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Re: Ascent Drive Resort

Planner Eagleson,

In regards to the current Ascent Drive Resort case, Bennett –Watkins Fire Rescue (BWFR) is providing this letter of follow up comments for Adams County as follows:

- BWFR has no specific objections or concerns with the proposed development within our jurisdiction. We have been in contact with the applicant directly and have entered into several ongoing positive discussions related to the use of a portion of the facility to support fire department driver/operator training activities. This is a potential significant opportunity to bring a facility to the region which supports State-Accredited activities to certify fire department personnel in operating fire apparatus. BWFR currently employs multiple Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control Driver/Operator State Testing Protectors and certifies staff members to operate fire apparatus through an internal state-approved training program. Finding appropriate practice and testing venues is difficult in this area, and this facility could potentially be a great asset to community public safety.
- BWFR has entered into dialogue with the applicant about potential requirements for buildings that would trigger the need for below grade firefighting/fire suppression system water supply. This water supply should be of an NFPA approved design and shall be reviewed and approved by BWFR prior to installation. Other facilities in the area have utilized similar water supplies successfully to meet current fire code requirements. It is likely that one or more of the buildings on site will be required to be equipped with fire sprinklers, and all buildings will require private fire hydrant or firefighting water supply coverage.
- Currently the Fire District has no concerns or conditions of approval for the planning and zoning hearing process. We look forward to continuing to work directly with the applicant on these opportunities for partnership in the community. We are here as needed to assist the applicant in understanding the applicant code and development requirements.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Thank You



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