

Thank you for the work you are doing on P&Z. We are very grateful for your time and dedication.

Our address is 515 East Phacelia Drive. We believe the town should do whatever possible to regulate helicopter tourism in our town. It is probably best to provide our thoughts on the helicopter topic in bullet point.

-We support helicopter use for service work and EMS. If there needs to be a helicopter pad in town for these reasons, it should be public for the benefit of all

-We support regulated and thoughtful air tourism, like an experimental aircraft festival. Town has a history of supporting aircraft festivals, like the incredible balloon festival in January. Balloons are noisy and intrusive, but the town gladly makes space for the event and it brings the entire town and our neighbors together, benefiting multiple businesses.

-What is being proposed benefits one family and one business.

-It was news to us that the Bluff airstrip is apparently in such poor condition. We're confused by this, as it seems to get a fair amount of use...including helicopters. We support seeking grants to update the current airstrip or expand the facilities. Again, this would support the entire community and region, not just one business.

-We do not believe an ordinance on helicopter use within town is in any way whatsoever unreasonable or a burden on businesses. There are many ways to make money through tourism before jumping immediately to helicopters.

-Helicopter use in towns for tourism is a very old conversation. Even Moab of all places said that helicopter tourism starting from town is over the line and moved the helicopter tour operations out to their airport, much further away from their town than our airstrip is from our town.

-We are surprised that helicopter tourism management is falling on town. We haven't seen the flight plan, but our understanding from the meeting is that the plan is to tour the San Juan River corridor. We can't imagine that BLM would be ok with this given the 13-15 thousand tourists that float the San Juan river yearly and the endangered desert bighorn along this stretch. There will be an absolute uproar from the river community if helicopters start flying over the river. This plan may be against BLM regulations to begin with.

-Helicopters are the most intrusive form of tourism. They are incredibly loud. Things may be different if someone was proposing glider or paramotor tours, but helicopters are so incredibly intrusive that they simply cannot be allowed for tourism. Again, helicopters benefit the few passengers but effect everyone for miles around

-Protecting and conserving the serenity of the area is in the best long term interest of our community and local businesses.

-We feel the need to address the accusations in the meeting of targeting a specific landowner. This is simply absurd. Addressing land issues that affect town is not targeting, even if it is the same landowner continually forcing issues. The squeaky wheel gets the grease, so to speak. Being a repeat offender does not make one a victim of targeting.

-We support addressing this situation without an ordinance but we don't believe the landowners would take the required pause in action to take a different approach. We would not be disappointed if some sort of binding agreement was made avoiding this action.

-We support private aircraft use in town, in general, but not for commercial use.

Thank you all again for the hard work you're doing every week and taking the time to address this issue in particular.

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