaboration with the BLM for campgrounds sited in more appropriate locations. The BLM is currently soliciting local participation in developing such campground resources, along with trails, on the public lands they manage near Hailey and Bellevue.

Also, please call the authors of the LTEs to see if there is any interest in organizing funding for a Conservation Easement. They were concerned enough to write!

Thank you for trying to "Do the Right Thing" Sam!

billy

1/25-3/4/21	Brian Opp	26 Rodeo Dr.	Y	big email exchange; in the end, supports an RV park with sensible, conservative thought and program can esaily achieved. We need a place for people to stop, stay over, and add to the economy in Hailey.	<p>It's funny, I'm on an email list of what seems to be hundreds of emails regarding this stupid RV park. I change my vote to 'support' the proposition. The NIMBY contingent has gotten out of control. "PULL UP THE DRAWBRIDGE, I GOT MINE" The floodgates are open with complete B.S. 99% of these clowns have homes in "wetlands; sensitive areas; migration corridors; floodplains...you name it" Same crap the developers went through when the subdivision was built where they are living. I'm not saying,"DON'T BE SENSITIVE," but COME ON! This is ridiculous!</p> <p>I don't know how you do it, dealing with these folks. I think an RV park with sensible, conservative thought and program can be easily achieved. We need a place for people to stop, stay over, and add to the economy in Hailey.</p> <p>Best Regards, Brian</p> <p>On Tue, Jan 26, 2021 at 9:35 AM Sam Linnet <sam.linnet@haileycityhall.org> wrote: Brian,</p> <p>The plans can be found in the meeting packet through this link: Meetings (haileycityhall.org) The Campground plans start on page 412 (it's a huge packet this week. They're not all this big). I've already reached out to our City Administrator to add a "Meetings Material" button on our homepage. I think it needs to be easier for people to find who aren't familiar with our website.</p> <p>You experience and insight as a developer is spot on. There is a huge NIMBY culture in our town. I think equity and fairness are crucial in the development process. If bad developments are being built, then zoning changes need to apply to everyone. Too much individualized scrutiny about specific projects feels authoritarian, in my opinion. And, on the flip side, I consider myself a staunch conservationist and try to make sure developments internalize costs as much as possible. I could talk all day about development policy and philosophy, but I'll stop here.</p> <p>I hope you continue to participate in this project.</p> <p>Best regards, Sam</p> <hr/> <p>From: Brian Opp <oppconst@gmail.com></p>
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					<p>Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2021 10:11 AM To: Sam Linnet <sam.linnet@haileycityhall.org> Subject: Re: No to New RV Park in Croy Canyon</p> <p>Thanks, I enjoyed your comments last night. I think an application for the grant (whether used or not) is a good idea, because if you don't get the funds, there's no point in doing all of the community outreach and workshops. I especially enjoyed (can't remember who made the point) the "be careful what you wish for" comments, because most everyone was oblivious to the fact that it is indeed, private property, zoned for commercial use that serves the community, and sans a commercial use, it's zoned for 1 residence.</p> <p>I'm a big property rights guy, and a general contractor. I once owned 2 downtown lots, (In another city) mixed use, and when we went to P&Z for approval, the neighbors came out of the woodwork and wanted us to leave it as "open space." I said, "great, buy it from me at market value plus the profit I'm projecting once built out, and leave it open space...you better get a large liability insurance policy."</p> <p>Also, I think the Council made a simple mistake as not publicly distributing the site plan, which I thought looked well done. Where can I find that link? I don't know anyone who saw that prior to the meeting, I sure didn't. Some valid points were open fire pits, and generators running are certainly a fire hazzard given the dry summer conditions, and the prevailing winds that always seem to blow out there.</p> <p>Talk Soon, Brian</p> <p>On Tue, Jan 26, 2021 at 7:00 AM Sam Linnet <sam.linnet@haileycityhall.org> wrote: Brian,</p> <p>Your comments are very valid and empathetic. I truly appreciate that. My intention is to make sure we adequately address those issues, if we can. Otherwise, it may not be a good idea. The city will maintain it and we will require a 24/7 campground host, plus stay limits, etc. I don't want an unruly transient population either.</p> <p>Last thing, its always important to remember that there could another, worse project at any time. The work the WRLT does to obtain conservation easements is really the best way to preserve that farmland.</p> <p>You live in a beautiful spot, and I use the trailhead there all summer. Thanks again.</p>
3/8/2021	Change.org petition		N	change.org petition	https://www.change.org/p/mayor-of-the-city-of-hailey-protect-our-canyons-in-the-wood-river-valley?recruiter=false&utm_source=share_petition&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=psf_combo_share_initial&recruited_by_id=7a4da720-803a-11eb-982e-77f43b3b4d19

3/4/2021	Comments from Croy Canyon planning meeting virtual session 5:30pm				<p>Comments from Croy Canyon planning meeting; virtual session; March 4, 2021 5:30pm Online: Ginna Lagergren; Dustin Cousins; Steve Crosser; William Bridwell Jr; Ross Dickinson; Peter Caldara; Darlene Dyer; David Anttila; Dayna Gross; Chase BYLA; Mike McKenna; Kris Wirth; Roger Riccardi (others – not an inclusive list, these were just names I could see on the screen)</p> <p>David Anttila – I’m very excited about the expansion of the park and the conservation of the wetlands, animal life etc, but don’t see how the notion of a rv campground with the vehicles and generator and light is an appropriate use if we’re trying to conserve land and attract animals to the wetlands; this is one of the best spots to view wildlife they will not tolerate with a parking lot with noisy generators etc</p> <p>William Bridwell Jr – 16 Willow Creek Lane, Croy Canyon; my concern is, as an avid camper, what happens when the people come into town late at night, a few teenagers whatever, they see the campground is full and they travel down the road, they may see the restroom and the motorcycle area and assume it’s a campground and spend the night there; when they see things are full they won’t go home, they’ll just pitch a tent ; that’s my only concern except for the fires; we all know in the winter there’s a few people who park a car out there, I’m concerned about them spreading out if the campsite is full, “maybe we’ll just make a campfire here”</p> <p>Catia Cason (spelling?) 216 W Bullion; that is a very popular walking area so I’m very familiar to the wildlife that goes there from the moose to the bobcats, there’s a lot of wildlife, beavers muskrats; I am a little concerned, like David was saying, what will the campground with the noise, the light pollution, generators, will do the wildlife that we have already there; we’ve established this area for them and now we’re going backwards</p> <p>David Anttila – its’ really important for the city to have this, it’s one of the unique places for Hailey to bring visitors to see wildlife, it’s a super asset</p> <p>Chase Gulee BYA – 750 Doeskin Hailey; thank you for putting this on, this is a good opportunity for the community to discuss this in more detail and I’m hoping this can be a back and forth dialogue to answer questions.; if you’ve lived here long enough you know this a great place for wildlife to hang out. If you look closer in this map there’s a specific area that calls out a 300 foot wildlife corridor; there’s a couple things that concern me with that; I’m a huge camper my family and I camp every weekend and there’s something to be said to be able to get outside and enjoy what we have here; I see Mike McKenna is on this call and I’m excited to see what he has to say from a chamber point of view; couple questions; 1 who is going to police this, who’s going to be the camp host; and how that’ going to go down; if there will be any hookups; how you plan to deal with the 300 ft wildlife corridor that we’re essentially planning the camping is in between the wildlife corridor and a pretty busy road, Croy Creek Rd, so we’re asking the animals to funnel through that corridor and listening to Keri from the Land Trust what she’s commenting on is it’s providing lots of access for wildlife, there’s deer and moose and elk and emergent wetlands, I want to know how that comes into play; and lastly [here’s where we lost audio]</p> <p>Kris Wirth, Aspen Drive – [first part of Kris’s comments were lost when we lost audio] fire danger; with the recent BLM plans to have 21 campsites we no longer have a need to have campsites in this area; it would do better to support the BLM campsites;</p> <p>Val Logsdon, I agree with most of the comments tonight it seems to me that a campground is discordant with the rest of the plan and a campground serves the fewest number of people if you’re looking to expand recreational opportunities for everyone; 251 W Eder St; we vacation every summer at Priest Lake, it used to be that campsites were tents or pop-ups now it’s all RVs and they come with their generators, as you walk on the beach you hear giant hum; it truly detracts from the experience and I think the same thing will happen here and if you’re encouraging wildlife it seems ridiculous to me</p>
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Mike McKenna – 319 E Croy St, ED Chamber of Wood River Valley; could go on with the benefits but I have a hockey game at 830; first is that its needed; second its extremely beneficial to our community; 3rd it the best use of this land; chamber alone gets thousands of requests for camping all year; all we can tell him is you can drive 20 miles away or you can go out to the canyons to dispersed camping; makes us nervous, there's a lot of fire issues, no fire rings; the more we can control where we send these folks so we can communicate with them on how to recreate responsibly; camping has tripled; the amount campers spend is huge and that campground with easy access into town will be a huge benefit for our businesses; a direct impact is we get LOT from every camper and if campers shop we get LOT fees for them too; essentially all we're doing now is having them use our streets and go on out and we don't get the benefit; we have to be proactive and can't continue to be NIMBYs. Someone has to step up and do the responsible thing and the location is perfect for that; a seasonal campground is the least impactful use that can go out there; less impactful than a school or senior housing, anything else that goes out there will have a bigger impact on wildlife

David Anttila – I understand the monetary aspects of it but this site is so unique there's virtually no place on the city's edge where you can see wildlife, can't understand how the chamber can't see this as a destination, when we have guests it's the first place we go; I love camping, I just don't see this as compatible use in this location; there has to be a better place in Blaine County to develop a campground; in terms of the city's coffers: why did the city buy this in the first place? Is it going to be a commercial strip? I don't think this is anyone's goals; we need to be really careful about paving over something really special

Dayna Gross, 1031 Red Elephant – spent a lot of time managing recreational properties in the valley I'm also a landscape architect; I agree with Kris there's a great opportunity with BLM development I also agree with comments on noise and lights, there's research out of BSU about the consistency of noise and how it deters wildlife and birds and any kind of wildlife; I disagree with Mike that this is a good use of this land there is a wildlife corridor going right through this area; it seems like the worst use of this land in my perspective

Martha Bibb 810 Cedolena Drive Hailey (sp) totally inappropriate place to put a commercial campground it's a wildlife corridor and beautiful place while there are always economic opportunities for development most cities would say they've never regretted setting aside parkland despite how expensive the land might be and how much profit would be for developers I don't think NYC ever regretted setting aside Central Park; it should be preserved we'll never get it back once it's developed

