

Letter of Intent for Site Development Plan

Include how many people can fit in one tent. How many parking spots are allotted for premium sites?

Monument Glamping El Paso County, Colorado



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Property Information

- Address: 16315 Rickenbacker Ave, Monument, CO 80132
- Owners: Chris and Wendy Jeub (since September 2000)
- Property Tax Scheduling Number: 7127001011
- Current Zoning: RR5

Application

We are requesting approval of the Site Development Plan for a "Special Use as a Recreation Camp" allowed in Table 5.1 Principal Uses in the El Paso Land Development Code in the RR-5 Residential Zoning District.

To Whom It May Concern,

We are Chris and Wendy Jeub, applicants for a Special Use on our property for a glamping operation known as "Monument Glamping."

JUSTIFICATION. Our rural-residential property is ideally located in unincorporated El Paso County between the town of Monument and Pike National Forest. Monument Glamping primarily hosts couples traveling through the area or "staycationers" seeking peace and solitude free from urban influences. The property meets most of the requirements for this use. See the Special Use Map for site and building information.

REQUEST. Monument Glamping's site development will include four "Premium" sites and four "Off-grid" sites. The Premium sites will consist of permitted platforms where safari-style tents will be placed and a sitting deck off the front door. The Premium sites will also include a single parking spot and a two-door structure for a toilet and shower stall. The Off-grid sites will be located in the floodplain, accessible by walking from the end of the driveway where there will be parking spots and a communal bathroom. Overall the proposed structures include tent platforms, bath and shower stalls, and a new septic tank. Landscaping will allow for safe access throughout the property.

PHASES. Existing Premium sites include three platforms that will be rebuilt upon approval to meet PPRBD code enforcement standards. Off-grid sites will also be built upon approval of this Site Development. Water permit is expected to be finished October 2022. Septic engineering has been completed and installment is expected in January 2023. Engineering for water and septic allows for eight sites total. A barn site is noted on the Site Map but will not be built until funds allow for it, anticipating in 2024.

Discussions for Approval

All references below are taken from *El Paso's Land Development Code* found at

https://library.municode.com/co/el_paso_county/codes/land_development_code.

A discussion regarding how the proposed request complies with the definition of the proposed use and any applicable use specific standards within the Land Development Code.

GENERAL STANDARDS. Our property is zoned RR-5 defined in the Land Development Code in 3.2.2(A):

RR-5, Residential Rural District. The RR-5 zoning district is a 5 acre district intended to accommodate low-density, rural, single-family residential development.

Our family will be full-time occupants of the main single-family residential home located on the property. Monument Glamping will take place on the rest of our 6.44 acre property. Monument Glamping is a Recreation Camp allowed in the Land Development Code (see Table 5.1 Principal Uses) as a Special Use in RR-5 districts. Our Special Use Permit was approved on July 26, 2022.

Under Chapter 6 of General Development Standards, the Code explains the chapter "is enacted for the purpose of promoting the health, safety, convenience, and welfare of the general public and to establish standards for design and operation of uses which will encourage the development of sound, economical, stable neighborhoods and create a healthy environment for present and future inhabitants of El Paso County, Colorado" (6.1.1).

ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS. The property consists of 6.44 acres with Monument Creek flowing through the east side of the property (see Site Map). Most of the landscape consists of native grasses and brush, with a few spots of brush oak and pine trees. This site development proposes some new planted trees and brush (see Landscape Plan Drawings). Premium sites will be located outside the floodplain, and Off-grid sites will be walk-in sites within the floodplain. Frequent sightings of wildlife include mule deer, coyotes, raptors, and waterfowl. Mouse habitat will not be affected (see USFWS letter in Special Use Application). All trash is removed by cleaners and collected in a 4-yard lockable dumpster, serviced weekly by a commercial vendor.

A discussion regarding the provision of utilities.

PREMIUM sites will each include a bathroom toilet and shower stall. These stalls will be hooked to the current water source on the property and waste into a new septic tank and leach field (field studies and construction quote included in this request). Electrical will be run from the current electrical source (see Mountain View Electric letter in Special Use Application).

OFF-GRID sites will be "walk-in" sites located closer to the creek. A shared bathroom and toilet will be located at the parking area and will include a potable water source to haul their own water. A solar panel with battery will be included in each tent with enough power to recharge devices and provide lamp lighting.

Floor Plans for the PREMIUM and OFF-GRID sites are included in this submittal. Water will draw from the homestead's water well (see upgraded water well permit). All sewage from premium sites and the shared stalls by the off-grid parking area will funnel into a new septic tank to be built following approval (engineering specifications and construction quote attached).

A discussion regarding anticipated traffic generation and access, unless a separate traffic study is required and is being provided.

- Traffic. Rickenbacker Avenue is on the outskirts of Pine Hills Subdivision. Traffic is already far below capacity. A separate traffic study was not required for the Special Use.
- Driveway. All surfaces will be a combination of decomposed granite and crushed gravel. Visitors will use the existing entrance that will branch off to the north of the main property. An excavation quote has been attained to allow for a safe entrance onto the property.
- Parking. Each glamping site will be allowed one vehicle. Parking spots will be 10-foot width and 19-foot depth. The PREMIUM sites will have their parking spots located next to their tent. These parking spots will be marked with a "guest parking" sign and landscaping timbers. The OFF-GRID glampers will park at the end of the driveway where a small 5-car parking lot will be located. These parking spots will be marked with signs and landscaping timbers. These glampers will be instructed to walk into their sites.

A discussion and justification for any alternatives being requested.

No alternatives are requested.

Conclusion

We trust you will find our application for Monument Glamping's Site Development acceptable. We look forward to working with the County in processing this application and resolving any outstanding issues.

Note: Road impact fees will be due for this application. Include a statement that includes an acknowledgement from the applicant about road impact fees being due at the last land use approval.

Identify how much land area will be disturbed to construct the proposed development. Also discuss whether drainage runoff patterns will be affected by tent installations.