-----Original Message-----
From: Susan Chizum <susanmarie7982@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 2:56 PM
To: Mary Cone <mary.cone@haileycityhall.org>
Subject: Opposition to Croy Campground

While I love the idea of having camping as an option in the Hailey area, the campground location proposed is way too close to residential areas. The campground idea is fantastic, but living in the neighborhood, I strongly oppose the location. Please feel free to let me know if you have any questions.

Susan Chizum

PS Say hi to the boys from Miss Susan ;)

Jessica Parker
Hi Mary ....

Again, thanks for all you have done to keep myself and others up to date....we very much appreciate it. Naturally, I and others plan on being on the Zoom call tonight.

Just some of my concerns that you could present to the City Council are:

1) Degradation of Wildlife Santuary issues.
2) Destruction of community on Bullion/Indio areas.
3) Necessity for "vehicle traffic studies".
4) Fire hazards.
5) Destruction of Croy Canyon areas in general.
6) Noise pollution/generator pollution with not pollution restrictions.
7) Echo noises to other areas of the canyon.
8) Water restriction issues.
9) Confusion as to the the RM Park designated area....some on BLM land????

There are many more issues which can be discussed tonight but this is a good start to send to the council.

My best,
Wendy
-----Original Message-----
>From: Mary Cone
>Sent: Jan 22, 2021 1:11 PM
>To: "Wendy R. Henning"
>Cc: Tamra and Gary , Gary G , Lindsay Landgren , Rod Hawkins - Idaho
>Subject: RE: New RV Park proposed for Hailey -
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>Wendy:
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>I've attached the agenda with our meeting information.
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>Thanks,
Hi Mary…can you advise the time of the meeting as myself and others want to be sure that they get our comments?

Thanks,
Wendy

Feel free to send me your public comments, I am happy to forward them to our elected officials, the decision makers. And depending on the timing of the comments, I may be able to post them on our website before the meeting. The next City Council meeting is Monday January 25th.

Thank you,
Mary Cone

I got your email address from the city site. I would appreciate if very much if you would be so kind, as to email me a list of all the names and addresses of everyone at the city who is involved in the decision on the proposed park.

Thank you,
Wendy Henning
Dear Ms. Cone and Mayor Burke:

This email is to express my concerns and opposition as it relates to the proposed Croy Creek Campground. I have been a full-time resident of Croy Canyon for over a decade, I live on Croy Creek Road.

Here are a few of my immediate concerns:

I see a great potential for wildlife and environmental damage. The impact of a campground with 33 campsites will absolutely create changes to our local wildlife, wetlands and the Big Wood River. However, without an environmental impact study being done, we cannot say for sure how devastating that impact will be.

FIRE, this one is extremely important to me. Having to evacuate your home and flee with your family with only what you can carry is the most terrifying experience. We have been evacuated from our home several times due to the negligence of others. I plead with you to rethink this camp ground decision. This canyon can and does get extremely windy. It would only take one small mistake at or around a firepit to cause catastrophic damage for our residents.

The traffic has already increased significantly over the years with more valley residents coming out to enjoy all that Croy Canyon has to offer. Has a traffic survey been done? What about the increased danger to children and adults who ride bikes up and down Croy Creek road already? What we need is a bikepath, not a campground.

We love the outdoors and have nothing against camping. I dont believe the location is appropriate for a campground.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Libby Johnson
Stevens Family
Estate Manager & Accountant
Office (208) 928-7922
Dear city council members, Martha Burke,

I would like to go on record as opposed to the Croy Creek Campground which I believe is on tonight's city council agenda. A detailed letter/email will follow. I urge you to yield additional time for public comment prior to project or grant proposal approval.

Sincerely,

Mark Morgan
Good Afternoon Mary,

I want to express my, and my families concerns about the proposed Croy Creek Campground. I myself love camping and have done so my entire life with my family. I am all for camping, but we must look at the potential impact this has on so many different things.

We live out Croy and while we have many concerns, being a retired Fire Captain from southern California, my biggest is the threat of brush fires. We are very familiar in our valley how devastating these fires can be on lives, homes, the environment, the animals, and our emergency responders. The winds pick up dramatically every single day all summer long after around 1PM and often blow into the night. We see Wood River Fire and Rescue comment endlessly about the camp fires they find unattended and still burning. With the potential for 33 fire rings being used each day, that’s nearly 1,000 campfires per month that would only need one ember to blow into the sage and dead grass that Croy is covered by. 1,000 per month and 9,000 over the course of the open camping season, this is a disaster waiting to happen. A campground host is simply not going to fix this each and every day, or every night. We know the cost of just one brush fire can be well into the millions, so the potential extra revenue, comes at much bigger threat. Is the risk really worth the reward?

The area this campground is proposed to be constructed in is very well known for animals. Just yesterday I watched a Mother and baby moose lay under a tree along Croy Creek riverbed just beyond our fence. The riverbed is a common thoroughfare for many animals. We commonly see the moose families out in this area and along with elk, deer, coyotes, bobcats, fox, and even skunks. I am sure you will have studies done on the migration of all these animals, but I believe this campground will limit their travel from the river back into Croy Canyon along the riverbed of Croy Creek. This area is also full of sheep in both spring and fall as the shepherders migrate north and south for the seasons, which we all love out Croy. Have you considered the impact on this long term tradition?

I worry about the traffic out our canyon, and the impact on the bridge with a significant increase in traffic (and heavy traffic since most will have motorhomes, trailers, and toys in tow). This is our only way in and out now that the bridge at the other side of Colorado Gulch washed out, so this is a real concern for many of us out there. Pedestrian traffic is also a danger. There are no sidewalks or paths to town, so if people do decide to go into town, they will be walking on Croy, which is already dangerous enough, and has some blind turns. At night, I feel this is another tragedy that will almost certainly occur.