Robyn Garwood, 650 Shoshone Hailey; agree with what's been said regarding impacts to wildlife in this area; the campground as Dana mentioned will be incompatible with wildlife while I understand the need for camping hopefully the BLM and USFS can provide the needed spaces both in developed and dispersed camping close by; I have concerns about this 300 foot wildlife corridor, I don't think it's going to be that if the campground will be there, squeezed between the disturbance of the campground and the road I hope we can reconsider the campground and possibly find another location. I understand there's probably not another city property that is currently acceptable; I don't know if this is the case, but I want to advocate for not putting any trails in the wetlands, when the ski trails were there I didn't think the trails in the wetland were the best for the habitat

Steve Crosser against this campground, I live at 431 Aspen Drive right along the open space on the east side of the river, I'm against this campground for basically what everyone has said so far because of the wildlife and all that; In 2017 when the Greenway project was unveiled, we all went and saw the city and the WRLT proposal with the Greenway and all us over here along Aspen Drive were kind of for it except for the camping and the snack bar and the camping they had set up in Lions Park so the city got a lot of letters and I can remember going to the meeting with Mayor Hammarle "ok I hear all you people and there won't be any campsites or camping in Lions Park" and at that time Mayor Martha Burke was sitting right beside him so I guess it's established now that in Lions Park there will be no campsites; that's a question I have for the architects of the Greenway project; the rumor is that the WRLT if this doesn't go through, WRLT doesn't want it to go through because it's too close to the wildlife corridor; if this doesn't go through is the City planning on building it at Lions Park? I have more questions about if this does go through about the 20 campfire rings that are out there, the smoke from 20 campfires is going to flow into town and right into my backyard; but

more questions about if this does go through about the 20 campfire rings that are out there, the smoke from 20 campfires is going to flow into town and right into my backyard, but most of all if this doesn't go through, is the city kicking around the idea of moving the RV park to Lions Park?

Randy addressed that – thanks for being involved in the Greenway project in 2017, you're right, camping was discussed there at that time and there were pros and cons for it; it ended up not being included in the Greenway plan, but at this point, for this meeting what we're trying to do is get input from everyone and think about options and put everything on the table right now, so there's no decisions that are going to be made, appreciate your comments about Lions Park; we're going to have another outreach session in 2 weeks and at that point we'll come back with more detail and options and another opportunity there to speak your mind on these things

Steve Crosser – it's not off the table; I want to ask Lisa if it's not off the table;

Lisa – no decisions have been made now, yes in 2017 in the Greenway Master plan we did remove camping as an option; the city purchased this new site with value exchanged so there are city assets in it, part of why the city picked this site, the plat notes allowed for public uses; thought camping would be a good potential use; citizens expressed concerns so we agreed with the WRLT to open the process up to discuss where there would be potential places available for camping, looking at this site as well as Lions Park, if there are other areas within the city we'd be open to that; we'll check with John Kurz to see if they're planning dispersed camping out Quigley, they're planning out Kelly Gulch, about 20 minutes outside of the city;

Regarding the question of if a campground opens who would police it – the city would have a campground host who would live on the site for the season; the only hookups would be for the host, they'd be enforcing noise, trash, unleashed dogs, etc; we've also been working with IDFG and encourage everyone to look at the letter from IDFG that's been in the City packet; we've been talking about IDFG about relocating the wildlife corridor; whether people might move farther out the canyon if the campground is if full, we'd plan that this campground would require reservations 7-10 days, it would not a drop-in campground

Daniel Brown 216 W Bullion Street – I live a stone's throw from Lions Park. I feel like this is a tragedy that this campground is being discussed when you have the gem of this city and you're proposing something that in a lot of people's eyes is a bad use of this land; I've heard some anecdotal numbers from Chamber about economic impact I'd be curious if there've been studies to show economic benefit of campgrounds and to move forward without having this data would be negligent in my opinion; if we had some numbers and data that we could look at that might change some people's minds; We're about to fill beautiful open space with 30 RVS that will be an eyesore for any users of this open space land; it's incredibly tragic that this is the direction the city is proposing for this beautiful area

Pete Whitehead 21 Golden Currant; thanks for doing this, I would echo what everyone has said, the only thing I'd add is I'm really concerned about not having a traffic study for the impacts of the traffic coming over that bridge up around the corner, there's some blinding sun that you get coming around that corner I think that's a dangerous area; has there been a thought about a traffic study; I'm concerned about the wind and those campfires it gets blowing right into those trees; interesting situation with 20mph winds and something blowing into those trees right into town

Kris Wirth – Regarding Lions Park, it seems that all the issues to the camp proposal by Mountain Humane apply to Lions Park and there are issues at Lions Park that I think should be addressed before a campground is ever proposed, one of the issues is in the HGMP the dump is removed which is a major feat to remove the dump and improve the pond there, need to have an environmental assessment and cost analysis of what it takes to dig up that dump; I also have questions about how the water that is supposed to flood into that lake is supposed to transport up to Croy Creek and I don't understand how the water in the river will move far enough up Croy Creek to even do anything about flooding in Della; the ACOE report for flooding in Hailey has never been considered in Lions Park; flooding should be considered before designing a campground in Lions Park

					<p>Dayna Gross – a suggestion and an idea, I heard Lisa saying this property was purchased for these reasons it seems there might be an opportunity to do a land exchange to a more appropriate site; get properties donated and find where we can trade for conservation, something to think about</p> <p>Penfield Stroh 117 W Bullion, Hailey; years ago before we purchased our house there was a fire that came out of Croy Canyon my realtor joked that we almost didn't need to close on the house because the fire was going to jump the river; I'm concerned about fire danger from campfires; the other thing is that in the summer when the sheep are moving through, it's very loud to hear sheep you think there's a massive party going on, it's either sheep or ballgames going on, with camping there will probably be a noise factor so I'm not sure wildlife will come through those areas anymore. Also before the city purchased the property and before the school district owned the property and the Simons were going to do the subdivision, there was a walk through with the WRLT and a lot of that property was under water I think where that campground was, it seems to be a concern that if we did have a high water year since so much of that was underwater at the time that there might be some damage either from garbage from the campground or chemicals that might leak from campers, general pollution that would get into that beautiful wetlands that are coming back after the fire and the work being done by WRL and the city and the county etc. I don't want to see a campground I think it'll be really damaging to this area</p> <p>Roger Riccardi 236 Croy, I submitted some written comment as well, inspired by the public comment I've heard this evening. I would love to see a real economic impact with dollars and cents data, didn't see that in the grant proposal; this is the second time I've heard from a paid city staff threatening a worse use for this property if we don't get a campground, why don't we come up with a good use, we all support access and beauty but that's slimy development talk to say if we don't do this we'll do something worse; I'm against a campsite; I'd love to hear from a Hailey resident who supports this</p> <p>Mike McKenna – in these types of meetings you seldomly hear from the pro people; I've had dozens of conversations with Hailey locals if you go to the FB page on the Mountain Express you'll see positive responses for this, the majority of people are for it and aren't going to take their time to fight for it when they don't realize other people are fighting it; if you want to know the economic impact go ahead and google the economic impact of RV campers, educate yourselves; and it's only 20 RV sites</p> <p>David Anttila – Are there any plans available through the City for both of these sites you're considering?</p> <p>Lisa – we do have a drawing for the snow storage site, we do not have a drawing for Lions Park; the city's not meaning to be inflammatory, you can read the plat note those were the things that the city was looking at when committing public funds to the property.</p>
3/8/2021	Dana Orzel		N	545 signatures on Change.org petition; City is counting vehicles on road as part of due diligence. Dana mentioned that it didn't include bikes and off road toys on the road that would be there during the summer.	<p>Hey All,</p> <p>545 signatures on the petition & climbing, as I write this.</p> <p>Great Job Terese!</p> <p>I spoke via phone with Steve Johnson, Blaine County Road Boss.</p> <p>We had an amiable conversation.</p> <p>He did not see an issue with the campground effecting the road as is, though I had to update him on the # of potholes currently in the road. He stated that the city was in the process of counting vehicles on the road as part of their due diligence & that this was not a good representation of summer traffic. I added that this did not include bikes & off road toys on the road & he concurred.</p> <p>I am not aware of any totalizing equipment out there on the road if any one sees one let me know, please.</p> <p>Dana Orzel Great Solar Works, Inc. C - 208.721.7003 dana@solarwork.com Idaho Contractor - # 028765 Idaho PV # 028374 NABCEP # 051112-136 www.greatsolarworks.com "Responsible Technologies for Responsible People since 1988" ☑ Please consider the environment before printing this email.</p>

3/3/2021	Dennis Botkin		Y	<p>In support of Croy campground. Fires in the area were lightning caused. Campground host onsite would be good to help mitigate problems. Developed campgrounds are safer and more sanitary than dispersed camping. Campers will support local businesses.</p>	<p>I support the creation of the Croy campground. The recent paid advertisement in the Mountain Express by Croy residents cited fire concerns. The two fires cited, the Ro fire and Beaver Creek fires were caused by lightning, not by campers in a developed campground. I would like to see a campground host on site to help prevent problems from noise, littering, etc. I believe that developed campgrounds with fire rings and restrooms are safer and much more sanitary than dispersed camping. Campers will support local businesses including gas stations, grocery stores, and restaurants. Thank you for considering my comments. Sincerely, Dennis Botkin</p>
3/15/2021	Emmanuele Bobbio & Megan Andrew	151 Little Indio Ln Hailey ID	N	<p>They want peace and tranquility, to be close to nature and contribute to the community. They fear that a campground would be disruptive. Up to 120 guests at peak utilization would impact the neighborhood with: noise, speeding traffic, pollution, adversely affect wildlife. They wish for the preserve to grow south and west as outlined in the Hailey Greenway Master Plan (2017) and keep the preserve a preserve. A campground would take the land that the community and wildlife currently use. They would like a copy of the campground environmental impact study, as well as the projected economic impact. They propose to tax Air BNB's, invest in the town's beauty and amenities. The city should invest in the preserve, hiking & mountain biking trails, cross-country ski tracks, the business district (reduce speed limit on Main, add traffic lights, flowers, and trees in Ketchum. Use Cogne, Italy as a model to become a "jewel" and Lillaz (where a campground was created) as what not to do.</p>	<p>See file "Andrew-Bobbio-feedback"</p>

