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Fremont County Board of Commissioners  
615 Macon Avenue, Room 201  
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SUBJECT: Play Dirty ATV Tours Special Use Review

Dear Fremont County Board of Commissioners, Planning and Zoning:

The purpose of this letter is to provide comments regarding the proposed Captain Zipline/Play Dirty ATV Tours Major Modification, SRU 13-002, whereas they are proposing operating Play Dirty ATV Tours from the same location as Captain Zipline Adventure Tours. In addition, they are also proposing a change in use to allow ATV/UTV travel on County Road 45, are proposing a mobile check-in site for Play Dirty ATV Tours and the ability for guests to check-in and take off from Captain Zipline/Play Dirty. After reviewing the application and visiting the site, Colorado Parks and Wildlife would like to offer the following comments and suggestions to minimize or mitigate wildlife impacts.

### Elk and Deer Habitat

BLM land in the Wellsville area where ATV/UTV tours could potentially operate is located in big game critical winter range. Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the BLM and other conservation groups have completed several habitat projects in this area to enhance winter range habitat and re-distribute big game from private to public land. Colorado Parks and Wildlife believes increased human caused disturbance would negatively impact wildlife species, particularly in the winter months. To reduce impacts and protect valuable winter range CPW recommends not allowing tours December 1-April 30 (Hebblewhite 2008, Sawyer 2009).

### Bears

Due to the presence of bears in the area, Colorado Parks and Wildlife recommends investing in bear-proof trash containers. Trash containers should be stored in a solid locked storage shed until the morning of trash collection during months when bears are most active (May - Oct.).

### Other Considerations

Feeding of all wildlife should be prohibited, with the exception of songbirds. Since bears inhabit the surrounding area, we highly recommend that people do not feed the birds. However, if feeders are used, they should be brought in at night or placed so they are inaccessible to bears, raccoons, skunks and other wildlife species that might cause damage or threaten human safety. It is illegal to feed big game including deer, elk, antelope, bear and



lion, as well as coyote and fox.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (719)-530-5520.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert P. Carochi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "R" and "C".

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