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Subject: Land use proposals: Citizen comments

I'm respectfully submitting comments/questions about the two land use proposals that the City of Westfir Planning Commission will consider in a public hearing later this month:

### **Campground**

I've been told that a total of 37 RV/camp spots are proposed, though I don't count that many on the mockup. I sincerely object to any more than 15 slots, for the following reasons:

assuming an average of two people per spot, if the campground is full, 74 additional people in our tiny community is too many and would put a burden on our municipal systems and way of life.

vehicle noise, additional traffic/exhaust pollution on Westfir Rd., speeding vehicles, increased number of bicycles on Westfir & Westoak Rds

potential spillover to the Portal, especially if folks arrive to find all camp spots are taken;

spillover would potentially compromise the comfort and safety of local

residents who use the Portal. Will there be a space-reservation system? What impact would increased population have on the Portal bathrooms?

Sewage disposal: How will it be addressed?

Garbage disposal: How will it be addressed?

Will there be an employee on site 24/7 to abate noise, ensure fires are safely tended, keep the grounds clean, ensure safety, ensure appropriate and respectful behavior?

Who will maintain the grounds?

Will there be a size/length limit on RVs allowed to park in the campsite?

Will tent camping be allowed or only RVs/vans?

Will there be a length-of-stay limit?

Open fires: danger during our ultra-dry summer months, additional smoke; daily wind in Westfir summers can fan fire/spread smoke and potentially endanger our community. Will there be available methods to immediately douse fires if needed?

Do the developers have other, long-range plans for our community (are they getting a foot in the door?)

### **Outdoor Stage**

Hours limit, light limit, noise limit, behavioral requirements (e.g., alcohol consumption/noise); neighbors should not have to put up with sound and light pollution and obnoxious behavior.

I strongly encourage the City of Westfir to REQUIRE community stewardship of the campground owners (e.g., trail maintenance, garbage collecting along Westfir Rd. and Westoak Rd. and along the North Fork, Portal cleanup, pitch in on community events such as the Bridge Lighting Festival).

### **Store/bike shop/tap bar**

I'm very in favor!

**Apartment**

I have no objections to the apartment proposal as long as there is a limit set on size/height and future expansion.

**Speed limit**

I acknowledge that Westfir Rd. is a county road and therefore not under city jurisdiction. However, if the proposed campground is approved, I would expect the City of Westfir to *pressure* the county to reduce the speed limit to 25 mph. from the confluence to the covered bridge. We don't need to cater to log trucks!

I basically am in favor of all the proposed new businesses, although as you can see, I have serious reservations about the campground. I see the businesses as bringing new life, energy, income, and interest to Westfir. I enjoy knowing that folks from across the country and even around the world would visit us, as long as they respect our community and respect our treasured river, forests, streams, and wildlife and our quiet way of life.

Best,  
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