3/5/2021	Genise Homan		N	<p>concerns: wildlife, fire, increased traffic/noise/lighting, inappropriate use for the area. Land swap suggested! Didn't "buy" that there would be increased revenue or that the "pro" people didn't attend because they didn't feel that they needed to due to overwhelming support for the project.</p>	<p>From: Genise Homan <genise3@verizon.net> Date: Fri, Mar 5, 2021 at 4:30 PM Subject: Re: Croy Canyon Campground Group Discussion Fwd: Croy Campground - Rancho Cielo fire 9/23/19 To: Therese Magner <therese.magner@gmail.com> Hi Therese, I do remember that fire! I was in a group yesterday & our discussions centered around concerns for wildlife, fire, increased traffic, increased noise & lighting, inappropriate use for the area There was only one person who spoke in favor of the campground who I believe was the Chamber of Commerce Exe Director. His comment was that there would be increased revenue coming into the City from the Campground.. most did not buy into that. There was a good idea mentioned from an individual who was employed or had been employed by a conservation conservancy who suggested a land swap for the land already purchased by the city....A common practice in the business. As there were no residents in favor of the campground, staff seemed to think all the "pro" people didn't attend because they didn't feel they needed to due to the overwhelming support for the project. Most didn't buy that either. Thanks again!!</p>
3/5/2021	Ginna Lagergren	215 E Myrtle, Hailey	Let public know all options before proceeding	<p>There are other options for developing Parcel #89 than a campground and the public should be made aware of all the options. Most people seem to be against the campground for fear of fire, for the wildlife, and of dangerous traffic. Ginna would like to see public input for how the parcel can be creatively developed. Harmony's work should be put on hold until the public has been made aware of all the options for Parcel #89. Development should be on the high ground, not where it is currently proposed in the low ground.</p>	<p>Hi again Brian and all, Below is my copy of a letter that I sent to the Editor and two Reporters at the MtExpress, in hope of stimulating more investigation of options for parcel # 89. To be fair, I am disclosing this to you, since you replied that you did not contact the papers normally, but let them come to you. My concerns stem from the palpable sense of FEAR that so many of the people making comments exhibited and that they were thinking that they could stop a campground going in by making their comments. The public needs to understand that, apparently - according to some contract/deed promises - something needs to be developed by the City on that parcel, and that the public needs more information to be able to participate and hopefully mitigate that sense of fear that has been stimulated by fears of Campground issues. Again I wish everyone good luck in trying to move forward in a less fearful manor. Ginna</p> <p>-----Original Message----- From: Ken Lagergren <lagergren@cs.com> To: news@mtexpress.com <news@mtexpress.com>; tevens@mtexpress.com <tevens@mtexpress.com>; wgregmoore@hotmail.com <wgregmoore@hotmail.com> Sent: Fri, Mar 5, 2021 11:28 am Subject: Fwd: set Public discussions for City Parcel # 89</p> <p>Dear Mark, Greg, and Tony, First, congratulations on all your award winning reporting and articles. Below is a letter just sent to the officials of the City of Hailey and The Wood River Land Trust regarding a piece of property in Croy Canyon, labeled on the County Map as Parcel # 89. It lies just beyond Lions Park and the Simons/Bauer Preserve and has been being pushed by the City and the Chamber of Commerce to have an RV Campground on it. Some business owners have expressed support, however there is a 'firestorm' of fear (pun intended!) that has been the reaction from the public. I attended two sessions of meetings last night, Mar 4, 2021 where comments were being taken about a Campground on Parcel # 89. Unfortunately, the public does not understand, has not been made aware, that the City must develop this piece of property due to some deed restriction, (not sure exactly what they are - and it needs to be publicized). The fact is that there are many other options that the City could put on the parcel, but the public has not been informed of this fact. I asked who is in charge of informing the newspapers, etc. of all the deed restriction information and other options and was told - that's not what we do - we let them come to us. Also, my husband Ken just looked up on the County map that the entirety of the lowland on Parcel # 89 is listed as flood plain. That is exactly where the initial map shown at the meeting conducted by the City and the Land Trust last, Thurs. Mar 4, 2021, showed they suggested putting a campground. Besides all the points I hope you will consider investigating regarding the possible uses for this parcel, I hope you will bring up the issue of environmental assessment processes. Thanks for your consideration. I know there will be a good solution in the end, but the public needs your help right now to bring out all the facts and options and stop the spread of their fears. So I am asking that it could be a good service to the public for you to do some investigative reporting and bring to light the options for this critical piece of property.</p>

I will finish by letting you know that there is genuine, high levels of FEAR that are being expressed by the reactions of the public about a campground due to fire, disruption to wildlife that is plentiful there, and extreme danger from traffic concerns at that particular spot.

Please read the comments below that were sent to all the City and the Land Trust officials and consider how you may help calm down this explosive situation.

Sincerely,

GINNA LAGERGREN - 215 E MYRTLE, HAILEY

Sent: Fri, Mar 5, 2021 10:29 am

Subject: Re-set Public discussions for City Parcel # 89

Dear City and Land Trust officials,

I hope the City can set a restart with the public to get positive contributions to the discussion for parcel for #89, and replace the emotional fear that was created by implying that a campground was the only option. It has NOT been widely advertised that parcel # 89 must be developed by the City in some fashion due to some restrictions under the contract procedures under which it was obtained. (<< that description was awkward, but you know what I mean).

Hopefully the City can make it clear to the public that there must be many options to consider besides a campground on parcel # 89.

Listening to people in the Zoom conference on the night of Thursday Mar 4, 2021, and reading many comments in the paper , - the comments are mostly all against the campground - for fear of fire, fear for the wildlife and fear of dangerous traffic. In the Zoom meeting, I believe Mike Mckenna was the only one pushing for the campground in a rather hostile aggressive way, which only made emotions worse for those that heard him.

If the public knew that they had other options that must be considered, - options that may not create fears that have been stoked by the threat of a campground, - then people may engage with you to seek solutions in an positive way.

Here is one example: a City vehicle storage area up on the upper west end of the high ground would lessen the fire potential, be farther away from wildlife and move traffic interactions away from that dangerous blind curve. Ideally, a tall esthetic fence and perhaps vegetation, could "hide" the storage facility.

My point is that I hope the City and Land Trust can make a broad effort to advertise the predicament by which the City is constrained, and seek viable, creative solutions from the public for appropriate use for the property that will be a least destructive addition to that beautiful land.

Also, it is too soon for Jen of Harmony to be spending time to design features for a campground or incorporating it into the Hailey Greenway Plan. Harmony's work should be put on hold until the Public has been made aware fully of all the options that may have to be put on Parcel # 89.

Finally, the map that was presented at the meeting showed an elongated ellipse drawn representing the location of a campground down in the lowland bordering Croy Cr and its wetlands, and exactly where all the Elk Poop lies in the photographs that I had previously emailed out to most of you.

The only development on this property should not be anywhere near the low land, or the wetlands, but must be set up on the high grounds. Below are my photo and map of where I saw acers of land on which the Elk had been "hanging" around down by the creek, -exactly where the suggestion was drawn for the campground in the City/ Harmony map!

Wishing you all the best, and hoping to see lots more publicity on this important subject,

GINNA LAGERGREN - 215 E MYRTLE, HAILEY

3/11/2021	Heather Clendenin		N	<p>Concern that her points have not been adequately addressed by elected officials. She feels that her responsibility as an educated citizen is to voice her opinion. "No development" is a valid option that should remain on either site. Wonders if a land swap has been considered yet?</p>	<p>My responses to the city's proposal were intended to add to the opinions of what appear to be those of many Hailey residents. The points brought up in my letter are all valid observations that have not been adequately addressed by elected officials and were intended as constructive criticism. I'm sorry that you chose to hear them differently.</p> <p>It is an important issue to me. I'm a landscape architect and understand land planning issues and the very real need to preserve open space for a multitude of legitimate reasons. I'm also a resident of a city I chose to live in due to its proximity to open space.</p> <p>It's not my job to determine the best use of city property. But it is my responsibility as an educated citizen to voice my opinion.</p> <p>"No development" on either site should always be considered a valid option.</p> <p>Has the city considered land swaps with local or regional land trusts and conservancies?</p> <p>Hi Heather,</p> <p>Thank you for your comments. Do you have any suggestions for acceptable uses of this land, other than not developing it? If that is your only suggestion, then would you be willing to purchase a conservation easement or buy the land outright? It seems this issue is very important to you, and I'd hope you can provide positive solutions while we plan how to use this parcel.</p> <p>I'd be happy to talk to you via phone if you would like.</p> <p>Best regards,</p> <p>Sam Linnet 208-578-6846</p> <hr/> <p>From: Heather Clendenin <heatherclen@hotmail.com> Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 9:00 AM To: Martha Burke <martha.burke@haileycityhall.org>; Heather Dawson <heather.dawson@haileycityhall.org>; Kaz Thea <kaz.thea@haileycityhall.org>; Heidi Husbands <heidi.husbands@haileycityhall.org>; Sam Linnet <sam.linnet@haileycityhall.org>; Juan Martinez <juan.martinez@haileycityhall.org> Subject: Thoughts regarding the Campground Proposal</p> <p>Good morning.</p> <p>Please accept this lengthy response to the Croy Canyon Campground proposal as one from a dedicated citizen.</p> <p>I understand that the Lyon's Park site is now being considered and I also understand that there are two building envelopes that exist on the city-owned parcel. These comments apply to any and all development along the Croy Canyon corridor.</p> <p>Thank you in advance for reading it in its entirety. Heather Clendenin</p>
3/4/2021	Heidi Marcum	West Bullion & Little Indio	N	<p>myriad of concerns about this rushed project</p>	<p>Thank you so much for organizing the public comment gathering process regarding the city's proposed Croy canyon campground. I was unable to attend the virtual session Thursday, and I work from early until late Friday so I cannot attend a live one that day either. What else is the best way to submit comments during this scoping period? I understand there will be more discussion later in March with more specific proposals. My household lives on West Bullion and Little Indio, and we have myriad concerns about this rushed project.</p>