I am sure you will do an impact study on the flood plain, but just a few years ago, we had a huge storm over a couple of hours that flooded Croy and overflowed Croy Creek, as well as filling all the wetlands out there. If I am reading this map correctly, these sites would definitely be impacted when that happens again. There would be little time to evacuate, as we know picking up all belongings from a campsite can take an hour or more.
There are so many beautiful places to camp in our valley, and throughout Idaho, and they are all away from homes for a reason. Please hear all of our communities very valid concerns, and we look forward to hearing much more about this tonight.

Thank you,

Cory Chalmers
Featured Expert & Host on A&E’s Emmy Nominated “Hoarders”
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From: Amy Roberts <amyplatoroberts@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 12:56 PM
To: Mary Cone <mary.cone@haileycityhall.org>; Martha Burke <martha.burke@haileycityhall.org>
Subject: Proposed Croy Creek Campground - resident opposition

Dear Ms. Cone and Mayor Burke:

The purpose of this email is to express my concerns and opposition as it related to the proposed Croy Creek Campground. I am a full-time resident of Croy Creek, living on Pioneer View Drive. I have carefully read the proposal for this campground and find I have a number of concerns related to:

- Potential environmental damage from the proposed large campground at that site. The surrounding wetland would certainly be affected, as well as the animal populations and animal migration routes in that area.

- Potential fire hazard from the proposed large campground at that site. While the plan discusses contained firepit areas in each site, it is all too easy for users to not respect the guidelines and create a fire potential. Have been evacuated multiple times over the years, and been impacted by previous fires in the area, this is a high concern.

- The aesthetics of having a drive-in campground, with overflow parking, at that site. The Simons Bauer Preserve and Drapers Preserve are cherished and beloved open spaces that add beauty and value to Hailey. The proposed large campground at that site will be an eyesore and will ruin the natural beauty we all appreciate. The snow pile (that was constructed with no resident input) is bad enough. Adding a large campground with RVs and vehicles will be even more damaging aesthetically.

- The added traffic the proposed large campground will create is a real concern. The Croy Creek road is very busy as it is, with residents, bikes, recreational vehicles, runners, etc. Having a new road entrance with cars, trucks and RVs entering and exiting is a worry. Also, has there been any sort of traffic survey? Can the bridge and current road (which is not super well maintained) handle it?

I can certainly understand the appeal of this proposed campground for bringing in additional tourists to Hailey and applaud that effort, but sincerely ask that you reconsider the location or find an alternate location. Also, I ask that any proposals involve input from the residents that will be impacted by them. In this particular case, that is not just Croy Creek residents, but those on Bullion Street between the River and Main Street.

I hope to participate in the city council zoom call mtg tonight and hope that my opposition as a resident is noted.

Regards,
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From: Kaz Thea <kazthea@mac.com>  
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 12:45 PM  
To: Lisa Horowitz <lisa.horowitz@haileycityhall.org>; Heather Dawson <heather.dawson@haileycityhall.org>  
Subject: Fwd: RV/trailer park in Croy

just forwarding this on...

“The ultimate measure of a person is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.” ~ Martin Luther King

Kaz Thea  
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208.720.7805

Begin forwarded message:

From: Mmand <mmands@mindspring.com>  
Subject: RV/trailer park in Croy  
Date: January 25, 2021 at 10:55:59 AM MST  
To: kaz.thea@haileycityhall.org, letters@mtexpress.com  
Cc: heidi.husbands@haileycityhall.org, sam.linnet@haileycityhall.org, juan.martinez@haileycityhall.org

As a resident of Croy Canyon, specifically Rodeo Dr., I would like to address the proposed campground that the City of Hailey is planning for the base of Croy.

This is a terrible idea for many reasons. The area for the proposed campground is in the corridor for all the wild animals accessing Croy Canyon from the river. I’ve seen Moose, Elk, White Tail and Mule deer, Coyotes, Pronghorn and many diverse birds of prey. The impact of 30 pull in campground spaces and the huge infrastructure will seriously effect this wild area.

Several questions come to mind. First of all where will the water come from to support these “campers”? Croy has a very deep and challenged aquifer. Is Hailey City going to run a water line across the river up on to the bench? Secondly where will the effluent from 30 camper/trucks/trailers go? Into a huge drain field down on the river bottom? Thirdly, there will obviously need to be staffing to monitor this nightmare. That requires buildings for them. There will need to be buildings to house lawn care tractors, offices, restrooms for the clientele, for the staff, laundry facilities, probably a convenience store to sell beer and wine and huge outdoor lighting to provide the security that the “campers” from the big cities expect. This will destroy what is left of our dark sky in Croy. We already are challenged in this respect by Mountain Humane and their outdoor lighting, we do not need another at the base of the canyon.
I realize that Hailey has secured a $740K grant for this debacle but who will pay for the additional staffing after that grant is used up? This will require people to collect entry fees, assign campsites, sell beer and wine, enforce whatever rules are made, etc. That will be covered by the Hailey Citizens.

Did I mention the fire exposure? The “campers” from the big cities will expect to have campfires. How will that work during our dry summer burn bans? Fire rings? Sure, that will work fine until the “campers” pull out to go home and the wind comes up.

There is no question in my mind that Hailey City Administration pulled a “bait and switch” on the locals. They put in a few pull in spaces and some roads to access them and told everyone it was for snow storage. The next thing we know there are 30 pull in spaces, a campground and all of it’s infrastructure being built. Will this be known as the Hailey KOA? The traffic of all these “campers” pulling in and out of the narrow land next to the 45 mph Croy Canyon road will be difficult at best.

The feelings of the Croy Canyon residents appear to be unanimous in the opposition to this trailer park. Please respect our beautiful canyon and the wishes of the residents. Do not put this nightmare at the base of our canyon.

