



KITTITAS COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 7

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“Our mission is to provide the highest quality fire, rescue, and emergency services to our community in a caring and professional manner”

To: Kittitas County Community Development Services

Re: Mountain River Trails Application

Kittitas County Fire District #7 appreciates the opportunity to provide comment regarding the proposed campground within the F-R (Forest and Range) zone.

Addressing and Emergency Location Identification

For effective emergency response, it is essential that every campsite, RV pad, rental unit, and occupied location within the development be assigned a **unique, clearly visible, and county-compliant address or site number**. There have been prior incidents at this campground where incomplete or unclear site addressing created challenges in locating the caller or incident scene. These experiences highlight the importance of establishing a fully compliant and clearly visible addressing system moving forward.

Inaccurate, missing, or non-visible addressing directly increases emergency response time by delaying dispatch mapping, complicating responder navigation, and impairing location verification—especially during low-visibility conditions such as smoke, darkness, or winter weather. The Fire District requests that the applicant provide a complete addressing plan that meets county standards and ensures rapid identification of all units during emergency operations.

Emergency Apparatus Access

Fire District #7 also emphasizes the need for all-weather, unobstructed emergency access that meets the required width, grade, and turning radius necessary for fire apparatus. Roads and drive aisles must be capable of supporting the weight and dimensions of emergency vehicles year-round. Clear access is critical for timely arrival, effective deployment of equipment, and the safety of both occupants and first responders.

We appreciate your consideration of these requirements and stand ready to assist with reviewing plans or site evaluations to ensure compliance with emergency-response standards

Sincerely,

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