3/8/2021	Jim & Margie Hill	103 North Third Avenue Hailey, ID	Y	Great idea! Hope that it includes a day picnic area. It's a win-win for businesses, great for visitors for sports tournaments, and a great option for campers in many front yards during the summer.	<p>mayor and council i read that you are soliciting comments on the proposed croy creek campground.</p> <p>thanks what a great idea and asset for our city. similar to the campground near sun valley on trail creek road. i hope it includes a day picnic area also as we have used the one up north often for family and friends gatherings.</p> <p>i don't understand the complaints. how often is a fire in a fire pit a danger in a state or national park? how many local businesses will benefit? how is 'stanton crossing' or 'silver creek' a reasonable option? walking or biking into town using our bikeways a danger? this project is a win win for all our businesses. great for visitors for baseball, soccer and hockey tournaments. would also provide a great option for all the campers in many front yards during the summer.</p> <p>this is one of the best projects proposed here in my 36-years. another great one would be for the county to create a zone for a really nice manufactured housing park with good cc&r's. not everyone wants a big yard, house or can afford the expense of single-family housing.</p> <p>thanks to whoever put this project together</p>
	Karin		N	direct opposition to what is proposed	<p>Scott,</p> <p>Thank you for the update. I was in on that entire meeting and unfortunately your take on the meeting and my take (and most of those listening in on the meeting frankly) are in direct opposition to what you have aligned your organization with. We all recognize it for what it is ...Something promoted and worked on behind the scenes and when that happens you will not have the support of the community. It was obvious to all that lip service was done to those on the phone/virtual meeting and the plan stayed as they had decided without proper thought or input. There are a few intelligent and thoughtful people on the city council but they were outvoted by those who do not appear to be critical thinkers.</p>
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3/13/2021	Kim Harris	20 Rodeo Dr.	N	<p>Agrees with Paul Oelerich's letter. Fire risk is a huge concern! She has already been evacuated twice due to fire. BLM stated in their development plan that campgrounds near neighborhods is a fire danger. She questions the economic arguments that we need this desperately. Lack of RV space hasn't stopped families in Idaho from competing in several sporting events. She believes that affordable accommodation for people that won't be spending their dollars on main street doesn't outweigh the cons. There is a need to protect the wildlife. She has Rotarun in her backyard and she loves the vibrancy and community that it creates. She believes that a campground will not be a positive addition to the community like Rotarun is. With the current boom, Main St. will prosper and doesn't need the small economic benefit of a campground with self-sufficient RV campers. Post COVID, she sees people abandoning the RV life and using hotels more. Protect and value the space and wildlife. Conduct an environmental study to confirm the wildlife. Keep the open spaces.</p>	<p>I would like to formally add my name to object to an RV campground In Croy Canyon. Paul Oelerich recently drafted a well argued note on why this campground is in the wrong place and is being sought out for the wrong reasons. I agree with all he has stated and would like to stress how concerned the residents of Croy are about the fire risk this will create. Our experience of living in this valley has value. I live at 20 Rodeo Drive and have had fire come to the back of my home. Twice we have been evacuated for fire. And there have been at least two additional fires that were man made. One of those fires was by a careless child lighting fireworks and one on the Fourth of July at river fest. 100 plus people a night at an Rv site will only bring on an inevitable fire event. I personally have a fire ring that I would never dream of using in the summer because of the wind and the easily combustible landscape. I also have a neighbor that is part of the fire department and he is deeply concerned. His professional opinion is that the fire pits are dangerous. I'd suggest people in general on this site overnight even without a fire pit are dangerous. And the BLM has stated in their development plan that campgrounds near neighborhoods is a fire danger. I don't feel that there has been any response to the many voices that raise concern for fire. I am losing faith that our concerns matter and it deeply worries me. I would have thought protecting the citizens from fire and protecting our cherished wildlife would have been core values of every member of our city. I also really question the driving economic concerns that the Chamber seems to be arguing we desperately need this. I value and applaud Jane and her business and frequent it often but fail to see how people in RVs will be using her business. I also respect all that Hailey Ice House has done to create additional ice in this valley. I am a board member for the Sun Valley figure skating club. Every summer we produce a highly successful competition drawing people from several states for six days which traditionally falls on the same weekend as the writers conference and the The Sun Valley Centers wine auction. We also have a separate testing event later in the summer. There are multitudes of options for accommodations for judges and competitors and the lack of RV sites in a town in general hasn't stopped families in Idaho from competing in several sporting events around the State. I believe the statement that this will provide affordable accommodation for families and individuals is the truest stance and that this is not geared towards a camping experience. Do the pros for affordable accommodation for people that will not be spending their dollars on main street out weigh so many of the cons? It is heroic for the chamber of commerce to argue for a campground as it was stated in the recent newsletter, but it also heroic to keep raising the point that those of us who live in this canyon have important concerns about fire and the need to protect wildlife. And furthermore for me this is not a case of not in my back yard because I literally have Rotarun in my backyard I love the vibrancy and community that it creates. In the summer we have the extensive trail system and we share and respect the land. But the respect is tenuous and requires knowledge. I don't believe this campground will be a positive addition to the community like Rotarun. I believe it will be quite the opposite. With the burgeoning building boom that is happening in this valley I believe Main Street will prosper as a result and does not need the little economic benefit RV campers who tend to be self sufficient will bring. I also believe that travelers post covid will pivot back to staying in hotels and such and flying to destinations and that the RV and camping boom might possibly decrease. And finally with this inevitable rise in development happening it is crucial that we protect and value the open space we have for the citizens and the wildlife we see frequently on that shelf of land despite fish and game stating it is not a wildlife corridor I am confident an environmental study would confirm the amount of wildlife we see and that the noise of 100 humans with televisions and generators nightly would be detrimental. These open spaces are what makes Hailey a live-able city. In short this is the wrong idea in the wrong place.</p> <p>Sincerely, Kim Harris 208-720-9321 20 Rodeo Drive</p>
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3/16/2021	Kim Harris	20 Rodeo Dr.	N	Kim is responding to Mike's comments to her first email: How will campground be managed? Would like to see an economic report for the true RV camping dollar is and which businesses on Main Street actually support it. She questions who/which organization is behind the grant to build a campground in Hailey.	<p>Thank you Mike.</p> <p>Thankfully you were there to call the fire department at river fest. No one has been able to commit a definite about how this campground is going to be managed. Will there be someone to call as immediately as you did that day. The child that caused a fire with fireworks in our canyon went out of control quickly and had us all evacuated and could happen easily at the campground. The number of people at that campground nightly is going to be a fire danger every night.</p> <p>I'd love to see some economic report on what you propose the true RV camping dollar is and what thus campground would bring and which businesses on mains street actually support it. I'd dare say the 50 billion is a number that predominantly goes those that Manufacture and sell the vehicles. I'm questioning if the grant is coming from the RV industry in a way to perpetuate the market. I am deeply deeply concerned about the environmental impact. And my thoughts are it's the open space that make Hailey a live-able city. And as I will state again our Figure Skating Club holds several financially successful events a year during peak season and have not needed the support of a RV campground.</p> <p>The fact that this grant is coming from an organization that promotes Rv camping seems to be what is the driving factor. It worries me that that is what is swaying this development more than anything.</p> <p>Sincerely, Kim Harris Sent from my iPhone</p> <p>On Mar 16, 2021, at 11:57 AM, Mike McKenna <mike@valleychamber.org> wrote: Hello Kim. Thank you for your well written comments. Here are few responses to your concerns. First, Paul Oelerich's letter has both factual and anecdotal inaccuracies, as I pointed out to him. I was in charge of RiverFest that year and am the person who called the fire chief to report it. It was handled so well by our local fire professionals--within an hour it was out and the event continued--that it gives me great confidence in their ability to handle any issues immediately in or around our community. Secondly, statistically speaking, campfires are seldom the cause of wildfires. A University of Arizona study found that only 5% of human-caused wildfires are because of campfires. Most are caused by burning debris, arson and equipment issues. Furthermore, according to a local fire chief, campfires held in proper fire rings in campgrounds with proper landscaping and regular monitoring "almost never" cause wildfires. Finally, the belief that campers don't have large financial impact on communities is dated and inaccurate. The financial impact of RV camping alone has grown by roughly 75% in the last 20 years. It's now at \$50 billion annually. I'm sorry that you feel this is the wrong idea and the wrong place. If you know of a better idea or a better place, please share them with local leaders. I'd be happy to talk to you more about any of this. Thank you, Mike Mike McKenna Executive Director The Chamber - Hailey & Wood River Valley mike@valleychamber.org 208-788-3484 760-914-1877 Check out our award-winning Discover Wood River Valley Visitor & Relocation Guide</p>
3/5/2021	Martha S. Bibb	810 Cd Olena Dr Hailey	N	How did this get into a proposal when it was decided at numerous master plan meetings that there would be no campground in town?	<p>Hi, I hope that you recorded the presentation of this campground yesterday. I had a connectivity issue so missed the presentation. Seems that there was almost unanimous citizen opposition to this proposal...again in 2021, as well as in 2017.</p> <p>I was able to provide some comments.</p> <p>I just want to know who and how this got into a proposal when it was decided at the numerous mMaster Plan meetings that there would be no campground in town.</p> <p>Martha S. Bibb 810 Cd Olena Dr Hailey 503 539-8863</p>

3/5/2021	Martha S. Bibb		N	Devastation from camping, whether in a tent, trailer, or RV is horrendous	Dear Protectors of the environment, I missed the presentation by the City for that campground in the wildlife corridor adjacent to Croy Canyon Road. I hope you recorded it so I can listen to all the "Pros". I heard almost unanimous "Con" last evening. Into, am opposed tooth's. Please help me to see something besides the pro monetary side. Protected lands have no commercial price tag. Once destroyed they can never be returned to our grandchildren and their grandchildren. I have camped in various iterations for 50 years and the devastation from camping whether in a tent, trailer or RV is horrendous. So please do not support this use of the land. We all own the land. We, the people, that is. We all own the wild life. We all own the river. Martha Bibb
	Roger Riccardi	Croy Creek	N	interested in watershed protection and avoiding a project that could potentially degrade a community and a community resource	Roger Riccardi here. If you had some time I would really appreciate a call to discuss the Wood River Land Trust's position and plan regarding the proposed Croy RV park. My wife and I own a home in Croy Creek and I have had a historic home in Hailey for 20 + years. Many of my neighbors in Croy Creek want to help and are looking for a way to better organize. Frankly the public comment reception and pace of this project has many of us concerned this headed towards mitigate rather than eliminate. I am a long time trustee of The American Museum of Fly Fishing and an Angler's Club of NY member. My interest in watershed protection is genuine and like many of us I have seen the collective devastation of "no impact " projects that serious degrade a resource and eventually a community. The Wood River Land Trust's work is amazing, we have twin three year old sons and our family appreciates your team's vision and dedication. We want to collaborate and help. Glad to set up a time or you are welcome to just try my cell.
3/5/2021	Steven Garman		N	concerned about fire due to the presence of a campground and the associated evacuation taking place over the sub standard narrow bridge while fire equipment would be coming the other way. Although, it would be in the county so the Hailey city PD and Fire would not be responsible for anything that goes on there.	Therese, et al., I had my 5 minutes of fame this morning at the Croy discussion meeting. 5 locals attended. Most had huge issues with fire risk, wildlife, access and density of the plan. I spoke as a Croy resident, not a Wood River Fire & Rescue Commissioner. I brought up fire and talked about the Great Hailey Campground Fire, as it will be called by the Forest Service and BLM. Access? As all the Croy residents would be evacuating over the sub standard narrow bridge and fire equipment would be coming the other way. They are proposing 33 camp "sites" with no water. How do people extinguish the inevitable fires that they are going to cook weenies over? I also mentioned that because this is in the County, Hailey city PD and Fire will not be responsible for anything that goes on there. I let the Hailey City representative know that the County and specifically the WRFR Fire Commissioners would be taking a hard look at this. Do think I made a difference or influenced anyone from the Hailey Govt.? Extremely doubtful. Steven Garman (208) 720-1128 mmands@mindspring.com
3/11/2021	Susan Bernatas	Bellevue, ID	N	concerns: increased smoke/air pollution and risk of fire and harvesting nearby vegetation to feed the fire, Hailey's responsibility for damage from fire, the campground could end up being workforce housing, grant doesn't usually take into consideration on-going costs. Only allow propane fire pits or no fire pits.	I am writing regarding the proposed campground in Croy Canyon. I have several concerns regarding this proposal. Developments in the urban interface with fire pits are risky. I object to any increase in smoke. And, there is a potential for vegetation vandalism in the vicinity when fire pits are developed. One fire can cause far too much damage. Does Hailey's insurance cover this liability? I do not support any new campground which allows wood based fire pits with rings or not. Because of the windy conditions in Croy Canyon any open fire could easily get out of control. And, who really needs more wood smoke at this point. Lung health matters. The number of people with asthma has been increasing. Air pollution from campfires ruins a perfectly nice area. Westerners have inhaled far too much smoke from forest fires. At this point, all fires should be propane fire pits or just got without a fire. There is simply too much temptation to burn anything and everything. Any vegetation which can be burned in the vicinity of a fire rings gets destroyed to feed a fire. Is a campground host going to be on-site? How is the campground going to be managed to avoid having it become work-force housing? A Grant to build something doesn't typically take into consideration the on-going costs. Please forward a copy or a link to the proposal for this proposal. I would hope this includes on-going costs and risk assessment.