Thank you,

Steven and Bonnie Garman
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On Jan 25, 2021, at 10:24 AM, Jessica Parker <jessica.parker@haileycityhall.org> wrote:

Good Morning Kimberly,

Would you please resend the attached document in a different format for your public comment? We are not able to access the document in its current format.

Thank you,

Jessie

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<No campground out Croy.pdf>
To: Hailey City Council

From: Kim Jacobs & Pete Patterson (151 Poulsen Road) and neighbors

Re: Jan 25 Agenda Item PH 036 to authorize grant application for construction of a municipal campground/RV park on Croy Canyon Road

Dear Council members:

We would like to make it known that we oppose the development of a municipal campground/RV park in Croy Canyon. The area proposed that lies adjacent to a wetland is completely unsuitable for a 33 space (or any space) camping area. Increased noise level alone has proven to have adverse effects on wildlife, birds and residents. The wetland area is a safe haven for more than just birds and fowl as documented by the increase in the moose and elk population of our area. Along with the wetland issues will be the risk to children in and near the park due to a marked traffic increase, especially in the summer during high park use. A campground will also add light pollution as many RVs have bright lights that are not turned down, threatening the dark skies that we all enjoy in/around Hailey. The fact that none of these issues have been addressed or open for public input is truly an outrage. Generators will run at all hours of the day despite the fantasy of a “quiet time.” While we agree that it would be nice to have pay camping near town, we feel that this site is COMPLETELY UNSUITABLE for this purpose.

Kim Jacobs
Pete Patterson
Leslie Speck
Richard Winkler
Madeline Winkler
Scott Winker

Poulsen Road Residents (since the 80s and 90s)
Hailey, ID
Hello Mary:

I am just sending a quick email to let you know that we have just become aware of the proposed City of Hailey RV Park. I know that it is just in the planning stages and that there will be a dedicated and appropriate time to address any concerns that the public may have in subsequent and upcoming meetings, so I will wait for that time to formally list all of mine.

BUT I did want to take a quick moment to let it be known that my husband and I (we have lived and worked in Hailey for over 35 years now and currently live in Croy Canyon) do have major reservations about this project and will definitely be ready to publicly voice them as soon as the time is appropriate.

Until then, we will also be writing to anyone else that is involved in this project to let them know of our concerns as well.

Thank you for your time in receiving this email.

Sincerely,

Terri and Steve DeMun
53 Pioneer View Drive
Hailey, ID 83333
Greetings Heather,
If possible, I would appreciate City Council having my thoughts on the proposed campground.

Councilmembers,
I am in general support of the proposed campground. I believe that camping is not entirely a rural, out of town, endeavor. For instance, there is a campground in Cardiff, California, named "San Elijo State Beach." My family and I have camped there many times for Spring Break. We enjoy the ability to drive to the campsite, park our vehicle, and leave it unused during our vacation—we only use our legs, bikes, or nearby public transportation during our visit.

This campground has the same type of potential which would be a great asset for folks visiting for numerous reasons: youth sports, en route to Middle Fork Salmon trips, and those wanting to get a taste of Hailey. If public transportation can be worked into the design, campers can do as we've done at San Elijo and reduce the need for polluting with their own vehicles.

I do think that steps need to be made to mitigate noise with quiet hours and it would be ideal to have tent specific sites set aside from RV's who may use generators; perhaps have hookups so that generators can be banned.

Many thanks for your consideration.
-Craig Wolfrom

Cell: 208-309-3262
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From: Gray Young <grayymx98@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 6:55 AM
To: Mary Cone <mary.cone@haileycityhall.org>; Mark Acker <mark@markacker.com>
Subject: Proposed RV Campground at mouth of Croy Canyon

Mary, please forward our comments to city council and other involved government officials. These comments have been forwarded to our neighbors and homeowners' association members, many of whom agree with us.

We acknowledge the work that has been done by the City and understand the positive intentions of the proponents, but sometimes serious potential costs far exceed the perceived benefits of projects like this. We urge the proponents to go back to the drawing board, re-think the natural and social impacts and consider other, less sensitive sites if they believe an RV park is so important to Hailey's economic future.

Our email to neighbors:
Ann and I have been here about a year-and-a-half, so we haven't met everybody yet, but we look forward to getting to know all of you soon. Also, we ran straight into the covid crisis, which has impeded everyone's social lives. That said, we wanted to go on record to oppose the Hailey RV Park proposed for lower Croy Canyon. We fully agree with Mark Acker and several others that there appear to be serious issues with wildlife, traffic, fisheries management, ecological matters, congestion, safety, and fire risk to the upper valley as well as to riparian areas along the Wood River. We thought the pavement and grading was simply to give orderly access to the wildlife management area being put together in partnership with the Land Trust. The best land use for this area is conservation, wildlife protection, hiking, fishing and other minimal-impact activities, not an RV park. We understand the general concept that Hailey wants to enhance its tourist trade, but not at the cost of this one-of-a-kind resource. Perhaps there are other municipal, industrial or "brownfield" properties that could be re-purposed for an RV park.

Gray and Ann Young
Dear Mayor Burke:

This email serves to codify and record our families opposition to the proposed croy creek campground being discussed at the Hailey City Council Meeting of January 25. 2021.

I am at a loss to understand the economic, community or environmental benefit. One would think a grant request of $750,000 would contain a more detailed plan but it is woefully absent. I also noted that the ask has increased 50 % from the original $500,000 shared.

33 campsites on or near wetlands, The Draper Preserve and adjacent to the big wood river are far from “low impact”. 33 unsupervised campfires at the base of a windy canyon and adjacent to downtown Hailey is simply irresponsible.

Frankly I find it insulting that the staff report would parrot back developer-consultant language that this project has any environmental benefit. My twin sons would be much more appreciative of again seeing an actual mother and calf moose rather than a picture on a plywood “interpretive sign”. Generators, Traffic, Lights, Disturbance, Fires and loss of habit will not be positive for moose, other wildlife or the people of Hailey.

