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Bingham County Parks & Recreation

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Dear Planning & Zoning Commission,

On behalf of Bingham County Parks & Recreation, I would like to formally state that we have no objection to Mr. Lim's proposed gravel pit. However, we strongly oppose the proposed use of the access road to Rose Pond Park and the Blackfoot Archery Range as the ingress/egress point for the pit.

The current access road, located at the base of the Rose Road Overpass, has a sharp turn onto a narrow, winding pathway leading to the park. This road has limited width and sight distance, particularly when exiting the park. Vehicles traveling at speeds of 50 MPH across the overpass would have very little time or distance to stop, creating a significant risk of collisions with large trucks. Additionally, right turns from the park onto Rose Road would be impossible for large trucks without crossing into oncoming traffic.

This access road is heavily used year-round by pedestrians, cyclists, children on bikes and skateboards, dog walkers, campers, motorcyclists, kayakers, and other recreational users. Allowing the road to serve as ingress/egress for a gravel pit would fundamentally compromise the safety and character of this park. The road was not designed to withstand the weight and volume of heavy traffic such as dump trucks, which would accelerate its deterioration. Potential issues include potholes, uneven surfaces, broken asphalt, sinkholes, and cracks, all of which could render the road unsafe for public use.

Moreover, a new subdivision has recently been developed a short distance south and west of the Rose Pond access point. This subdivision will add approximately 40+ new homes, significantly increasing public usage of both Rose Pond Park and the Archery Range. The subdivision includes two additional ingress/egress roads onto Rose Road, compounding the safety hazards for pedestrians, residential traffic, and heavy trucks.

For these reasons, we urge the Planning & Zoning Commission to deny the use of the Rose Road access point to Rose Pond Park for ingress/egress to the proposed gravel pit. This road is a critical public asset that supports the park and archery club, and it must remain safe and accessible for all users.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Scott Reese".

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