PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This narrative supplements the application of Irwin Backcountry Guides LLC ("IBG"), LUC-12-00002, for a Minor Impact Land Use Change Permit to conduct year-round outdoor recreation and related activities for adults and children.

IBG expects to employ six year-round full-time employees, six full-time summer employees, six full-time winter employees, twelve part-time summer employees and twelve part-time winter employees.

Canopy Tours and Challenge Courses

Applicant intends to construct a zipline with three towers and ten platforms. The location of the zipline, which will be operated year-round on property owned by Scarp Ridge L.L.C., is shown on the master plan map under Tab 15.

The location of the challenge course, which will consist of various high elements, such as ropes, wires, planks and nets, is shown on the master plan map under Tab 15.

Construction of the zipline and challenge courses will disturb approximately 300 and 200 square feet of land, respectively.

Zip Line Canopy Tours & Challenge Courses

Overview

Zip lines and challenge courses are an increasingly popular activity that friends, families, corporations, and groups are seeking as a recreational activity during a vacation or used as a team building activity for a company retreat. Zip Lines and challenge courses are thrilling, intense activities that ask participants to fully commit to the task and take that first step.

A zip line canopy tour is a an adventure based activity where a group of individuals are led by two guides and are clipped into lines and zip between trees through the forest landing on the next platform. The span between trees ranges between 80 and 1,400' in length.

Challenge courses are comprised of different high elements, usually set between trees in the forest. Similar to a zip line participants are clipped into a line but rather than letting go and zipping, participants are required to use specific skills to get through the challenge, requiring courage, balance, strength, and agility.

Desired Outcomes of Zip Line and Challenge Courses

- Fun, Exciting, and Exhilarating
- Individual confidence building
- Pushing comfort zones
- Challenging limitations
- Individual challenges and team support building
- Tests of physical strength, stamina, agility, balance and flexibility
- Confronting emotional issues such as fear of falling, fear of failure, fear of losing control

Installation, Building, and Design

Tree courses are our preferred choice because of their environmental and aesthetic appeal. Mature trees with a stable root system provide options that would be very costly on courses using poles or other materials. Designing around and within existing trees on site keep the natural beauty, using the trees as elements without harming them. The movement and swaying of trees is one attribute of a healthy forest. Trees sway back and forth, and we make sure to rig trees to allow for that natural movement.

- Focus on the health of the trees and preservation of the site's natural beauty
- The trees are rigged carefully to ensure minimal intrusion and damage
- The trees are pruned free of all dead limbs and guyed off if necessary
- No staples are used unless totally necessary, and minimal hardware is installed at each tree
- Follow professional arborist techniques strictly, providing the best in tree services.

Our design would include three, 4-pole towers built from wood with a barn wood décor. They would be a maximum of 35 feet high, two of them having access by stairs. One tower would have a small 10' x 10' structure for entering the course.

We will be using 3/8" jacketed nylon cable, which makes for a much quieter experience for the participants.

Please see attached photos for conceptual ideas.