AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

Agenda Item: Kebler Trailhead Parking

Action Requested: Discussion

Parties to the Agreement:

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

Summary:

Discussion regarding structure of permitting system for Kebler Trailhead.

Fiscal Impact: Revenue generated does not cover 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:

Reveiwed by: Discharge Date: Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes ○ No ○

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reveiwed by: GUNCOUNTY1\khaase Discharge Date: 10/23/2020

○ Consent Agenda ○ Regular Agenda ○ Worksession Time Allotted: 45

Agenda Date: 10/27/2020

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GUNNISON COUNTY, COLORADO

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
195 BASIN PARK DRIVE
GUNNISON, CO 81230

MEMORANDUM

TO: BOCC and Matthew Birnie
FROM: Marlene D. Crosby, Public Works Director
DATE: October 21, 2020
SUBJECT: Kebler Pass Parking Permits
COMMENT:

The permitting system structure for the Kebler trailhead has been a challenge for many years. The property owners find it difficult to understand why they have to pay for the privilege of long-term overnight parking in a plowed lot. They don't want to know that we don't plow private driveways which allow people to park their cars off the road.

The issue on the agenda is not about full-time residents right, about the number of building permits issued, or about the future. It is about the structure of the permit system for the winter of 2020-2021.

In the winter of 2019-2020, at the direction of the Board of County Commissioners, we issued one permit per property owner until all owners had a chance to purchase a permit. At that point we issued a second permit to people on the list. This seemed to work, but it caused a lot of anger and frustration with the people needing permits, and a lot of extra work for the Public Works staff.

The cost of each permit was $100 for a vehicle, a trailer, and an unlimited amount of snowmobiles. The number of snowmobiles ranged from 2-16. Generally it was 6 or 7.

Last year it appeared that our trailer parking area became a storage facility for trailers not necessarily owned by property owners. Concerns were raised that extra trailer permits and snowmobiles tags were being given or sold to none property owners. During on-site meetings we heard concerns about the new trailhead impacting snowmobile parking, so we have considered both of these concerns in our options.

The first aspect of the trailhead maintenance/permitting this season will be the identification and marking of vehicle parking slots and snowmobile storage areas for the Forest Service permittees by the Forest Service. As District Ranger McCombs noted at the on-site, their permittees pay for both parking areas as part of their annual permit fees.

Full-time residents, primarily in Irwin Townsite, will assert that they "deserve" first option at the permits. The County Attorney's Office will be able to address this at the work session, or at the next regular meeting. . Permits are not issued to owners of vacant land.

2019-2020 Permit Protocol:

Cost of $100.00 for 1 vehicle / 1 trailer / unlimited snowmobiles

2020-2021 Options:

Option #1

Cost of $125.00 for 1 vehicle / 1 trailer / unlimited snowmobiles

Option #2

Cost of $125.00 for 1 vehicle / 1 trailer / 6 snowmobiles

Option #3

Cost of $125.00 for 1 vehicle / 1 trailer / 3 snowmobiles plus $5 each for up to 4-6 snowmobiles

Winter Season	**Number of Vehicles Permits**	**Number of Trailer Permits**	**Number of Snowmobile Tags**
2019-2020	49	26	172
2018-2019	44	22	108
2017-2018	43	24	N/A
2016-2017	36	23	N/A

Staff Recommendation

Option 3 – limits trailers and snowmobiles