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**VIA EMAIL ONLY**

Nicollee Gaddis-Wyatt  
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Re. Request for approval of use of patent land - commercial film production

Dear Nicollee,

Per our recent meeting with BLM staff, Grand County hereby requests approval for use of the Old Spanish Trail Arena (OSTA) located at 3641 South Highway 191 Moab, Utah 84532, land conveyed via patent to Grand County from the BLM for recreational purposes. While commercial film production may not qualify as a recreational purpose on its own, the proposed use is both operationally and financially recreation positive. Proposed use is for the Indoor Arena, East Arena Pens, East Parking Lot, and Barns C and D only. It will not displace any planned or continuing recreation events at OSTA, impact access to the Pavilion, ballfields, soccer fields, or outdoor arena, and will generate sufficient revenue to allow Grand County to build recreation assets identified on OSTA's Development Plan. For these reasons, Grand County supports use of OSTA under the terms proposed herein for a commercial film project known as *Horizon*.

Operationally Recreation Positive: OSTA staff have reviewed their calendar and are presenting dates that do not conflict with any current or planned events or extended periods with interruption to recreational use. Production reservation will be limited to ten (10) total days per reservation. OSTA is willing to offer additional rental days within the time frames of the proposed dates listed below and may be willing to offer additional dates if OSTA is available if no other reservations within three (3) business days of request.

Proposed Filming Dates for the Indoor Arena, East Arena Pens, East Parking Lot, Barn C & D:

November 7-18, 2022

January 9-21, 2023

February 6-10, 2023

Financially Recreation Positive: Grand County intends to charge the following fees, which represent the daily cost of operation of OSTA plus a daily % of the cost to build two recreation assets identified on its Development Plan: pickleball courts (for 2022 fees) and a playground (for 2023 fees).

Proposed Fees for the Indoor Arena, East Arena Pens, East Parking Lot, Barn C and D:

\$21,800 per day

In addition, for the following timeframes, the East Parking Lot and Barns C and D may be available for Livestock and Parking only (No Production) for a fee to be mutually agreed upon with the production company that shall not be less the price to operate and maintain said areas:

June 2 - September 18, 2022

October 5 - October 23, 2002

November 2 - December 31, 2022

January 1 - March 27, 2023

Please let us know if you need additional documentation or information from Grand County prior to proceeding with this request. As you can imagine, the production team is eager to firm up their Fall filming schedule, so to the extent you can prioritize or expedite review of this request, we appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Jacques Hadler, Chair



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