Like many families in Hailey and Idaho our family enjoys camping. In each instance this past summer we stocked our camper at the point of origin, shopping at the fantastic Hailey resources of Atkinson’s, Albertsons, Natural Grocer, LL Greens, Idaho Lumber/Ace Hardware and Base Camp. Shy of a delicious ice cream in Stanley we spent next to zero dollars in the areas we visited. To my knowledge we never camped anywhere close to noise or traffic impact near a tax paying local homeowner. Regarding length of stay, even the Woodstock music festival was only three days and the longest of little league games rarely exceeds two days. The idea that we need to support 10 or 13 day stays is another significant question.

Due to the short timeframe for comment I have not been able to fully review the wetland overlay or the R – 5 zoning implications. It seems like your proposal is more in line with R -1 or LI impact. The idea that the city would support a campground on R-5 as a “conditional use “ is absurd. Selling out a cherished and already significantly used community asset for $32.00 a night is in opposition to the many things we love about our town of Hailey. I hope you reconsider signing the grant request and understand that a path forward would meet with significant community and legal challenge.
I appreciate your community service, consideration and of course would welcome a contact should you wish to discuss further.

Roger

Roger J Ricardi
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Jessica Parker

From: Mary Cone
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 10:03 AM
To: Lisa Horowitz; Jessica Parker
Cc: Heather Dawson
Subject: FW: Agenda Item PH 036 to authorize application for construction of a municipal campground/RV park on Croy Canyon Road
Attachments: Hailey City Council.docx

-----Original Message-----
From: Lance Meller <melzie4@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 5:52 PM
To: Mary Cone <mary.cone@haileycityhall.org>
Cc: Matt Barrow <matt@vpwindows.com>; Feli Funke <feli@piomoon.com>
Subject: Agenda Item PH 036 to authorize application for construction of a municipal campground/RV park on Croy Canyon Road

Mary,

Good morning, Hope you had a great weekend. Please see the attached letter to the Hailey City Council and behalf of the majority of the homeowners at Sage Springs. Everyone has been notified of the meeting and will be joining virtually, so see you then.

Sincerely

Lance Meller, Sage Spring Board Member
To: Hailey City Council  
From: Sage Springs Homeowners Association  
Re: Agenda Item PH 036 to authorize grant application for construction of a municipal campground/RV park on Croy Canyon Road

Dear Council members:

The Board of Sage Springs Homeowners has been asked by a majority of the homeowners to strongly oppose any action by the Hailey City Council and mayor to develop a municipal campground/RV park in Croy Canyon. There has been no attempt to obtain input from the impacted Croy Canyon community or the impacted residents who live on Bullion street. There has been a complete absence of community discussion of the impacts of increased vehicular traffic, night time lighting, wildlife impacts, increased noise, view corridor obstruction, increased use of Croy Creek trails, sheep grazing impacts and alternative locations. The proposed campground/RV park will not provide a wilderness experience in the proposed location and will likely be nothing more than a temporary overnight parking area for campers and RVs passing through Hailey. Our homeowners were shocked to be made aware of the proposed campground/RV park by an article in the local newspaper. Certainly, elected officials should know by now that community input should precede any decision making that can have the significant impacts mentioned above. Certainly, if a private developer had made this proposal there would have been a process followed involving the impacted community.

Sincerely,

The following residents of Sage Springs HOA:

- Alan Pitt MD, PhD
- Katherine lee MD, PhD
- Tom and Lee Dabney
- Rich and Elizabeth Conway
- Michael and Suzanne Walsh
- Andrew and Kim Harris
- Matt and Michele Barrow
- Lance and Robin Meller
- Gary and Tamra Gensemer
- Steve and Bonnie Garman
- Felicitas Funke
- Linda Gates
- Ruthie Matthes
From: Tamra Gensemer <togettamra@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2021 3:13 PM
To: Mary Cone <mary.cone@haileycityhall.org>
Subject: RV Campground

Good afternoon,

My husband and I are against the proposed RV campground in Croy Canyon.

First of all it is very disturbing that they would not let the people of Hailey, Croy Canyon and residents on Bullion to voice their concerns.

We are wondering have they have done a study of the impact it would have on the Valley?

The RV Park will cause many problems. It would increase the traffic coming into the Valley. We already have increased traffic due to Roto Run operating 6 days a week. People travel at great speeds down the road already.

What happens to Hop Porter Park where there are families with small children are playing this is an accident waiting to happen with increased traffic.

What about the generators, music and lights from RV's? We will have it echoing in the Valley. We are concerned about the lighting for the restrooms, showers and general areas we will loose our "dark skis forever."

What about our wildlife and the sheep who come every October?

What about the danger of the fire pits? The land is already fragile with out adding increased risk to a fire.

Before you think about going any further with this project I would suggest seriously considering the impact that it would put on Croy Canyon. Also you should hear comments from everyone affected.

Please consider what you will be taking away with this project.

Thank you,

Gary & Tamra Gensemer
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it has come to my attrition that the city is trying to slide in a camping site into the area of impact of the city of hailey. This is a bad era in that it is in the heat of the sun all day and is jest out in the open. There must be a better place that is a bit more suitable for camping. But will you listen to the people i dout it. I will thereto voice a no option. Why not out quily where there is shade. or better yet lions park. since tere is no whitewater park going in. something we could use.
Hi Mary,

I’m a lot owner in Croy Canyon and I have major concerns about the development and management of the future RV campground being proposed. I’m hoping you can post my concerns prior to the meeting this Monday.