3/3/2021	Therese Manger		N	more about BLM plans to expand trail system.	<p>In a separate, yet connected situation for Croy Canyon that will directly affect all neighbors near or on Colorado Gulch Road and surrounding streets as well as the main Croy Canyon Road.</p> <p>BLM has finalized their plans to expand the trail system with the addition of e bikes and additional hiking trails. The one that concerns us the most is the motorcycle trail they have passed through which is shown as a purple line from Townsend Gulch up and over Colorado Gulch Road. This trail they say will be a one way trail that will feed the motorcycle park from Bellevue. Our concern is that this will create even more traffic and humans on CG road in front of our home and the developing subdivision below - Croy Canyon Preserve. The summer months are already busy with sometimes 15 cars parked in the cul de sac at this location. They are now going to designate a Trailhead as well on that county road and how will the walkers, hikers, dogs and cyclists that frequent that area coexist with increased motorcycle traffic on that road? To be fair, we are not against motorcycles and own one of our own. This once again is about fair and proper planning, keeping residential areas in mind. Our experience without this additional trail is people speeding not only on motorcycles, but also trucks, suvs, atvs, etc. up the hill at up to 45-50MPH often and into the late nights as well.</p> <p>Also, the road above us is at best 4 wheel drive with limited access for emergency vehicles. Somehow on the other end of town in Lee's Gulch they determined that it was necessary to keep that area "quiet" because of residences and fire danger. Why then is CG exempt from this concern?</p> <p>https://www.mtexpress.com/news/blaine_county/hailey-bellevue-to-gain-new-trails-camping/article_861c2ec4-7bca-11eb-9e1f-4768b7ea4944.html</p>
3/8/2021	Therese Manger		N	Protect Our Canyons (POC) google group is formed to create additional awareness. Share it!	<p>Subject: Croy Canyon Campground Group Discussion Protect Our Canyons Petition link</p> <p>We have formed a small POC committee to discuss strategies with the Grant approval looming at the end of May and this is a way to create some additional awareness. Gratitude for these focussed and committed people.</p> <p>This link is to be shared with family, friends, colleagues - anyone you feel will support our cause to stop the campground in Croy and the surrounding area.</p> <p>You can share on social media, your personal mailing lists - does not matter whether they live in the valley or not.</p> <p>We feel that our strongest platform at this time is the fire danger and have centered the petition around this concern. One of our members shared it with his base and we already have nearly 500 supporters in one morning!!!</p> <p>Here is the link: http://chnng.it/Yh5ghZ5F</p> <p>Feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have and let's get the word out...</p> <p>Best, TM</p> <p>--</p> <p>Therese Manger</p>
3/2/2021			N	strongly opposed to campground out Croy	<p>Dear Scott, I am still in NM and strongly oppose the campground out Croy. I have added my name to the ad in the paper and was able to voice my opinion in the last Hailey City Council Zoom Meeting. 🙏</p>

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4/3/2021	Kathryn Graves	750 Buckhorn Dr. Hailey	N	Opposed: Too close to Draper Preserve, Wildlife displaced, Croy Canyon Road is already dangerous and adding a campground would make it more dangerous, fire danger. Doubts economic benefit.	yes, if adding a campground is necessary	<p>I am a twenty-three year Hailey resident and am writing to express my opposition to the proposed Croy Canyon campground for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Too close to Draper Preserve 2. Animals and birds would be displaced 3. Croy Canyon road is already very dangerous during summer months for cyclists and drivers alike - cars go too fast (so scary for bikers) and cyclists ride double and triple abreast, which is scary and difficult for drivers. I can't imagine both kinds of traffic being doubled or tripled 4. Fire danger. <p>I am aware that the City of Hailey would collect site fees, which would be a good revenue stream; however, I am unconvinced of the other positive economic impacts to our community. Personally, when we travel in our truck camper, we rarely go out to dinner or shop - we might go to the local grocery store, but that's it. I feel that many of our visitors would have similar habits. That said, please educate me on how this campground and location would benefit Hailey and it's residents.</p> <p>I would be supportive of another location if it is deemed necessary that our area needs an established campground. We all want our community to be the best, healthiest place it can be.</p> <p>Thank you so much for your time and service to our community.</p> <p>Sincerely, Kathryn Graves 750 Buckhorn Dr Hailey, ID 83333</p>
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4/11/2021	Megan Andrew and Emmanuele Bobbio	151 Little Indio Ln Hailey	N	<p>Campground costs for Hailey outweigh the benefits, especially if it were to be built in the Croy Canyon near the Nature Preserve. Think long-term. Consider land swaps. Develop a long-term strategic growth plan. They outline non-monetary costs to wildlife, Hailey residents, Bullion Street residents and Hop Parter Park attendees, long-term monetary costs if the City erodes the nature preserve and trail systems to pursue uncontrolled growth, as well as long-term opportunity costs (monetary and non-monetary) since the space in the valley is finite. They outline the monetary benefits (along with their assumptions in the Appendix) and conclude that the positive economic impact is negligible.</p>	<p>To the City of Hailey and the Wood River Land Trust, Please find attached our cost-benefit analysis of the campground. We have made an effort to produce what we think is an objective analysis, consolidating our thoughts into one concise document. The document also sketches our backgrounds in public policy analysis and administration. We sincerely believe that the views expressed there reflect the public interest and offer them in a spirit of collaboration. We hope that you will find the time to read the document before Tuesday and Wednesday meetings. We appreciate your effort to reach out to the community. Respectfully, Megan Andrew and Emmanuele Bobbio To: the City of Hailey and the Wood River Land Trust We wrote on previous occasions to share our concerns about the proposed campground in Croy Canyon. We believe that policy decisions should be based on the analysis of costs and benefits, monetary and non-monetary, considering both short-term and long-term impacts. Based on our analysis---summarized below---we conclude that the campground costs for Hailey outweigh the benefits, especially if the City were to build the campground in Croy Canyon near the Nature Preserve. We strongly believe that preserving Croy canyon to its natural state is in the Hailey community's long-term interest, both economic and non-economic. The town will experience rapid growth in the next decade. After the development of Indian creek and Quigley canyon, the Nature Preserve and Croy canyon will remain the only natural habitats in the town's vicinity. The City will continue its healthy growth trajectory only if it treasures its heritage and preserves and invests in its amenities, chiefly among those natural amenities. New residents come to Hailey for its natural beauties, old town's aesthetic, and community's harmony. We are such new residents, as made possible by remote working. If resources and space are overexploited, people will stop coming and move to the next hidden gem. We strongly encourage the City to consider the long-term value of protecting Croy canyon. If the City has the fiscal need to monetize the parcels it owns in Croy canyon, it could engage the Wood River Land Trust to assess the scope for land swaps or sales. Many people are eager to donate in pursuit of this public interest. More broadly, we think that the City should develop a long-term growth strategy, especially in light of its recent success and rapid expansion. Investments and policy decisions should be organic to a long-term vision. For example, Hailey could be an affordable basecamp for tourists who want to visit Ketchum and hike in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. Or it could be a resort town with upscale facilities and shops attracting retirees and skilled people working remotely and eventually opening their businesses. A campground is organic to the former vision but not the latter. Establishing a protected area in Croy canyon is. These are just two examples, and many other concepts are possible. But a strategic plan is necessary for coherent and intelligent policymaking in a rapidly changing environment. The City could establish a group of City representatives, business representatives, and citizens tasked with producing alternatives and recommendations for this strategic plan. Many citizens would be thrilled to offer their respective competencies in service to the community. In the remainder of this letter, we present our analysis comprising of two short sections on the campground costs and benefits, together with our bio sketches. The appendix reports the assumptions underlying the calculations. Bio sketches Megan Andrew is a Ph.D. sociologist specialized in quantitative methods, Emmanuele Bobbio is a Ph.D. economist specialized in modeling, forecasting, policy design, and policy</p>
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4/6/2021	Gary Slette	PO Box 1906 Twin Falls, ID	N	<p>Represents a group of landowners in Croy Canyon who are opposed to the proposed campground. Attached a letter from Wood River Fire & Rescue Commissioners opposing the campground due to fire concerns.</p>	<p>I represent a group of landowners in Croy Canyon who are understandably concerned about the potential location of a municipal campground at the mouth of the canyon. I left you a voicemail a few minutes ago and will look forward to hearing back from you, but wanted to see if the City had received a signed copy of the attached letter from WRF&R. Are the meetings noted in the Mountain Express in-person meetings? Will City council members and/or WR Land Trust staff be present at all the meetings? Thank you in advance for any information you can provide.</p>

