

**RESOLUTION
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OURAY COUNTY**

Re: Establishment of a Slow and Quiet Zone for Camp Bird Road

Whereas, on March 13, 2007, the Board of County Commissioners of Ouray County, Colorado, were approached by representatives of the Yankee Boy Conservation District (YBCA) concerning the establishment of a "Slow and Quiet Zone" for the Camp Bird Road; and

Whereas, previous Resolution 2001-053 was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Ouray County designating Camp Bird Road as a multi-use route to include pedestrian and bicycle traffic as well as all mechanized and motorized vehicles; and

Whereas, Resolution 2002-034 was adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Ouray County on September 16, 2002 designating all Ouray County roads for multi-purpose use; and

Whereas, Resolution 2002-034 further indicates that:

- Ouray County is a rural county with relatively low traffic volume and the roads have been historically used for multiple purposes; and
- Tourism is an important component of Ouray County's economy and a portion of tourism is derived from persons who enjoy outdoor activities via various means of conveyance; and
- A variety of new means of conveyance have been invented, produced, and adapted for various uses in the last three decades of the Twentieth Century including, but not limited to, dirt bikes, mountain bikes, all-terrain vehicles, and snow mobiles; and
- Ouray County wishes to provide the maximum benefit of its county road system by allowing multiple uses, with minimum regulation necessary for the safety of all road users; and

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners of Ouray County would like to continue multi-purpose uses on the Camp Bird Road, but desire to set forth some regulations for multi-purpose use of motorized vehicles in a "Slow and Quiet" way; and

Whereas, the Camp Bird Road is a road that is used to access the Canyon Creek area, an area of exceptional natural beauty, and an area that is very accessible to recreational use by multi-purpose vehicles; and

Whereas, the Canyon Creek area receives substantial recreational use, with motorized use expected to increase in the future; and

Whereas, traditional recreational use of the Camp Bird Road and the Canyon Creek area has included both motorized uses and non-motorized uses such as viewing of scenery, mountain-climbing, hiking and camping; and

Whereas, traditionally, the various user groups have co-existed very well, with little or no conflict over resources; and

Whereas, a factor that has been important to the co-existence of recreational user groups has been the fact that nearly all of the motorized users have traveled the roads at relatively low speeds, using vehicles that were relatively quiet; and

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to continue to encourage the recreational use of the Camp Bird Road and Canyon Creek area by both motorized and non-motorized users; and

Whereas, the Board of County Commissioners feels that the enjoyment of this unique area would best be promoted by maintaining the traditional situation in which motorized use was done at relatively low speeds, using relatively quiet vehicles.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Ouray County, Colorado, establishing the Camp Bird Road as a "Slow and Quiet Zone" for the cooperative use of the road and the area in general by both motorized and non-motorized users; and

Be It Further Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Ouray County that mechanisms be established to encourage a "Slow and Quiet Zone" on the Camp Bird Road such as signage, and that evaluation of the County's Noise Ordinance, #92-1 be considered in the future for amendment in order to assist with enforcement of the slow and quiet zone.

Adopted this 9th day of April, 2007.

Attest:

Michelle Nauer, County Clerk and Recorder

By: Linda Munson-Haley,
Deputy Clerk of the Board

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