I see multiple issues with how the City is planning to develop and operate this RV/campsite and I’m concerned that the excitement of the project for a few individuals has the potential to allow oversite with the actual impact this facility is going to have to the surrounding area. 33 camp sites is a lot, and the Croy Creek Campground documents posted by the city estimates 1,000 people a month moving through this park, with no specific line item or budget for an onsite camp host. These campsites will be very similar in style and design to the campsites seen within State campgrounds such as those at Redfish, Alturas and Pettit lake. Those facilities are smaller in comparison to the Croy Creek Campground (Outlet Campground only has 19 sites, Sockeye Campground has 23 sites; both have full-time camp hosts and a dedicated management company), and each of them require a full-time host to enforce the rules.

There will be no power to the sites so the gas generators will be echoing off the canyon walls deep into the night. There will be firepits for “controlled” campfires in one of the driest and windiest canyons in the valley within a half mile of a tree lined town.

Has there been a case study by the City to validate the actual impact to the neighboring properties? Has there been a traffic study done by an independent consultant? Or even a trail impact study—note the language posted on the Wood River Land Trust website from December 14, 2020, stating that “Increased traffic on the trails has created limitations for people recreating outdoors, as anyone that has taken a hike on the Carbonate Trail has experienced” ... and “Yes, even this community needs a little more space. In Draper Preserve, the traffic counts of pedestrians on Bow Bridge have doubled compared to this same period in 2019.” The proposed 33-site campground would significantly impact what the Land Trust is already noting as a trail congestion issue, as well as noting concerns about the sensitivity of the wildlife habitat and importance of an artisan spring that provides a “critical water resource for Hailey, our river, the wetlands, and our wildlife” (see attached printout from the Wood River Land Trust website dated December 2020). Has there been an environmental study done for that wildlife corridor or the impact to these resources on already crowded trails, especially related to the population increases over the last 8-10 months? There are often deer, elk, coyotes and moose seen in that area and I’m surprised Hailey, especially Hailey, has not thought about that impact.

If this was a developer asking for a conditional use permit in the County to pull off a campground like this, it would take years of discussions and that developer more than likely would be denied. Getting the approval from the Mayor to sign
a grant application this early in the approval process seems premature. The grant approval is more likely being used as a tool to push this campground through the system expeditiously and it does not feel like a fair process.

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Hailey, ID 83333
208-928-7950 office
208-720-0852 cell
Pete@triumphgroup.co
Croy Canyon

Here in the Wood River Valley, many of us continue to keep active by getting out in our beautiful natural surroundings. Increased traffic on the trails has created limitations for people recreating outdoors, as anyone that has taken a hike on the Carbonate Trail has experienced. When hikers approach each other, they find themselves scrambling up the hill to comply with the social distancing expectations. Examples of this “dance” are prevalent on trails all over the valley, from Elkhorn to Quigley.
Yes, even this community needs a little more space. In Draper Preserve, the traffic counts of pedestrians on Bow Bridge have doubled compared to this same period in 2019. With the increasing need for extra space in our community, The Wood River Land Trust is speeding up their processes, and their staff is working hard to get the 118-acre Simons Bauer Preserve opened. The new access to open space is adjacent to the Hailey Greenway just beyond the Draper Preserve on Croy Canyon Road.

While The Land Trust is so thrilled to be offering this extra space to the community, one of the biggest drivers of a comprehensive management plan is the fact that this parcel includes a very sensitive wildlife habitat.

“Waterfowl are nesting this time of year, and the elk are still utilizing the wetland for wintering grounds” Scott Boettger gently reminds us, adding to “please keep your dog on a leash while you are enjoying the trails on the north side of the creek.” The Land Trust will be posting signs about the wildlife that share the Simons Bauer Preserve, so please keep an eye out for those! The Land Trust continues to work on the detailed plans for connecting boardwalks and paths with the rest of the Hailey Greenway while expanding opportunities for cycling/biking. The Land Trust looks forward to getting the community’s comments on the long term vision for the preserve.

An Asset for the Community
Access to a healthy river and abundant recreational opportunities are critical to our way of life. Enhanced hiking, fishing, birding, biking, learning, and connecting – these are just a few of the activities this new preserve has the potential to provide for the community and anyone who loves our Valley. The preserve will connect the popular trails at the Draper Wood River Preserve with the new Mountain Humane campus in Croy Canyon. This means more opportunities for you and your furry friends to enjoy the outdoors in a relatively pristine setting. More opportunities for you to enjoy the unrivaled open spaces view of the Valley, additional trails for you to hike, more ways for our community’s youth to engage with nature, improved habitat for our river and wildlife, and a priceless treasure for all to enjoy. But we still need your help to cross the finish line. With your support, we can start to design the trails and connectors that will open this property for the community.

**Ecological Importance**

The 118-acre property is an important wildlife and potential recreation corridor and contains extensive wetlands including a 1-mile section of Croy Creek that feeds into the Big Wood. Studies have shown that 85% of all wildlife species native to the area - both aquatic and terrestrial - depend on riparian and/or wetland habitat at some time during their life. This includes elk, waterfowl, songbirds, beavers, amphibious and fish species. The property also contains an artisan spring that serves as a critical water resource for Hailey, our river, the
wetlands, and our wildlife. Following the 2017 floods, the Land Trust and the City of Hailey worked to incorporate flood mitigation concepts into the Hailey Greenway Master Plan. The concept with the biggest potential impact is reconnecting the Big Wood River to its floodplain at Lions Park. This would allow the river to once again sheet-flood the Croy Creek wetlands on the proposed preserve, slow down floodwaters, and deposit sediment there instead of downstream near the Della View neighborhood. These efforts will take multiple years, as we’ll be working with multiple federal and local agencies to remove the old fill material under Lions Park, but it’s part of a holistic strategy that would reduce the need for costly and destructive actions on the Big Wood if we were to try to merely deal with the effects of the flooding instead of the cause.