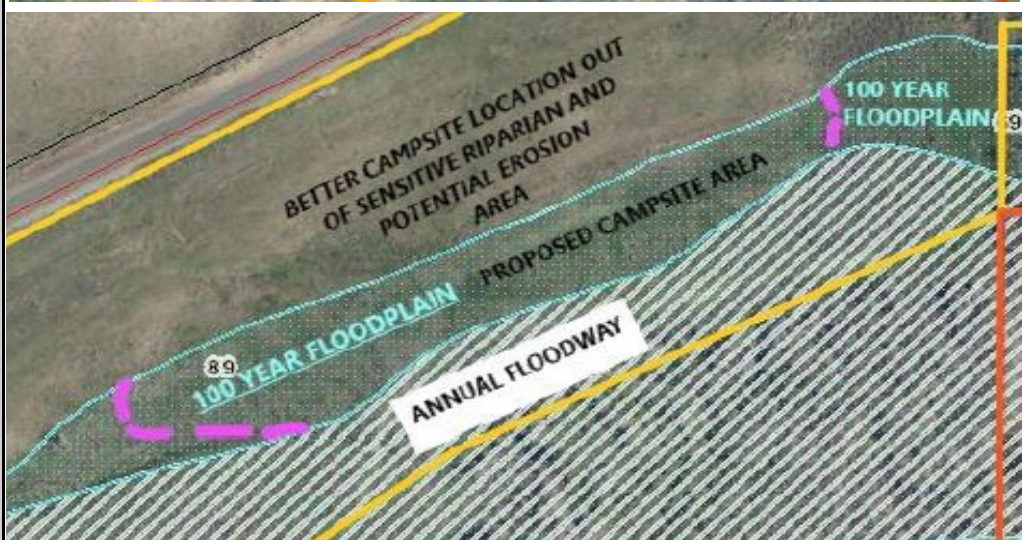
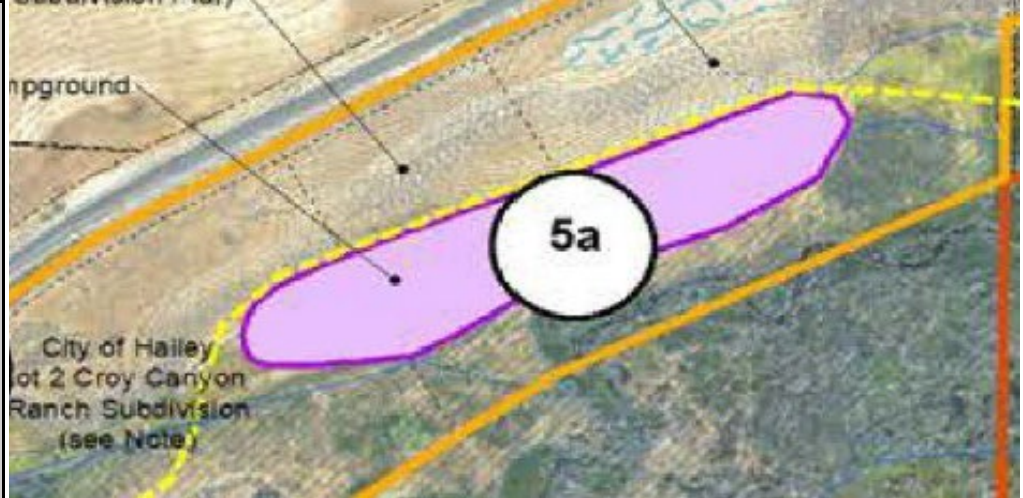
Date	Name	Address	For Proposed Campground (Y/N)	Summary of Comments	Alternate location of campground?	Full comments
4/16/2021	Gary Slette	PO Box 1906 Twin Falls, ID	N	Concerned about an evacuation over Richardson Summit if a fire broke out	Yes, up Buttercup Road	My clients have requested that you include this information in the file that is addressing a proposed municipal campground at the mouth of Croy Creek. I think you know how my clients and I feel about the public safety issue regarding this location. I'm trying to imagine a wholesale evacuation of people and horse trailers over Richardson Summit if a fire broke out with an easterly wind pushing the fire up the canyon. I know there are better places suited for this use. Has anyone in your office contacted the State Department of Lands to consider my earlier suggestion regarding the state property up Buttercup Road?
4/26/2021	Ginna Lagergren	215 E Myrtle, Hailey	N	Consider moving the RV Park to Roberta McKercher Park. Move the activities there to other locations around the city (Hop Porter Park was historically where most events took place and soccer could be moved to existing fields). Many existing amenities in the McKercher Park are listed, as well as many reasons to stay away from Croy Canyon, including that the proposed building site on the City's Parcel 89 is in a potential floodplain/wetland. IF you must build in that location, do so on the west of the property near the Mountain Humane Animal Shelter. OR find a way to transfer and deed it as a Preserve in perpetuity. Don't create this amenity for the tourists; the locals won't benefit from it.	Yes, Roberta McKercher Park	<p>From Ginna Lagergren : Dear Mayor, Council and Staff,</p> <p>If it is finally deemed imperative that the City of Hailey should have an RV Camp Park, then as "Option 5b per Croy Outreach 2", I propose: that Roberta McKercher Park could be an alternative location for a City of Hailey RV Camp Park.</p> <p>It is close to everything Hailey has mentioned it wants to provide for a tourist RV park.</p> <p>The activities for which McKercher has been used in the last decade may easily be relocated to other parks, - below are two examples:</p> <p>1) When I moved here in the 1970's, and for decades, Hop Porter Park was the only park where Every Festival was held. The big events each year like the Antique Fair and the Trailing of the Sheep Festival perhaps could be moved to Hop Porter Park.</p> <p>Hop Porter Park has historically been THE centralized location for the 4th of July Festival Community Barbecue, former Annual Arts and Craft Fairs, many different Music festivals and every other kind of event you can think of and could be wonderful for the Trailing of the Sheep and antique fairs, just like events always were for decades of Hailey's history.</p> <p>2) Soccer, perhaps could be moved to many other locations at schools and other parks, especially new parks in Quigley and east Hailey developments.</p> <p>McKercher could be better for the RV park for the following reasons:</p> <p>1- away from fire prone dry tinder 2- accessible from 3 directions without impacting county roads traffic.3- already has both potable and rinse (non-potable) water 4- near the fire station 5- next to the police station 6- has electricity 7- has its own RV Dump 8- already surrounded by tall pine trees with beautiful grass lawn - where spots could be created to accept camping vehicles around a few drive-thru lanes.</p>

					<p>9- would create the least impact to the citizens of Hailey and the habitat of our natural Wildlife</p> <p>10- Also, having personally known Roberta McKercher, I believe she would be proud of what I am suggesting.</p> <p>She was the biggest promoter of Hailey and the spirit of the Chamber of Commerce there ever was!!</p> <p>I visualize Roberta smiling in delight to have her park used for the purpose for a tourist RV park, and especially to save the Croy Canyon parcel.</p> <p>>Please consider all the attractive amenities listed above - and compare them to the visual and environmental blight that would be imposed on us and the animals if you were to insist on putting the RV facility in the fragile Croy Canyon parcel # 89 in the midst of Croy Creek wetlands.</p> <p>That whole area is inhabited with wild animals, where there are migrating and nesting birds, and mammals of all kinds besides ungulates, various aquatic species; so many animals actually inhabit that precious area at all times of the year, including summer.</p> <p>>By the way, according to County's FEMA Flood Plain resource map, the area circled on the Outreach 2 map of the City's Parcel # 89 that depicts where a campground would be located is drawn in potential flood plain and wetlands. It has been very misleading to suggest that any of the area below the bench is not in potential flood plain.</p> <p>I believe that if you must build on Parcel # 89, then the only building site should be out to the west on the high ground bench near Mountain Humane Animal Shelter.</p> <p>Please keep away from the east end below the snow storage area, as well as the middle of the property, and leave it for the animals.</p> <p>Or please find a way to allow the property to be transferred and deeded as a Preserve in perpetuity.</p> <p>>Also, remember that an RV park use is NOT FOR the Citizens of Hailey - it is for tourists. Hailey citizens, taxpayers would have little reason to "camp" at a City park. It may only benefit a few commercial entities.</p> <p>At the last Public comment event, it was stated by a city staff - something to the effect that - the RV park is not intended to make a profit, it is only an amenity (for tourists).</p> <p>I think it will not directly, or even indirectly, benefit at least 90% of us, so the city should not destroy the area of the Croy preserves and wetlands to accommodate tourists.</p> <p>McKercher Park could cost less to us as tax payers to provide and keep up the amenities that the city already has for them and McKercher is much nicer with the grassy lawn and tall pines.</p> <p>With my encouragement for you to find better solutions, I remain, Ginna Lagergren 215 E Myrtle, Hailey</p>

6/2/2021	Martha S. Bibb	810 CD Olena Dr Hailey	N	<p>Campgrounds within city limits are destructive to the surrounding area and many aspects of more people in the area need to be controlled, including generator noise, user created trails, dust, bathrooms, trash, packaging from take-out. Economic advantage is offset by cleanup costs, degradation of our local living areas. Welcome tourists to stay in hotels and eat at restaurants.</p>		<p>Dear Keri,</p> <p>I am an avid camper, having morphed from a backpacker to an RV camper in my old age. I have camped all over the West, including in Alaska. My experience has shown me that having a campground within a city limit has been very destructive to the surrounding area. Even campgrounds that were initially on the edge of town and were subsequently engulfed by the city expansion have been ruined by overuse, trash, and human waste. User trails go everywhere. Signs then become necessary to try to keep foot and bike traffic limited. Dust is created by loss of vegetation. Then fences become necessary. Look at Redfish Lake campgrounds where signs and fences try to keep kids and dogs and foot traffic controlled.</p> <p>Visitors randomly send their kids, especially little boys, to urinate everywhere, especially behind any vegetation. Needless to say this is ruinous to the vegetation and is a public health hazard.</p> <p>Bathrooms are constantly in need of special maintenance as campers throw trash and whatever into the toilets. Urine is always on the floors.</p> <p>Noise from generators is a problem to control. Many campers just ignore posted times because they want to run their air conditioners or TVs. Many generators are very loud. How can this benefit our wildlife, including birds?</p>
					<p>Motor oil drippage from engines and from washing RVs and vehicles seeps into the water.</p> <p>Amazon packaging overloads dumpsters. Plastic bags and packaging blows into surrounding vegetation. Take out plastic utensils, wrappers, uneaten food, straws, etc are everywhere. All this packaging is permitted to be used by local restaurants and grocery stores. Aluminum cans are in the rivers, on trails, roads, etc.</p> <p>Economic advantage is offset by cleanup costs, degradation of our local living areas. Local hotels are disadvantaged, already not operating at full capacity.</p> <p>To my thinking there is no advantage to having a campground right in our city when we are surrounded by BLM land. Visitors are welcome to pay to stay in our local hotels, eat in our restaurants.</p> <p>Martha S. Bibb 810 CD Olena Dr. Hailey</p>	

