



December 8, 2023

Jefferson County – Planning and Zoning  
100 Jefferson County Parkway, Suite 3550  
Golden, CO 80419  
Attn: Dylan Monke, Planner

Re: Shadow Mountain Bike Park - Case No. Case No. 23-102980 RZ

Dear Mr. Monke,

We are in receipt of the First Referral Response Letter from Jefferson County Historical Commission, dated May 19, 2023, as part of the first referral of the application for a special use for the Shadow Mountain Bike Park project (the "**Application**"). We understand that "[n]o previous cultural resource surveys have been conducted in the project area thus, it is unknown if cultural resources are located there." The Jefferson County Historical Commission recommended that:

1. The applicant needs to consider if the project will impact "historic, archaeological and paleontological resources. Minimally, a current records search of the Colorado Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation site database is needed. The Conifer Historical Society needs to be consulted to determine if they have additional information about cultural resources in the project area. Finally, with the extent of new infrastructure and bike trails planned for this undeveloped area, JCHC strongly recommends that an on-the-ground survey is the most reliable approach for identifying cultural resources and reducing potential impacts to them.
2. The applicant needs to consider how they can assist in preserving the cultural, historical, and agricultural/ranching heritage of the area.

In response to these recommendations, the Applicant conducted a cultural and historical file search through the Colorado Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (see [Exhibit A](#)). The search identified 0 sites and 0 surveys within the project area. The Applicant also consulted with the Conifer Historical Society via email on October 10, 2023 and followed up again on October 11 and November 19 to gather more information. The Conifer Historical Society to this date has not provided that applicant with specific information on the parcel, and in this correspondence referenced History Colorado as a resource.

While no sites have yet been documented on the parcel, it is possible that sites do exist within the project area. The Applicant is committed to preserving the integrity of these sites with mitigation measures, including but not limited to:

1. Preparing a Historical, Archaeological, and Paleontological Report or Plan prior to implementation of the proposed project, if requested by Jefferson County Historical Commission or another cooperating agency; and
2. If historical, archaeological and paleontological resources are discovered during site preparation or construction, all construction in the immediate vicinity shall cease and the applicant shall notify the

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Jefferson County Planning and Zoning Division and the proper authorities to determine the disposition and necessary protection, excavation, or recovery of the resource(s).

The Applicant understands the importance of preserving historical, archaeological, and paleontological resources and is committed to prioritizing the protection of resources, if present within the project area. If the Application is approved by the County, the Applicant would work with the Jefferson County Historical Commission, the Conifer Historical Society, and other cooperating agencies to fulfill the requirements for this resource, establish mitigation measures where necessary, and continue the project planning accordingly.

Sincerely,



Phil Bouchard  
Shadow Mountain Bike Park



Jason Evans  
Shadow Mountain Bike Park

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**Exhibit A**



Melanie McKenzie  
SE Group

November 1, 2023

Re: Shadow Mountain Bike Park, Case No. 23-102980 RZ  
File Search No. 25814

At your request, the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation has conducted a search of the Colorado Inventory of Cultural Resources based on your specified search criteria (within the boundary of the provided parcel ID), located in the following areas:

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|-----|----|-----|----|
| PM  | T  | R   | S  |
| 6th | 6S | 71W | 16 |

0 sites and 0 surveys were located in the search area(s).

If any site, district, building, structure, object, or survey area was identified within the search area, a spreadsheet of detailed information\* accompanies this letter. Our records may not represent all cultural resources in Colorado, nor can they be considered comprehensive, as most of the state has not been surveyed for cultural resources. There is the possibility that as yet unidentified cultural resources exist within the proposed impact area.

This letter is not considered formal consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR 800) or the Colorado Register of Historic Places (CRS 24-80.1). In the event that there is federal or state agency involvement, please note that it is the responsibility of the agencies to meet the requirements of these regulations.

We look forward to consulting with you regarding the effect of the proposed project on significant cultural resources in accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regulations titled "Protection of Historic Properties" or the Colorado Register of Historic Places, as applicable (<http://www.historycolorado.org/consultation-guidance>).

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation at (303) 866-3392. Thank you for your interest in Colorado's cultural heritage.

Dawn DiPrince  
State Historic Preservation Officer

\*Information regarding significant archaeological resources is excluded from the Freedom of Information Act. As such, legal locations of these resources must not be included in documents for public distribution.