The preserve has the capability to change how we deal with flooding in a holistic way that is beneficial to the habitat, the river, and our community.
Hello Mary,

Hoping this could be expressed at the meeting tomorrow evening.
Thank you,

Jerome & Barb Scher
January 23, 2021

Jerome & Barb Scher
46 Willow Creek Lane
Croy Canyon
Sunset Meadows Subdivision

To Whom It May Concern

It has come to our attention in last Wednesdays Mountain Express that the city of Hailey has proposed an RV campground, referred to as Croy Creek Campground to be constructed at the mouth of Croy Canyon, on County zoned property.

Please let it be known as longtime residents of Croy Canyon, we are vehemently opposed to this project.

The fact is that once you cross River Street, heading west out Croy Canyon, it can be like running the gauntlet. First you have to negotiate kids, dogs, bicyclist, pedestrians, and parents pushing strollers. The parking area at Hop Porter Park is usually full in the summer, especially on weekends, with kids getting in and out of cars. You have cars backing up into the road frequently. Then you encounter everyday traffic including large trucks, many not obeying the 15 MPH speed limit, and you have barely passed Hop Porter Park. Then you cross the Big Wood River where you encounter multiple people and cars at the base of Carbonate, one of the busiest trail heads around. Then you negotiate a very narrow road, one lane in each direction with barely a shoulder to speak of. Most bikers on the road are oblivious to the vehicle traffic and are often riding two and even three wide. There is no way two regular sized vehicles can safely go by one another with even one biker on the road.

My point is we already have an extremely dangerous situation at hand. Add out of town RV’s and campers to the mix and it just seems disastrous.

Would it not make more sense to create a bike path out the canyon for the safety of all? There is a building boon happening out the canyon with almost all the building lots sold. With the influx of new residents to our area, we are looking at a major increase in traffic on an already dangerous road.

My point here is we have an existing major problem with pedestrians and vehicle traffic, which I believe is a far more important issue to address than building an RV campground that would just compound the problem.
If the revenue is that important to the City of Hailey then the city should build a campground within the city limits, where it would have much less of an impact on the land and the safety of the people who actually live here and drive that road out of necessity.

There are so many other critical issues why this location is an inappropriate choice. I will let my friends and neighbors address those many issues, as I feel safety is the top issue for us.

Please listen to the people who already live in this area of our community and hear what they have to say.

Sincerely,

Jerome and Barb Scher
Hello,

I would like to voice my opposition to the proposed campground on Croy Creek Road. Even if the visitors were always on their best behaviour, the extra traffic in that location would be dangerous and diminish the quality of a popular local resource. I think alternate locations should be explored, and definitely made more open to public review in the future.

Ross

Ross Dickinson
38 Pioneer View Drive
Hailey, ID 83333
Forgive me if I sent this to you earlier Mary, however we wanted to make sure you got our input as well for the meeting on Monday.

Thank you, Therese Magner and Terry Rich
121 N. Colorado Gulch Road

-------- Forwarded message --------
From: Wendy R. Henning <wrhenning@earthlink.net>
Date: Sat, Jan 23, 2021 at 4:55 PM
Subject: Proposed campground in Croy Canyon

To: Therese Magner <therese.magner@gmail.com>, Gray Young <grayymx98@gmail.com>, Rodney Hawkins <sunsetmeadowsstates@gmail.com>, Amy Roberts <amylatoroberts@gmail.com>, Debbie Johnson. <debbie-jerry@svskylen.net>, Eric Kiel <eric@kielphoto.com>, HOLLAND WILLIAMS <hollandw99@gmail.com>, Jerome Burley <jeromeburley@gmail.com>, jimmclarens <jimmclarens@sbcglobal.net>, John Vladimiroff <vlad5153@gmail.com>, Lee Ritzau <tritzau@lwfrlaw.com>, Mark Acker <mark@markacker.com>, mark morgan <boulderpt@hotmail.com>, matthew gervase <mattgervase@yahoo.com>, Molly Michalec <mollymichalec@gmail.com>, Rich Feldheim <rfeldheim@starventuresllc.com>, Rod Sisk <1apexplumbing@gmail.com>, Rodney Hawkins <idahosafecycle@yahoo.com>, Roger Riccardi <Roger.Riccardi@ejgallo.com>, Ron Reese <reecon@the-restorers.com>, Ross Dickenson <duckhawkin@gmail.com>, Stacy Plato <stacyplato@platoindustries.com>, Steve DeMun <steve@buffalo9659.com>, Donkey Katheryn & Cory <snobugs@hotmail.com>, Brad Newell <brad@newwellbuildersinc.com>, Tamra and Gary <togettamra@yahoo.com>, Gary G <pgenze@icloud.com>, Tim and Patsy <timewithers@aol.com>, Silvana Raiola <silvanaraiola@yahoo.com>, Barbara & Lewis <isbell1142@gmail.com>, Jerry (Libby/Barbara) <ihnelec@aol.com>, libby (jerry/barbara idaho) <libbyjo@mac.com>, Barbara - Idaho <becj10@yahoo.com>, Idaho - Rod Kegley <rkegley53@gmail.com>, Devon & Kali (PV) <dejol614@gmail.com>, kaliKali Jolley <Kaligoic1@gmail.com>, Idaho Shirley Wesley <scotth.wesley@icloud.com>, cathieCathie <cathiefieguth@cox.net>, leeLee Fieguth <leefieguth@cox.net>, Terry Rich <rrover182@gmail.com>, Cory C <cory@steri-clean.com>, Pam Rheinschild <pamrheinschild@gmail.com>, <danaleanmarino@gmail.com>, jed"Idaho neighbor - Jed" <jedlyttle@live.com>, kate"Idaho Neighbor - Kate" <kate.lyttle177@gmail.com>, casita"Casita - Bill" <wnewberlin@aol.com>, casita"Casita - Maura" <maurachristensen@hotmail.com>
This situation seems to be "rushing" through without complete knowledge, discussion, and approval Hailey/Croy residents. I do not understand how this proposal could be even considered without the vote of the people. (We are all aware of the issues of Covid but everyone could be contacted by email if necessary.)

