

March 6, 2028

## RENEWED REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME – LA DURANZO WORKFORCE HOUSING PROJECT

This request is submitted simultaneously with preliminary plat materials. On November 18, 2024 I submitted a request for extension of time based on dire medical incapacitation. The request was heard on December 23, 2024. The video recording of the meeting starts at 4:52:52 and ends at 5:18:20.<sup>1</sup> (Video meeting hyperlinked in footnote below).

Although it is not contained in the meeting minutes, the previous request for extension of time was denied largely on a technicality (See video of meeting in footnote below). Although the County offered **very positive feedback on the plans for the project, and commented on how there was nothing like it in the County, how badly housing for local workers was needed, etc.**, in my medical incapacitation I had forgotten to go on the Idaho Secretary of State website and click the boxes to re-confirm the address for my Idaho LLC that owns the property. I told the County that many things had gone overlooked during my incapacitation, including having to shut down my law practice, and I could correct the oversight with the LLC and get it back in good standing within about 5 minutes, which I did directly after the meeting.

**MISSION:** The project is meant to meet a pressing need for the County and surrounding area by creating beautiful rural yet affordable housing for local workers.

As you will see in the preliminary plat documents, the project plans include one circular, permeable road that services the entire property (no motorized vehicles in the middle of the 40 acres). In the middle of the property, I have devoted open / communal space centered on an attractive fire pond that will be deep enough and with circulating water so that brook trout can survive year round, providing a nice fishing and swimming amenity for residents. The nutrient rich pond water will also be used to irrigate community gardens for the residents in the communal area. I also have

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<sup>1</sup> [Regular Board of County Commissioners' Meeting - December 23, 2024](#)

water rights and will be planting many native trees and plants to beautify the property and encourage habitat and forage for wildlife.

There will also be an enclosed barn for residents to store outdoor recreational gear. In short, the project will provide residential accommodations that provide a nice and heretofore completely unique quality of living for our local workers – such as, teachers, nurses, first responders, law enforcement, service industry personnel, and the like. The property has mountain views on 3 sides, is walking and biking distance to public land hiking, and provides a quality of life that would normally not be available to local workers who as of now have to settle for “urban” living in town (if they can find and afford it) and do not enjoy the beautiful, tranquil, rural lifestyle that many second home and post-covid transplants (non-locals) are only able to afford.

The County was also concerned that despite my severe medical issues, which at the time of the meeting doctors only dated back to the beginning of 2024, that I had not been diligent in pursuing the project because I had since late 2021 (when I submitted the concept) to be working on the documents and they had no evidence that I had been working on it. I tried to explain that was incorrect and that I had many documents to prove this. The problem was I became so incapacitated and had to travel so much for medical treatment (with travel assistance because of my incapacitation) that I was not checking mail or email. So, many of the documents prepared by my planning and engineering contractors were complete well before any deadlines but were simply waiting on my review and signature, which they did not receive due to my medical issues.

\*\*\* Please note at the end of the meeting the County said it was “open to an additional request” for extension of time, especially if the minor technical LLC standing issue could be cured (which it has) and I could show that there had indeed been progress made on the project. The preliminary plat documents submitted along with this request and the cover letters from the contractors PROVE that progress has indeed been made and the contractors are willing to participate in the next meeting to attest to the same and my medical issues. (FYI, I was in a makeshift hospital bed recovering from major surgery and unable to move during the last meeting which can be seen in the zoom video).

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Also, there is now **new information on my medical condition**. As was stated in my last request, Since the beginning of 2024, I have been treated in at least 5 different hospital systems, by probably at least 30 different medical providers (including many specialists), have been diagnosed with multiple serious conditions, have undergone several surgeries and every kind of diagnostic scan and procedure many times over. Still, there was no answer why my various organ systems were shutting down and that I was essentially sleeping around the clock. (for example, my esophagus failed). I now know because of Dr. Jordan Vaughn and his care team that my body has been wrecked by micro blood clots caused by a covid-vaccine injury combined with later having covid.

Dr. Vaughn now dates the medical issues back to the Spring of 2021 (I purchased the subject property in the Summer of 2021) when I started having blood clots shortly following my second round of the Covid vaccine – **eventually leading to ICU hospitalizations and procedures for multiple, nearly fatal pulmonary embolisms**. Ever since then, I have not been the same and have had difficulty mentally and in my general ability to be productive. However, until the start of 2024, I was only incapacitated for limited periods of time. Since the start of 2024, with the accumulation of micro blood clots (which do not show up on CT scans or MRIs), my tissues have been starved of oxygen, my immune and inflammatory systems have been shot (I have had multiple kidney infections and just last week came down with pneumonia which I am struggling with right now), and my heart has been having to work extremely hard, leading to multiple cardiac events which also required hospital attention. Since the beginning of 2024, among other things, I have often been unable to speak, eat, and have had to sleep 18-20 hours a day and still have no energy.

On the upshot, I finally have a root diagnosis (as of approx. one month ago) and am slowly being rehabilitated. The recovery process is expected to take 9 months – 1 year and requires tons of medications, therapies, and out of town surgeries. Still, I am grateful to be on my feet again and will be able to make more efficient and consistent progress with the project as my organ systems and brain heals.

To clarify, I am requesting this extension under category 8, other extenuating circumstances – my medical incapacitation. I pray that the County will extend a grace period for one year for me to

work with the County to see that this important project for the people of the County is completed, and that me and my team's hard work and resources are not put to waste – which if the subdivision is not ultimately approved both of these will be lost, and the County will lose a valuable asset.

Please excuse typos, word selection, grammar, etc. as I am on about 20 different medications, have pneumonia, and am doing the best I can to manage drafting this request. I am also willing to confidentially provide stacks and stacks of medical records and to get a doctor's letter if the County has any doubts about my disabling medical issues.

Many thanks and sincerely,

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\*\*\*Please also note that this extension may not be technically necessary due to the fact that preliminary plat documents are being simultaneously submitted. However, I am submitting it to be safe and so that the County knows my circumstances as I have 9 months to a year of treatment left and may need the County's grace and patience regarding timing of the next steps of implementing the project. Also, because of the large number of strong medications I am on and the side effects of the same I am not at my normal capacity to ensure that all proper preliminary plat documentation is included correctly and so may need the extension to cure any small deficiencies\*\*\*