5/24/2021	Dayna Gross	1031 Red Elephant Dr. Hailey	N	Opposed to location and size of proposed campground due to traffic, wildlife, fires, garbage, noise. Trees and shrubs will take a while to get established and the campers/trailers will be an eyesore. Estimates for maintenance are low. Proposes ways to make the project work: replace some of the RV sites with tent sites, move some sites to Lyons Park, make the bike path separate from the road, complete a traffic study and make necessary changes to Croy Creek Rd, have lights out hours and quiet hours, have fees go toward Land Trust for restoration, research, education.	Lyon's Park	<p>Hi Lisa and Keri, Thanks for all the work you are doing on the proposed Croy campground. I am sure it has caused you some headaches.</p> <p>As someone who spent ten years living on and managing the Silver Creek Preserve (i.e. understanding public access, public use issues, wildlife concerns), has a Masters in Recreation Management and is a Landscape Architect, I oppose the location and size of the proposed campground. In addition to the actual campground, the process for engaging the public was reactive— not proactive. As someone who also spent hours in a conference room talking about the Hailey comprehensive plan, I am shocked that the public voice/decisions already made would be so easily overlooked and disregarded (early on-- kudos for you both for trying to fix this).</p> <p>My concerns for the siting of the campground aligns with others- traffic, wildlife, fires, garbage, noise, etc. I would also add that the renderings in the application and in the meetings don't take into account the difficulty of getting trees and shrubs established in the proposed camping area. Campers and trailers will be an eyesore no matter how many trees are planted there. In addition, the estimates for maintenance/patrolling/enforcement are low in cost and the capacity needed.</p> <p>I actually think Lyon's park is a good place for some trailer and tent camping. Trees and plants could be easily established and the sites would be more private.</p> <p>There are several things the city and Land Trust could do to make this project work for everyone (some of these may be included in revisions already, it is hard to keep up):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Less large trailer sites (ten tops), replace them with tent sites - Move some of the sites (or all) to Lyons park or elsewhere - Bike path separate from the road - Traffic study and subsequent changes to Croy Creek Rd - Lighting and hours to allow for dark skies and quiet times for animals (no generators) - Part of the fees or additional donations going to the Land Trust for restoration, research, education <p>Even with the changes suggested, this will not be a low impact campground. Not directly associated with the campground but does have to do with the project- a staff member from the Chamber of Commerce was abrasive and dismissive in the public meeting I attended. In my opinion, public meetings should be focused on encouraging the public to voice their concerns without having to worry about debating with the Commerce.</p> <p>Best, Dayna Gross</p>
5/14/2021	Sandi Viau	PO Box 1104 Hailey	N	Option 1 or Option 5B should be pursued. Focus on Hailey's residents and not tourists by making more parks, paths, and activities.		<p>I attended an in-person meeting on April 14, 2021, regarding the proposed Croy Canyon Campground.</p> <p>I am opposed to the City of Hailey operating a campground anywhere. The City should focus on it's residents and not tourists. There are so many sidewalks and streets in Hailey that need repairs.</p> <p>City residents would benefit from more parks, paths, and activities, not attracting more tourists to park their massive motor homes in an area where ecologists are promoting wetlands and wildlife protections.</p> <p>It's interesting that the fire danger concern is addressed by stating "no fires will be allowed" but the grant promoted "fire rings".</p>

4/26/2021	Ken Lagergren		N	Adding a second sentence to his public comment from Outreach-2: An attractive fence could be added along the road for the privacy of both the campers and the traffic on Croy Canyon Road. The fence would have regular breaks that allow wildlife to readily pass through, whether in the wildlife corridor or outside of that corridor.		<p>Dear Mayor, Council and Staff; In regard to my recently sent "Comments Croy Creek - Outreach 2", I made the following statement: "An attractive fence could be added along the road for the privacy of both the campers and the traffic on Croy Canyon Road."</p> <p>To that comment I would like to add the following:"The fence would have regular breaks that allow wildlife to readily pass through, whether in the wildlife corridor or outside of that corridor."</p> <p>Thanks for your considerations, Ken Lagergren</p>
4/25/2021	Ken Lagergren			Option 5A discusses putting the campground out of the floodplain, but the FEMA Floodplan Map from Blaine County shows it entirely in the 100-year floodplain. Flooding in areas with a similar floodplain has happened every 10 years or so more recently. The proposed campground also touches the annual floodway. (See photos). Flash flooding is possible in this location (2018). Building the road would cause erosion (do we need an environmental assessment?)	Up on the bench, away from the floodplain. Add an attractive fence. Keep RV campers up on the bench and tent campers in the 100-year floodplain without roads; park on the bench and walk down to tent camping.	<p>Dear Mayor, Council and Staff; Please accept my comments (attached as PDF file [text below and photos in the cells to the right]) in regard to the Croy Creek Outreach - 2. I have included a map of the FEMA floodplain and a map of the proposed campground area for reference.</p> <p>Thanks, Ken Lagergren Comments regarding the Croy Creek - Outreach 2</p> <p>In the Croy Campground Outreach presentation of April 8, Option 5A discusses placing the campground out of the floodplain, and yet the FEMA Floodplain Map from the Blaine County website shows the proposed campground entirely in the 100 year floodplain. In comparison, this is the same floodplain rating as War Eagle Drive in Della View, which we have seen flood with feet of water about every ten years and more often in the recent years. The proposed campground also touches the edge of the Annual Floodway as shown in figures below. Typically, Croy Creek flooding occurs a bit earlier in the year than Wood River flooding, so the proposed campsite area could be drier by camping season, but a heavy rainstorm can cause flash flooding in Croy Creek as we saw in 2018, and there is the potential for flash flooding in the proposed campsite area during a heavy rain any time in the summer. Road building and vehicle traffic in this proposed campsite area would cause erosion of the fragile riparian topsoil during wet conditions. Has the City checked with the County as to whether an Environmental Assessment would be required for disturbance of this area?</p> <p>If the City decides to have a campground in this area, it makes a lot more sense for the campground to be located on the upper bench, away from the 100 year floodplain. An attractive fence could be added along the road for the privacy of both the campers and the traffic on Croy Canyon Road. RV campers would be better suited to the upper bench area and, if tent camping is part of the proposal, a small number of tent campers could be allowed in the 100 year floodplain without roads, leaving their vehicles on the upper bench near the RV camping and walking down the short grade to the lower 100 year floodplain level.</p> <p>Ken Lagergren</p>



4/16/2021	Therese Magner		N	<p>Provides a link to the petition that has 1000 signatures on it in opposition to the campground, 200 are local, a FB "Protect Our Canyons" page with 60 local members opposed to the campground, a copy of the letter that was submitted from the Wood River Fire & Rescue Commissioners opposed to the campground, the fact that there were already two fires in the canyon outside of the "usual" fire season, concern over cancellation of homeowners insurance, photos of the current use of the Canyon by cars, bicyclists, wildlife, trash. She ends with some statements that indicate she feels she is unheard. (See "Full Comments" column)</p>	<p>This is the end to a long letter summarized in the "Summary of Comments" column: As a community we have asked the City, the County, the Land Trust to explore other areas in the City for a campground and what was proposed this week is no different than what was presented back in January. Even with countless letters written in opposition, this undeveloped idea keeps moving forward. With an addition of light industrial structures on the property. Sugar coated with the "ideas" of having a bike path, bridge improvements, trails with signage. All of which are in the County, not City so funded by who? Completed before or after the campground? How many local people have to be in danger biking, walking, driving this canyon road before someone listens? Few of the concerns above were addressed nor recognized in the meetings we have attended.</p> <p>Who makes the next decision? And the one after that, etc. so that we can stay informed and attempt to have our "majority" voice heard? What is the status of the Grant applied for by the city. If that is awarded, what is the next step? Who does it go to then? County Commissioners or Planning and Zoning? And then where? Is the property zoned R-5 as we have been told or is it already a done deal with a special permit established on the property because the City has that for the snow removal site?</p> <p>Many questions and we implore you all to provide us with some answers.</p>
4/16/2021	Therese Magner		N	<p>links to things she thinks are not good and are taking away from taking care of the locals.</p>	<p>Are we losing sight of how to preserve this beautiful valley and canyons from reckless development? When did the people that don't live here, who come and leave, become more important than taking care of the ones that do and support the community? This is not good.....</p> <p>https://livestream.com/comlib/wrlt-wildfires?fbclid=IwAR0ACgloZSHQmSOmlKN54er0BVX7Eewqu7ktfhiGB0Jx7PefAoolyoi0BWQ</p> <p>https://www.sltrib.com/news/2021/02/25/his-baby-cant-sleep-he/?fbclid=IwAR3VQneEGh7Nb3FlAtmYA6pn4l7SworXCHTw0X7GVwBU2v1LctbiSDVlF8</p> <p>https://harpers.org/archive/2021/04/the-business-of-scenery-why-national-parks-need-new-management/?utm_term=OZY&utm_campaign=pdb&utm_content=Saturday_04.03.21&utm_source=Campaigner&utm_medium=email&fbclid=IwAR2aUj7MLYAWeNuwTer7MaW390A9g5D3qNSwrTCCLnKS2vYA17V5Jyu7iTk</p>

