AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Public Hearing; Request for Waiver of Gunnison Cou

Action Requested: Board of County Commissioners' Signature

Parties to the Agreement: Gunnison County and High Cimarron LLC

Term Begins: **Term Ends:** **Grant Contract #:**

Summary:

High Cimarron Ranch has submitted a request for a Waiver of Standards for vertical and horizontal alignment exceptions.

Fiscal Impact: Applicant will pay fee, advertising and mailing costs

Submitted by: Marlene D. Crosby **Submitter's Email Address:** mcrosby@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: ○ Required ◉ Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date:

County Attorney Review: ◉ Required ○ Not Required

Comments:
ok db 5/14/15 I have met with Marlene about this; she and I are coordinating the next steps.

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\dBaumgarten Discharge Date: 5/14/2015 Certificate of Insurance Required Yes ○ No ◉

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirnie Discharge Date: 5/14/2015

○ Consent Agenda ◉ Regular Agenda ○ Worksession Time Allotted: 10 minutes

Agenda Date: 5/19/2015

Revised April 2015

GUNNISON COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

195 Basin Park Drive
Gunnison, CO 81230
Ph: (970) 641-0044
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF
GUNNISON COUNTY STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS
FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

HEARING DATE, TIME AND LOCATION: The Gunnison County Board of Commissioners will conduct a public hearing, **May 19, 2015 at 9:05 a.m.,** in the Planning Commission Meeting Room in the Blackstock Government Building to hear public comment concerning an application for a waiver of the Gunnison County Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction for the High Cimarron, LLC. A copy of the petition and supporting documentation can be reviewed at the Gunnison County Public Works Department at 195 Basin Park Drive, Gunnison, Colorado from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

PARCEL LOCATION: 1107 County Road 858, Cimarron, CO 81220. Common description – directly off County Road 858 approximately one mile south of the entrance to Youth with a Mission.

PROPOSAL: The waiver requests permission for horizontal and vertical alignment exceptions.

POSSIBLE ACTION Formal action may be taken on the waiver request at this meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The public is invited to submit verbal or written comments at the hearing, or to submit written comments by FAX (970) 641-8120, or by letter (to the Gunnison County Public Works Department, 195 Basin Park Drive, Gunnison, CO 81230), so long as they are received by 5:00 p.m. the evening before the date of the meeting so that they may be submitted for the public record during the hearing. Additional information may be obtained by calling the Public Works Department office at (970) 641-0044).

ADA ACCOMMODATIONS: Anyone needing special accommodations as determined by the *American Disabilities Act* may contact the Public Works Department prior to the day of the meeting.

/s/ Marlene Crosby
Public Works Director

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MESA ENGINEERING

Gunnison County Public Works
195 Basin Park Drive
Gunnison, CO 81230

RE: Variance request for horizontal and vertical alignment of an existing private road in Gunnison County with the access located approximately 12 miles from Highway 50 along County road 858.

HORIZONTAL VARIANCE LANGUAGE

The initial portion of the main access road, approximately 1,000 ft., is an access to a private residence, previously approved by Gunnison County. The section of road immediately following climbs steep side hills for approximately 6,000 ft. This portion of road was constructed to minimize the road grade, while maintaining a safe alignment. The extreme nature of the terrain does not allow the road alignment the convenience to meet Gunnison County's minimum curve radius of 80 ft., without removing massive amounts of materials and creating problematic extended back slopes. The potential for back slope erosion, possible land/snow slides, and visual blight would not justify trying to meet this curvature requirement.

The main access road beyond follows what was an existing "two track" road, and eventually blends into the existing (BLM) Bureau of Land Management road. These sections of the road have been in place for decades. The existing BLM road must be maintained within its prescribed right-of-way.

Current Gunnison County Regulations and guidelines specify that the minimum curvature for access roads as having a minimum 80 ft. radius. Several curves in the main access road do not meet this requirement. However, access will be limited to landowners (8 home sites) during both winter and summer. Speed limits will be limited to a maximum of 15-20 mph during the summer and slower speeds during the winter as access will be limited to snow cat and other track type vehicles. The limited speed of travel during both winter and summer, combined with the fact the road is over built in width, will mitigate the existing non-compliant curves.

VERTICAL VARIANCE LANGUAGE

There are 10 locations that exceed the 12% grade maximum as described in the Gunnison County Standards and Specifications for new construction of roads and bridges. Eight of these locations are less than 60 feet in length and exceed maximum grade by only tenths

of a percent (i.e. 3" difference in a 60 foot length). Due to the short length of these areas, they should not pose a hazard to driving conditions. The remaining two areas that exceed 12% are both within the section of road subject to BLM right-of-way, and have existed and been used for decades. These two sections of road lengths are of 140 and 130 feet, with grades of 12.36% and 12.27%. Again, in these lengths at 0.27% and 0.36%, the adverse affect is only 4-1/2". The survey of this road has a tolerance of ± 2" and both of these areas have survey shots taken greater than 100 feet apart. At station 174+20 to 174+60 (40 feet) there is a small stretch of 13.63% grade. This area has multiple reverse curves and would not allow any lengthening of the road with affecting multiple curves and additional steeper gradients. All of these non compliance grades are so short in length and less than a percent that they do not create a road hazard.

Attached with this letter are plans that call out the non compliant areas for this variance request.

Sincerely,

Chad E. Glover, P.E.
Mesa Engineering