From: lsimpson
To: Beth Robrahn; mike.mcdonald@idfg.idaho.gov; Don Keirn
Subject: Re: Quigley wildlife impacts-please include in public record for Planning and Zoning
Date: Friday, November 04, 2011 1:34:17 PM

Beth-
As there is still development in the Deadman Canyon area if sold as one lot, and there are proposed recreational trails and future development of a golf course above/east of the pond as part of the Applicant's proposal under consideration, I am wondering if the aforementioned mitigations will indeed have been made and if they will be under compliance with the Comprehensive Plan as you state.

You seem to be anticipating IDFG comments on information that was not previously provided to IDFG. I trust that you will give the IDFG adequate time to analyze the application, as a sudden deadline on agency comments might compromise their ability to evaluate all of the effects on wildlife. Mr. McDonald may have other scheduled deadlines or responsibilities. After all, the application has been inactive for almost 2 years, and the current proposal has many elements to consider.

Thank you.
Lili Simpson

-----Original Message-----
From: Beth Robrahn <beth.robrahn@haileycityhall.org>
To: lsimpson <lilisimpso@aol.com>
Sent: Fri, Nov 4, 2011 12:53 pm
Subject: RE: Quigley wildlife impacts-please include in public record for Planning and Zoning

Lili,

Thanks for your comments. I checked back through my correspondence with Mike McDonald and had not sent him the Nordic trail plan or the information about the area east of the pond being included in the space that could accommodate a golf course in the future. IDFG now has that information. The letter from IDFG did note that they did not have enough information on their third mitigation recommendation (relocating infrastructure to the south side of the canyon to further buffer winter habitat). That is an item that the Commission should address in their review of the recommended conditions that, if met, would bring the application into compliance with the Comp Plan.

Beth

From: lsimpson [mailto:lilisimpso@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2011 6:56 PM
To: Beth Robrahn
Subject: Fwd: Quigley wildlife impacts-please include in public record for Planning and Zoning

This was returned to me because of file size. I am forwarding it without the attachments, which were the Quigley Site Plan and Migration Corridor maps.

-----Original Message-----
From: lsimpson <lilisimpso@aol.com>
To: beth.robrahn <beth.robrahn@haileycityhall.org>; mike.mcdonald <mike.mcdonald@idfg.idaho.gov>
Sent: Wed, Nov 2, 2011 6:51 pm
Subject: Re: Quigley wildlife impacts-please include in public record for Planning and Zoning

Dear Beth-

Thank you for the information from Mike McDonald that you forwarded to me.

I am wondering if Mr. McDonald has seen the proposed development maps/site plans presented by the applicant, including houses in the mid-canyon migration corridor (attached wildlife overlay and site plan-from your website) showing the planned packed snow trail. I would also like to know if he is aware that the Nordic ski trails are to be extended above Quigley Pond, including lighted night skiing. The area targeted for the potential/future golf course also includes the wetlands and land above/east of Quigley Pond. This was disclosed at one of the recent Hailey Planning and Zoning Hearings; lighted skiing was recommended by your Parks and Lands Board.

The site plan also does not show the proposed recreational trails in Hangman's/Red Devil and in the small drainage just to the south of Red Devil where Mule deer spend much time in the early spring, as well as the summer. These trails are to be developed for the BLM and City with the Applicant. Idaho Department of Fish and Game made recommendations about this area during the Old Cutter's hearings, which resulted in the required posted closure as Critical Winter Range. This closure, though posted, has not been enforced by the City; one can see snowshoers and hikers in the area all winter. Winter before last, the area was not posted as closed until I called the City of Hailey.

Trails along the upper reaches of the south-facing Quigley hillsides might also be something that Mr. McDonald would like to comment on; these trails are not well represented on the Applicant's drawings. (see Site Plan). In the previous analysis, Mr. McDonald recommended relocating recreational trails to the north-facing side of Quigley Canyon. Perhaps that is because Mule deer frequent the south facing slopes in the summer and early spring after long winters.

Perhaps it would be disingenuous for the City Planning and Zoning Commission and Applicant to suggest at the next meeting that the new development plan has mitigated the aforementioned problem areas until Mr. McDonald has had time to fully evaluate the proposal.
It is important that the Idaho Department of Fish and Game be given all of the information and plans for the Quigley Canyon Ranch Subdivision in order for them to make an informed analysis. Mike McDonald is an esteemed and experienced Wildlife Biologist, and I am sure he will evaluate the proposal in the most professional manner possible. In my experience, this has been the standard of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Thank you for your time.

With Best Regards,
Lili Simpson

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From: Beth Robrahn <beth.robrahn@haileycityhall.org>
To: Lili Simpson <lilisimpso@aol.com>
Sent: Wed, Nov 2, 2011 12:20 pm
Subject: FW: Quigley wildlife impacts

FYI

From: McDonald,Mike [mailto:mike.mcdonald@idfg.idaho.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2011 4:35 PM
To: Beth Robrahn
Subject: RE: Quigley wildlife impacts

Beth:

Attached are IDFG's comments on the amended plan for development in Quigley Canyon. Please contact me if you

have questions. Thanks.

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Sent: Friday, October 28, 2011 3:43 PM
To: McDonald,Mike
Subject: Quigley wildlife impacts

Hi Mike. Will you be able to send comments on the changes to Quigley by next Wednesday? The Commission would like to hear formally from IDFG on wildlife issues.

Thanks.

Beth

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