4/15/2021	Laura Bernard	420 Robin Hood Dr. Hailey	N	Public campgrounds are notorious for irresponsible people. Campers are self-contained and don't support local businesses. Using the grant is out of line with the cultural heritage and protecting the natural wonders & treasures. Put in some housing for the local workforce or repair potholes instead.	put in an enclosed ropes course like in Moab, a butterfly conservatory, wildlife rehab.	<p>I would like conformation that this letter is to go to all those elected officers and other involved individuals , via your office.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p> <p>Begin forwarded message:</p> <p>From: Laura j Bernard <indigo98110@gmail.com></p> <p>Date: April 15, 2021 at 2:02:21 PM MDT</p> <p>To: Keri York <keri@woodriverlandtrust.org></p> <p>Subject: Campground proposal Lions Park</p> <p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>I am writing this letter with grave concerns about some of the plans you are proposing near the Hailey Greenbelt.</p> <p>The threat of an RV overnight camping area is very serious indeed.</p> <p>Public campgrounds are notorious. Rangers here reported an unprecedented number of campfires not extinguished causing spot fires and extreme fire danger all over our County and in Stanley . There is rowdy type noise late into the night. causing residential and wildlife disturbances. There is public urination, uncontained dog and human feces, garbage , over intoxication and destruction of sensitive raparian eco systems by foot or vehicle. These areas lie far too near a World Class wild trout river on The Big Wood and within the Draper preserve. The effects of this plan would be devastating.</p> <p>Your argument is that a few people aka "visitors". have mentioned they would like a place to hang out, camping , during potential concert series? The locals do not want this. Campers do not tend to go out to restaurants , shops or to use our hotels, historic to Hailey or in , for example, the Marriott , City Council is so apparently proud of.</p> <p>Campers are self contained. These people are there to " camp" in gigantic and unsightly RVs! They won't support local small business in our town . Wait, I take that back. Maybe they will frequent the State Liquor store and gas stations causing</p>
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					<p>additional drunk driving hazards.</p> <p>This land is zoned R5 . That is residential! Our homes are right here. We don't need the headache, fire threat and most assuredly, damage to the Green Belt that a Campground would bring. It's not useable in winter. The massive snow storage useage, away from the river , is a great use of that area. The city does not want the liability of being in the RV, transient campground business here. Do you? What are you thinking?</p> <p>If you are so anxious to use the grant. You are wasting that money on an ill conceived idea. This smacks of another non creative, Horowitz nightmare. It's out if touch with saluting our historic buildings, cultural heritage and most importantly, protecting our natural wonders and treasures.</p> <p>Why not put a ropes course there for family fun or a cultural center with an ENCLOSED amphithéâtre as in Moab , where you can control the crowds, events and time frames? They would come and spend money but then, they would thankfully, leave and go to an Air B N B or a local hotel!</p> <p>How about a butterfly conservatory?</p> <p>How about a wildlife rehab? It is , after all, in a huge migration corridor for herds of both wild animals and for sheep trailing. How about just leaving it alone for a dog park/ snow storage maintenance area and in line with Mt Humane's vision.</p> <p>Do not attempt to rezone our residential area and do not proceed with this campground and " festival event " outdoor , chaotic plan in this area, so close to the river.</p> <p>Maybe some housing for our own hard working residents would be a better use of that 700 K grant. Or, repair of pot holes!</p> <p>Yours sincerely , Laura J Bernard and family Flood plain and 3 times fire evacuees. in our neighborhood at: 420 Robin Hood Dr. Hailey , Id</p>
4/15/2021	Janet Carter		N	<p>Fire hazard, traffic (improve the bridge and add a multi-use pathway regardless!), and wildlife/wetland will be impacted too greatly.</p>	<p>Hi Keri,</p> <p>Thank you for getting back to me this morning. I'm glad that I still have time to submit a comment on my opposition to the placement of the campground.</p> <p>Like many others, I believe the campground would be a fire hazard, close to many homes in Hailey and out Croy Canyon. Signage and no fires allowed, and an on site host, would help, but people don't always obey the rules, and they smoke.</p> <p>I feel the traffic will be a problem through town and out Croy. An improved bridge and a multi-use path along Croy Creek Road, is needed, regardless of campground or not.</p> <p>Our beloved wildlife and precious wetlands will be hugely impacted by a campground, so close to the Simons/Bauer Preserve, and the Hailey Greenway. These are my concerns. Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely and respectfully, Janet Carter Hailey</p>

4/14/2021	Therese Magner		N	Feeling unheard. If it's considered "light industrial", it won't be able to be protected by the Land Trust. She is concerned that this doesn't have to go to the County Commissioners for zoning purposes; only a SUP from P&Z is needed.		<p>Good morning Keri. Thank you for your time and efforts as we all process through this campground thing. I must say that it is disturbing and quite disappointing to be presented with the latest from the City as they are clearly not hearing a word from the people concerned about this project. It's terrible. And now the entire property seems to be considered for light industrial for the city and our hopes of getting this into Land Trust hands diminished. It felt really hopeless at the meeting.</p> <p>I could not find the presentation deck that Jen shared with us yesterday on your website along with the bulleted points on options. Could you kindly forward that to me?</p> <p>Barb also shared with us after the meeting that per a conversation she had with the County Commissioners yesterday that this thing doesn't even have to go to them for zoning. The City can get a special use permit that simply has to be ok'd by Planning and Zoning. Again something else that was not made clear early on by the City.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and appreciate the link for what I have requested.</p>
4/14/2021	Therese Magner		N	Sharing the Change.org petition with Brian Yeager and Keri York. http://chnng.it/Yh5ghZ5F		<p>Hello Brian – thank you for your input at the meeting last night. These are challenging times.</p> <p>To clarify our discussion of a petition, not just social media on Facebook, that has been circulating for the last month or so with over 1000 signatures in opposition to the campground. Nearly 200 of those signatures are specifically regional and local to the Wood River Valley and we have statistical backup for that. This is your “loud majority” speaking who are clearly being drowned out by the “silent minority” that you spoke to that supports the City’s ideas. Not just Croy Canyon “nimby” as ignorant people like to call residents concerned about their property and maintaining beauty in our valley. Also many who live near and around the mouth of the canyon who will be impacted negatively by this campground plan and are in opposition. For the record. http://chnng.it/Yh5ghZ5F</p>
4/14/2021	Annie Webber		N	Concern that sandhill cranes won't be there if the campground is placed at the proposed location	yes	<p>Good morning Keri! Thank you for all of your hard work with the Land Trust!</p> <p>I wanted to take a moment to let you know my opposition to the proposed campground.</p> <p>Last Tuesday as I was hiking Carbonate, I heard some squawking & turned around to witness a pair of sandhill cranes in the exact proposed campground area. Of course, I was excited to hear & see them but also realized what we may loose by having the campground located at this proposed site.</p> <p>I am all for a City Campground, but not at this location. Thank you for your time & energy! Annie Weber</p>

4/13/2021	Justin Petty	506 N 2nd Ave Hailey		etc. are all fantastic ideas and I fully support them. A 34 site RV park is not a good idea in the location being proposed, nor is a large municipal building. Ideally, Wood River Land Trust would purchase this from the City, and manage it for the community and for wildlife. Given the amount of public lands, the BLM's intent to open 21 campsites in Kelly, Quigely, and Cove Canyons, and the over abundance of hotels in our community - I think the visiting public has sufficient options for lodging.		<p>I want to provide written comments to the Master Plan (the Plan) updates presented this evening, April 13th. In particular I'd like to focus on the proposed campground and/or the undefined uses associated with a potential city municipal site. I remain concerned that "the city" is promoting a use/s that are not consistent with the existing uses of the area - those being public citizen recreation in nature at the parks, preserves, river and on carbonate. Instead of focusing on the many (22) public supported actions identified in the Plan for implementation in the immediate area (chapter 6), city employees and elected representatives have chosen to place much of their focus on uses such as the RV park and/or municipal buildings that Hailey citizens have repeatedly voiced opposition for within the area currently identified. The area in discussion is a special place and it should be managed for residents, which includes the wildlife we share the valley with. Wetland and river restoration, boardwalks, picnic areas, development of a white water feature in the river, bike path along the edge of the road, etc. are all fantastic ideas and I fully support them. A 34 site RV park is not a good idea in the location being proposed, nor is a large municipal building. Ideally, Wood River Land Trust would purchase this from the City, and manage it for the community and for wildlife. Given the amount of public lands, the BLM's intent to open 21 campsites in Kelly, Quigely, and Cove Canyons, and the over abundance of hotels in our community - I think the visiting public has sufficient options for lodging. I'm thankful that there is a process through which citizens can voice their support and their opposition, and I am thankful that we have elected representatives that are thoughtful, forward looking, and listen to their constituents. Sincerely, Justin Petty 506 N. 2nd Ave., Hailey</p>
4/13/2021	Felicitas Funke		N	strongly opposed		<p>Dear Keri, I can listen in but not make comments. I would like to go on record that I am strongly opposed to the location of this campground. I am a resident, a local and a tax payer. Thank you so much, Feli Felicitas Funke 208-727-7700</p>
4/13/2021	Mary Hogan	PO Box 3113 Hailey	Y with restrictions	Campground ok with no fires and a camp host, more public toilets at CO Gulch, Lions Park, and out west, noxious weed control, Croy Canyon roads need to be widened and a bike path added, new bridge across river at CO Gulch for walking and biking. Where are the drop in structures for kayaking, fish habitat, making river more natural?		<p>I have not been too involved but I have been reading about what is going on. Here is my input that I think is important:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I am not against a Camp ground as long as there are no fires allowed and there is a Camp ground host. 2. I think there should be more public toilets at some of the trailheads : CO gulch; Lions park and out west. 3. Noxious weed control. Knap continues to spread. I see it along trails and river corridor. (even Carbonate trail and some of the Croy trails that BCRD put in) 4. There is no mention of drop structures in the river for recreation ie kayaking, fish habitat and work towards making river more natural. Early meetings had drop structures in the plans I thought. 5. Croy canyon road needs to be widened or a bike path so it will be safer for bikes and pedestrians. 6. I thought there should be plans made for new bridge across river at CO gulch for walking and biking. <p>I will try to listen to meeting today. Thank you , Mary Hogan PO Box 3113 Hailey</p>

4/13/2021	Robyn Davis	115 South Main St Hailey	This doesn't seem to belong in the public comments.		<p>Robyn's answers to Keri's questions in BOLD .Hi, Amy and I were talking about a few details that we wanted to check in before this afternoon. I realize that Jen and Randy are on the road, but hopefully you'll have a chance to read this before 3:30.</p> <p>1. Are the virtual meetings being run from Mountain Humane again, or City Hall? Amy remembered someone saying that the microphones were better at City Hall, but I thought we were going to do from the Mountain Humane conference room again. The virtual meetings will be held from Mountain Humane again, and will run similarly to the last workshops .</p> <p>2. Will the format be similar to last time's in-person sessions? We were thinking that Jen and Randy would be presenting the same information from the presentation (when in-person and virtual meetings are running concurrently) and City and WRLT staff will be there to answer questions. We agree that session will look similarly. The two virtual sessions will run concurrently with the two in-person sessions. Randy and Jen will present to both groups. After the presentation, public comment and questions will be taken. Here, the virtual session could disconnect from the in-person session. Brian – feel free to chime in if inaccurate.</p> <p>3. Will we take notes in the same way? We have another staff person, Hannah, who can help take notes if needed. Good question. I assumed this would be the same.</p> <p>4. Robyn, are you bringing in sign-in sheets and the notice board like last time? Do you need our help with any of that? I am happy to bring the sign-in sheets, but do not have access to view in Excel. Keri – can you send these to me or print and bring with you? I can bring a notice board.</p> <p>Thanks, Keri</p>
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