I am glad there is so much concern from our valley. There is no doubt in my mind that the wildlife/wetlands, environment, individual liberties, traffic on canyon roads, wild fires, etc. etc. would effect all of us. I will also be calling Liz Horowitz on Monday as well as The Wood River Land Trust.

In addition, I hope everyone is going to write an email to Mary Cone this weekend as she will bring the emails to the council’s attention and post them before the meeting. Mary Cone <mary.cone@haileycityhall.org>

Thanks for caring about our "corner of the world".

Wendy Henning - 562-843-6038
311 Croy Creek
Sheriff and the fear of another wildfire like the one in 2014 that almost took our home due to public negligence and fireworks.

Colorado Gulch FOLLOW UP post meeting August 18, 2020 - Trail Proposals feedback from Therese Magner and Terry Rich, 121 N. Colorado Gulch Road

Therese Magner <therese.magner@gmail.com> to lschoen, jgreenberg, amccleary, jkurtz, Terry, Cory, danaleannmarino, Pam

Hello all. Thank you for your input into this matter at the meeting on Tuesday. I was able to listen in briefly from my phone as I was at work that morning. Is there a place online that we can review the minutes from the meeting as public information?

We appreciate the understanding of our concerns specifically regarding Colorado Gulch and the connection to Lees Gulch from the south. From what I heard, it sounds like the commissioners are in favor of having seasonal restrictions on this particular trail that would affect winter travel by motor vehicles, ie: snow mobiles), however motorcycles would still be allowed on this the rest of the year. It is also our understanding that the trail would be for motorcycles, ebikes, bikes, hikers and horseback riders only - no razor or 4 wheeled vehicles?

More questions -

How are the above going to cohabitate on a trail safely that also allows motorcycles on it? Who will monitor this?

How is the noise and emissions of a motorcycle any less obtrusive than a snowmobile in the winter so why still allow this type of vehicle on this trail in the summer?

The trail ends at the top of Colorado Gulch Road to the north and then the only outlet is down the county road to Croy Canyon Road. This particular county road is most of the year at best a 4 wheel drive road, dusty, rutted and rarely maintained by Blaine County Road and Bridge. Unsafe in many areas. Years past has been completely washed out and that damage is still evident even in front and below our home. It is also the only access for emergency vehicles in case of fire, underage parties, maintenance vehicles for the Della cell towers, and a frequently used road for hikers, dog walkers, youth/adult mountain bike clubs, skiers and snowshoers throughout the year. It goes along our property line so we see it all. Then continues down the hill past a subdivision in development and 5 other residents of the neighborhood.

An increase in traffic on this road is asking for trouble for so many reasons. We already have an established motorcycle area on Croy Canyon to the north of us and now we are opening up another artery through our neighborhood to connect that to Bellevue? While trying to maintain CG as a desirable area to hike and bike and enjoy quiet nature? And a convenient cul de sac
to park their cars and trailers? Doesn't make sense. Not to mention the impact on the wildlife up there!

Also proposed is a trail head with parking for cars just over the top of the hill towards the river side of CG. Again, why would we encourage additional motor vehicle traffic on this already under maintained road with no access on the river side since the bridge washed out? The area under consideration has been a constant hangout for kids in the summer for bonfires and parties up there, who then literally race back down CG in front of our home at all times of night. One winter, we rescued a kid who had driven off the side of the road and almost ended up in the culvert below in the middle of the night.

Angenie - you mentioned in the meeting that you had two very strong letters in support of this motorized trail. We would like to hear the discussion as to why this area is the only area for such a trail to be developed and that there are no other options. Rock Creek is a road already somewhat maintained to the west of us that is not lined with homes and residential. As Croy Creek Preserve develops on CG, there will be additional young children, families and animals in this area that will not feel safe with traffic speeding up and down the hill.

John - you mentioned also that the Commissioners are only there for "comment". That the ultimate decision is made by one man, Codie Martin, BLD Shoshone Field Manager. That comment will also be addressed in the EA (Decision Record). You also said that camping is not allowed up there. Who monitors this as we have also seen abandoned campsites up the hill with trash, etc. strewn about? Encouraging cars to drive the hill and park up there opens that opportunity as well so what is the solution there?

Do we truly have a voice or is this a done deal and we are being told to deal with it?

We look forward to your response and thank you again Commissioners for your open minded and carefully thought out input to this situation. The decision that is made this Fall will affect so many in the future and should not be taken lightly simply for a select few that want another dirt bike trail.

Respectfully,

Therese Magner

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Therese Magner

The impact from this trail system as well as a campground built at the mouth of the canyon to encourage more people, more motorized vehicles, more trash, fire danger, impact on wildlife, on and on seems unreasonable at the least and we are very frustrated. We asked for open communication and without a friend looping us in with all of you, we felt hopeless once again.

Thank you and we look forward to sharing in these discussions as they evolve.

Therese Magner and Terry Rich

See below:

From: Therese Magner <therese.magner@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 2:45 PM
To: Lisa Horowitz <lisa.horowitz@haileycityhall.org>
Hello Lisa and thank you for getting back to us. Appreciate your willingness to discuss the plans that were in the paper last week. We understand why this seems like a good idea at this time, however there is a lot at stake for the residents and people already recreating out Croy Canyon that concerns us and we would like to get more facts. There are a number of proposed projects throughout our valley currently creating some angst for some and $$$ for others in the news. We all experienced an unprecedented summer with the covid effect and are seeing growth at an exponential rate here very quickly which is fine - if the planning is thought out carefully with the “entire” community in mind.

