

Good morning.

For all of you who don't know me, my name is Brian Hadfield. I and my wife Kristen are residents of the Peyton community. We are the owners of Gunslinger Ranch, which is just down the road from this proposed RV park. We are proud of our community, and I consider it my honor to speak on behalf of my neighbors.

I have compiled some information and statistics on our law enforcement assets in this immediate area. I have also found some information regarding our fire department, Colorado Flight for Life, and the communities that assist when emergencies arise.

Our major law enforcement protection currently falls under the El Paso County Sheriff's Office. I had the opportunity to speak with Sgt. Robblee about our concerns, and he was happy to share with me some interesting information. Sgt. Robblee told me that there is usually only one deputy on duty for any given day that doesn't have a significant planned event occurring, such as Peyton Days. This one deputy provides coverage for approximately 500 square miles. El Paso County is 2,130 square miles. So, this one deputy on duty covers approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of the county's area, including Peyton. The statistics provided to me were for two separate categories. Category 1, priority calls, has an average response time of 29 minutes and 18 seconds. Category 2, secondary calls, has an average response time of 42 minutes and 21 seconds. Other calls with lesser priorities are mainly handled by phone reporting due to the lack of available deputies on duty. These response times, combined with the total coverage area that this one deputy on duty at any given time

must cover, to me was shocking. Adding the high volume of campers that would be staying in the RV park, thus falling under the jurisdiction of our already strained responsibilities of the sheriff, would have a negative impact on both the RV park customers and our community regarding everyone's health and safety.

I then talked to Sergeant Anthony Tribuzio of the Calhan Police Department. Calhan is located only 10 miles from Peyton, and has an RV park in the town, thus being comparable to this proposed park. Sergeant Tribuzio mentioned in conversation that a significant number of their calls come from the RV park in Calhan. He provided a letter to me that the department responded 93 times to the RV park location over 6 months from January through June of 2023. He mentioned that the Calhan police department does provide aid to the EPSO deputy who patrols the Peyton area if needed. This further supports the fact that the law enforcement in the Peyton area is already spread too thin. The additional burden this proposed RV park population would put on our law enforcement could have a devastating effect on our community's safety.

Other neighbors and I also spoke with the fire departments of Peyton, Calhan, and Falcon. Peyton Fire Department has 17 volunteers who worked on 600 calls last year and operates on a budget of only \$260,000 annually. This proposed RV park could not bring in enough revenue to support the additional funding needed for the increased workload it would cause for our Fire Department. The Falcon Fire Department shared that they provide aid if needed to the Peyton area. For automatic aid calls, such as structure and brush fires, their average response time is

12 minutes 19 seconds. The Calhan Fire Department is similar to Falcon in that they also assist Peyton Fire when requested.

Another emergency response unit I talked to was Flight for Life Colorado, which provides critical care air transport to our area in emergencies. They noted that their aid must be requested by the first responders to the emergency such as law enforcement, fire department, ambulance, and search & rescue. This means they would not even be dispatched until the initial emergency aid arrives and assesses the situation. With the already high response times in the Peyton area, the RV park would further delay medical aid as it will undoubtedly increase the current response times. This could mean the difference between life and death for somebody.

The fact that neighboring law enforcement and fire departments from Calhan and Falcon routinely provide aid in the Peyton area shows that our emergency services are spread too thin for the current population. Adding this RV park would further burden our departments and could be devastating to those facing emergencies in our community.

Of note was also that the Falcon and Calhan law enforcement representatives I talked to had not even heard about this proposed RV park yet. This shows that due diligence and courtesy for those planning this RV park were ignored by not communicating with all emergency response organizations that service this area.

To end, what emergency plans will be in place to ensure the safety of both the RV park patrons and the surrounding community? What is the evacuation plan? Is the park non-smoking? What about campfires, grills,

generators, vehicles, and other fire hazards that could cause a wildfire in this already high-fire-risk area? Taking this property that is zoned agriculture and changing it to zoning that would allow this high number of people concentrated in less than 40 acres would be a potentially devastating choice for this community. There is nothing positive that this proposed RV park would offer our community in regards to our emergency response, it would only hurt it.