

Le Grand Pierre Extension

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To: PublicHearingComments@driggsidaho.org

Dear Committee,

My name is Nell Hanson. I live in Ski Hill Ranch next to the proposed extension of Le Grande Pierre.

I have concerns over our major Cut-through road through this area.

We've lived here over 20 years and seen many wildlife in the fields behind our house.

Annually, Herds of elk up to 80 in number, moose families, and herds of deer travel in the fields.

All of these animals use the irrigation, ditch and cottonwood trees next to it, where the road will be as a safe, place to bed down and hide.

I feel the road is going to take that safe space away.

If there's a need for through traffic in that spot, possibly a bike path from Ski Hill Road down to the elementary school part of Grand'Pierre could work.

Kids could bike or walk from Ski Hill Road to both elementary and middle schools.

I just feel we have a responsibility to offer and keep safe areas for the animals that have lived here as well.

Now that TVTAP has created a Nordic track in those fields, a road in the middle of it would break it up, and I've been told it is the most popular Nordic track in the valley.

Also, I have a concern of traffic coming on the Ski Hill Road at the point when there's already our subdivision and Miller Ranch and the traffic on ski hill is crazy when Targhee is open. It just seems it could be a little hazardous to have a through road from 33 to Ski Hill Road

I know we're growing and there a lot of new needs, but I just wanted to put out the idea of a bigger picture maybe with some creative ideas that might work for a long-term balance between animals and humans and safety for those humans. Thank you so much for listening!

Blessings! Nell Hanson Sent from my iPhone



comments for AOCI meeting 3/13/24

Rachel Gray (via Google Docs) <mastersonviolins@gmail.com> Reply-To: Rachel Gray <mastersonviolins@gmail.com> To: publichearingcomments@driggsidaho.org Tue, Mar 5, 2024 at 2:21 PM

Rachel Gray attached a document

Rachel Gray (mastersonviolins@gmail.com) has attached the following document:

Attached is a pdf of my comments for the upcoming March 13th meeting. I also posted them below. Thank you! -Rachel Gray 808 Rainbow Loop Driggs

Dear City of Driggs, 4 March 2024

After seeing signs around town and receiving mail about proposed changes to the City of Driggs Area of Impact, I thought I'd better get informed and submit comments; however, I am finding it rather difficult to obtain much information about the upcoming meeting. Admittedly, I have not kept up with city meetings or planning and zoning issues, so perhaps I've missed some previous information, but I do find it odd to be expected to submit comments for an upcoming meeting prior to the meeting agenda being posted. I was able to view the AOCI map and the various layers of information on the map, but I sure wish there were explanations of the reasons for the proposed boundary changes so I could develop a more informed opinion.

I did notice that the easternmost section of LeGrande Pierre is still slated to be a future connector road, and with this I have several issues. My primary concern is the angle at which LeGrande Pierre meets Ski Hill Road. It is a sharp angle that will make visibility challenging when turning left from LeGrande Pierre onto Ski Hill Road heading east. The intersection of LeGrande Pierre and Ski Hill Road. Having traffic entering Ski Hill Road intersection of Double Rainbow Drive and Ski Hill Road. Having traffic entering Ski Hill Road immediately west of the Ski Hill Ranch subdivision may pose a danger or cause great difficulty for the residents of Ski Hill Ranch to exit their neighborhood. The

residents in Miller Ranch and Ski Hill Ranch who will be most negatively impacted by the development of LeGrande Pierre (it will literally be in their backyards and will reduce their property size and greatly diminish their property values, will be extremely noisy, and may be dangerous for families and pets) will also not even benefit from the presence of this road section. Additionally, an elk herd migrates through the open space between Shoshoni Plains and Miller Ranch every year (currently this space in winter is part of the Teton Valley Trails and Pathways groomed system, and is highly used and enjoyed by so many city and county residents) and crosses this rural stretch of LeGrande Pierre. I fear the development of LeGrande Pierre as a connector road will inhibit this migration, and will pose a danger to elk and humans alike. I suggest preserving this space for wildlife and recreational use. Perhaps this land could be jointly purchased by the City of Driggs, Teton County, and donations by residents. As we witness rapid growth and development in Teton Valley, open space is a rapidly diminishing resource. The fact that this section of LeGrande Pierre was once an active road in the past is not a relevant reason for it to once again become an active road. If a connector road were absolutely necessary in the future due to continued development in Shoshoni Plains, I think the county should consider rerouting traffic to Ski Hill Road at a safer angle in a different location. There is currently a plat of land for sale (SEC 30 T5N R46E) that perhaps the City of Driggs and/or Teton County should consider purchasing for this purpose; however, I would much prefer to see LeGrande Pierre become a bike and walking path, with preserved open space and existing mature cottonwood trees and irrigation stream. Thank you for considering my comments.

Rachel Gray tetonrachel@yahoo.com

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AOCI update

karlajkrieger <karlajkrieger@gmail.com> To: PublicHearingComments@driggsidaho.org Tue, Mar 5, 2024 at 3:22 PM

Hello,

My name is Karla Krieger. I own a home in Ski Hill Ranch subdivision. I am also the HOA president of the subdivision. Many of us have questions and concerns about the AOCI negotiations. You will notice most of us are concerned about a negative impact these changes may have on wildlife in the area. I would like to know which organization with expertise on this subject has been contacted to give the wildlife a voice in this matter.

I plan to attend the meeting to learn more about the changes being proposed, and learn the answer to my question.

Lastly, I felt you should know the link to look at the current zoning in the AOCI, through Teton County's GIS portal, is not working. It would be very helpful to see the current zoning, so we can compare that to what is being proposed for new zoning.

Thank you for sending the letter to include us in this important process.

Karla

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S23 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone