

**GUNNISON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**  
**PRELIMINARY AGENDA: Friday, November 2, 2018**

- 8:45 a.m.**
- **Call to order; determine quorum**
  - **Approval of Minutes**
  - **Unscheduled citizens:** A brief period in which the public is invited to make general comments or ask questions of the Commission or Planning Staff about items which are not scheduled on the day's agenda.

- 9:00 a.m.** **Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory**, public hearing, request for winter use to host up to 75 individuals for structured education programs or to conduct research, and would include one snowmobile trip per week to bring supplies to Gothic, and replacement of an existing cabin for future winter housing; 8000 CR 317 (Gothic Road), legally described as Blk 1, All Of Blks 2-36, Smelter Grounds Except Blk 37, All Of First Addition Located IN S/2NE/4, all of LA Waits second addition located in S/2NE/4, W/2NE/4 & SE/4NE/4 Town of Gothic E/2NW/4 Section 3 Township 13 South Range 86 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
**LUC-17-00026**

**Adjourn**

The applications can be viewed on [gunnisoncounty.org](http://gunnisoncounty.org),  
link to <http://204.132.78.100/citizenaccess/>

- Public access
- Projects
- Application #
- **LUC-17-00026**
- Attachments

**NOTE:** Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are conducted in the Blackstock Government Center Meeting Room 221 N. Wisconsin St. in Gunnison, across the street from the Post Office. This is a preliminary agenda; agenda times may be changed up to 24 hours before the meeting date. If you are interested in a specific agenda item, you may want to call the Planning Department (641-0360) ahead of time to confirm its scheduled time. Anyone needing special accommodations may contact the Planning Department before the meeting.

**GUNNISON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 2, 2018**

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The Gunnison County Planning Commission conducted a regular meeting in the Planning Commission Meeting Room in the Blackstock Government Center, 221 N. Wisconsin, Gunnison, Co. **Present:**

Chairperson- Kent Fulton Commissioner-Molly Mugglestone Commissioner- Vince Rogalski Commissioner-AJ Cattles Alternate Commissioner- Daniel Spivey Alternate Commissioner-Diego Plata	Director of Community and Economic Development-Cathie Pagano Assistant Director of Community Development- Neal Starkebaum Planner – Rachel Sabatto Manager of Administrative Services- Beth Baker Others present as listed in text
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**Recused/Absent/Seated:**

**Absent:** Commissioner Jack Diani

**Recused:** None

**Seated:** Commissioner Diego Plata

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With a quorum present Chairperson Fulton opened the November 2, 2018, regular meeting of the Planning Commission.

Moved by Rogalski seconded by Plata to approve the Planning Commission meeting minutes of October 19, 2018, as amended, the motion passed unanimously.

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**Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory (LUC-17-00026):** The Gunnison County Planning Commission conducted a public hearing. They reviewed the request for winter use to host up to 75 individuals for structured education programs or to conduct research, and would include one snowmobile trip per week to bring supplies to Gothic, and replacement of an existing cabin for future winter housing; 8000 CR 317 (Gothic Road), legally described as Blk 1, All Of Blks 2-36, Smelter Grounds Except Blk 37, All Of First Addition Located IN S/2NE/4, all of LA Waits second addition located in S/2NE/4, W/2NE/4 & SE/4NE/4 Town of Gothic E/2NW/4 Section 3 Township 13 South Range 86 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M

With a quorum present, Chairman Fulton opened the public hearing.

Manager of Administrative Services, Beth Baker, confirmed adequate public notice. The applicants submitted the proof of posting and certified mailing receipts, and the Community and Economic Development Department, had the notice published in the Crested Butte News and the Gunnison Country Times,

Present representing the application- Director of RMBL Ian Billick., representative Steve Jennison.

Billick briefly explained the application, for winter uses. He noted it is chiefly for, approval to run their mission related winter projects. As the facilities have been upgraded the number of programs conducted has increased. He explained they have developed a safety plan for winter transportation in the Gothic Corridor. The new winter travel plan has been approved by the BoCC. He added they do not have anything planned for the next year. They are considering a winter ecology course. WSCU uses a cabin in the town site, and a winter hut is used by the general public. They are currently building the ADA cabin. It is built as a year round facility, it will be finished in August 2019.

They have submitted answers to issues raised by the Planning Commission at the earlier meetings:

- They have proposed a maximum of 75 people on site for winter programs, including education program participants, hut users, scientists, and staff.
- A public water system capable of operating year-round.
- The Gothic Research Center and billy barr community center which are capable of operating year-round.
- The trailhead is in the Town of Mt. Crested Butte and they will comply with whatever restrictions Mt. Crested Butte requires.
- The trailhead is currently managed by Gunnison County Public Works. To minimize impacts, they will add, at most, one vehicle to overnight parking. The vehicle will be parked in a designated area.
- RMBL does not allow dogs in Gothic.
- RMBL will comply with the BoCC Resolution 18-32, specifying travel management on Gothic Rd.

Fulton asked about the number of parking spaces in Mt. Crested Butte: Billick explained the property is privately owned, RMBL has an option on the property, but has not purchased it. There are currently 10 overnight parking spaces for RMBL.

Fulton asked if the limitation of one snowmobile trip per week will be challenging; Billick said they will work within those parameters, and the food will be carried in by snowshoe..

The commissioners directed staff to prepare a draft decision.

The commission continued the public hearing to November 16, 2018, at 3:00 P.M.

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The commissioner adjourned the meeting at 9:45 A.M.

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/S/ Beth Baker  
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Gunnison County Community Development Department