

ELK CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
A MOTION TO DEVELOP MEANS TO IDENTIFY AND MITIGATE THE EMS IMPACTS DUE TO
SHADOW MOUNTAIN BIKE PARK OPERATIONS

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Background: Jefferson County Planning & Zoning has accepted the application submitted by FSBR, LLC dba/Shadow Mountain Bike Park (SMBP) for a Special Use Permit, Case No. 23-102980RZ, to construct a chair-lift served, free-ride, downhill bike park operated as a class III recreation facility on a 306 acre parcel owned by the State of Colorado, with no provision for payment of mill levy taxes, impact fees, or other compensatory revenues to the Elk Creek Fire Protection District (the District). The case is currently in the 1st Referral phase.

While SMBP is expected to generate patron traffic comprising an average of 300 - 700 riders per-day, 60 - 140 spectators per-day, and 15 - 35 pets per-day during its March through November season, the District is mandated by law to provide fire protection, emergency medical, and rescue services to the human guests visiting the bike park.

Studies indicate that, at a minimum, operations at SMBP will create five (5) injuries that require medical attention for every 1,000 hrs of downhill mountain biking activity, as a result, the District will be required to provide emergency medical services at incident frequencies well beyond current capabilities.

Motion: I make a motion that the Elk Creek Fire Protection District Board of Directors:

1. Direct the assessment of the personnel, apparatus, equipment, and incident time-demands that SMBP operations will impose on the District due to its EMS demands.
2. Develop the legal, financial, and regulatory mechanisms that will require SMBP to offset the EMS demands that its operations will impose on the District thereby ensuring that District taxpayers are held harmless.
3. Notify SMBP, Jefferson County, and the State of Colorado of the intent by the District to hold its taxpayers harmless with respect to the EMS demands resulting from SMBP operations.

Chuck Newby
Director