

August 12, 2009

Hailey Hearing Examiner  
City of Hailey  
115 South Main Street  
Hailey, ID 83333

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Dear Hearing Examiner:

This letter is to provide my comments for the August 17 hearing on the application by Blaine County Recreation District for a CUP for a bike/pump track. I am uncertain as to whether I will be able to attend the hearing in person.

The following are my concerns regarding the proposed track:

1. Pedestrian access: Many people including students, small children and families utilize Parcel BB daily for pedestrian and bicycle access from our neighborhood to the Aquatic Center, Community Campus and High School. It provides a safe and convenient way to access these public buildings without having to walk on the streets – there are no sidewalks in our neighborhood. Please ensure that a separate pedestrian pathway is maintained through the parcel from the corner of Aspen Valley Drive and Sunrise Drive.
2. Dust: I understand that the track is dirt, so dust control will be critical to mitigate this problem through the dry summer months. Many homes would be directly impacted by dust if left uncontrolled.
3. Weeds: Parcel BB has become more and more weed infested over the years. The weed “Salsify” (aka “Goatsbeard”) is a particular problem, with large seedheads that cause this weed to spread throughout the area, including into our nearby residential yards and gardens. There are also other weeds including knapweed throughout the parcel. Weed control is needed on the entire parcel and should be an ongoing condition of approval.
4. Parking: Clearly there is ample parking for vehicles that may bring bikers and/or spectators to the track, at the Community Campus and across Fox Acres Road from the Aquatic Center. Vehicle parking should not be allowed along Aspen Valley Drive or Sunrise Drive.

If the Conditional Use Permit for the proposed project is approved, conditions regarding the above concerns should be required.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Kathy Grotto  
841 Sunrise Drive