Our main interest at this point is to have an understanding of the timeline for this proposed project ie:

Once the money is raised per the noted $500,000 Grant, what is the next step? Will the public know when this happens? Yes, we will let the public know if the grant is awarded. We are not raising money. Hailey plans to contribute with staff and labor for an in-kind contribution towards the grant.

This property is in the county and currently zoned R-5. What is the process and timeline for this to be reviewed by County Commissioners and public comment? Is this the same as the Planning and Zoning Commission and what is the difference between “endorsing” and passing the proposal? At what point does the public get a fair and adequate opportunity to be heard and how will we be notified? We will be going through the Conditional Use Permit process in Blaine County; public campgrounds are a conditional use in R-5. My understanding is that all property owners within 300’ would be notified. We are not asking the County to “endorse” the proposal, as that could bias them with regards to reviewing the CUP.

Is there a comprehensive plan design (not just the snapshot that was in the paper) of the proposed campground that is available for public review at this time? And how large is the parcel for the campground? Is the current snow mitigation area separate from the campground and will remain as is moving forward? If not, where will this be relocated to? Should there be a concern for campers to be that close to an area filled with contaminants from the winter snow waste from the city? The site the City owns is 28 acres. The Snow Storage takes up 2-3 acres. The campground will comprise 4 acres. The remainder will be open space or wildlife corridor, although at there is a sizeable platted building envelope that was platted in 2006 by the previous owners.

What is the max size of RV/Camper allowed in the proposed site? Are the operating summer months, once determined firm dates or can and will this be modified to include camping there in the winter as well? Can campers come for a week, leave for a few days and come back or will there be clear limits and boundaries for this to avoid creating "long term" camping all summer at the site? The site plan lays out all the dimensions for various campers. The campground will likely operate Memorial Day to late fall. It will not be open in the winter, and will be gated up at the top. It will not be open during flood season, and picnic tables and moveable objects will be stored off site, so we would just let the site flood if it does so. The area we are planning for the campground is not within the will wetlands, and does not appear to have had standing water. No one will be able to drive down into the campsite during the off season. The site plan lays out all the dimensions for various campers. The site plan lays out all the dimensions for various campers. The campground will likely operate Memorial Day to late fall. It will not be open in the winter, and will be gated up at the top. It will not be open during flood season, and picnic tables and moveable objects will be stored off site, so we would just let the site flood if it does so. The area we are planning for the campground is not within the will wetlands, and does not appear to have had standing water. No one will be able to drive down into the campsite during the off season. We will have an on-site campground host, who will manage the stay limits, and be on the property for the duration of the camping season. The stay limit will be either 7 days or 10 days.
Who is responsible for waste, trash removal at the site? The City or the County and how will this be managed? City Parks and Streets crew will assist the Campground host in site maintenance. The City will contract with Clear creek Disposal to empty the bear-proof campground dumpsters.

May we see the exact plans to protect the wildlife in that area and how long are you allocating to do the native plant restoration before this is open to human impact there? We have had a preliminary meeting with IDFG, and are awaiting written correspondence from them. During our site visit, they had some excellent suggestions about shifting the platted wildlife corridor to the west, still within the City’s 28 acres, to an area they believe will be more naturally used by wildlife to travel north/south. They noted that most wildlife travel in this area is east/west, in the willow area. The platted wildlife easement does not appear to reflect where animals are traveling, since the area under the platted easement is pretty denuded of vegetation. We are working with the landscape architects on how long native plants need to establish before the site can be used. Note; some of the illustrative images show a paved campground: this will not be paved, and will not have hook-ups. We just couldn’t find an image like that to include.

Are there additional plans to create a bike path/safe shoulder for walkers and bikers along Croy Canyon Road in anticipation of increased traffic on the road to town and out the canyon to and beyond Rodeo Road as there is already increased traffic this winter due to the demand for RotaRun and recreation? In the summer traffic increases substantially with Elk, Deer and Moose as residents and road hazards to be mindful of. There is a bike path easement of 20’ along Croy Creek Road on the south side. We originally had that in our grant proposal, and were advised that it would not be funded. We would love to work with Blaine County to see this path become a reality- it is also in the adopted Blaine County Bike/Ped Master Plan.

Again, thank you for your feedback and we look forward to open and constructive dialogue as our valley changes, specifically Croy Canyon.

Best, Therese and Terry

On Tue, Jan 19, 2021 at 10:04 AM Lisa Horowitz <lisa.horowitz@haileycityhall.org> wrote:

Hello, Therese!

The City of Hailey staked the center line of our proposed campground gravel road so that the City Councilmembers, members of the public and county decision-makers could see that we were well away from the riparian (willow) areas. Our campground is proposed in the sage lands, in an area fairly denuded by the sheep that are trailed through there. We plan a fairly extensive native plant restoration plan, and wildlife-friendly fencing of all riparian areas to keep them protected.
I am happy to chat further about our ideas if you are interested!

Lisa

Lisa Horowitz
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Therese Magner
Jessica Parker

From: Mary Cone
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2021 9:58 AM
To: Heather Dawson; Lisa Horowitz; Jessica Parker
Subject: FW: Croy Canyon RV Campground

1st of several comments.

-----Original Message-----
From: svskylan.net <backer@svskylan.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 23, 2021 3:32 PM
To: Mary Cone <mary.cone@haileycityhall.org>
Subject: Croy Canyon RV Campground

Dear Ms Cone,
I previously sent email letters to all the Hailey City Council Members in regards to the RV Campground in Croy Canyon. I am very against this project and want to make sure my letter is part of the record for the meeting on Monday the 25th of January at 5:30. Motion # PHO36. Would it be possible for you to call me Monday? I would also like to participate in the on line meeting. My phone number is 208-788-1969.

Thank you for you help in this matter.

Sincerely,
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