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**PARK COUNTY, COLORADO
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Resolution No. 2017-64

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR A
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW OPERATION OF A
SHOOTING (ARCHERY) RANGE IN THE
CONSERVATION/RECREATION ZONE DISTRICT ON
PROPERTY LOCATED IN PART OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 7,
RANGE 73, PARK COUNTY, COLORADO.**

WHEREAS, the Applicant, American Bowmen Archery Club, on behalf of the Owner, the Colorado State Land Board, has applied for a conditional use permit ("CUP") for the operation of a archery shooting range on the Conservation/Recreation zoned property described in **Exhibit A**; and

WHEREAS, at a regularly scheduled public meeting of the Park County Board of County Commissioners ("BOCC"), preceded by the required public notice, the BOCC conducted a public hearing on the application at which it reviewed the application and all supporting documentation, the recommendations of the Planning Commission, the Planning Department, the County Attorney, and considered the testimony of the Applicant and patrons; and

WHEREAS, based on the evidence and testimony presented at the public hearing the BOCC finds and determines that compliance with the standards for approval of a Conditional Use Permit set forth in Section 5-503 of the Park County Land Use Regulations has been demonstrated by clear and convincing evidence; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE PARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY APPROVES THE
APPLICATION FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE OPERATION
OF A SHOOTING RANGE (ARCHERY) SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING
CONDITIONS:**

1. Prior to the commencement of the Conditional Use, the Applicant informs adjacent land owners and School District RE-1 staff of the Applicant's flag system to alert traffic on County Road 64 to active range use.
2. Prior to commencement of the Conditional Use, Planning Department staff confirms that perimeter fencing is complete with warning signs in place.
3. During the duration of the Conditional Use, the Applicant makes the Planning Department aware of any proposed changes to the Range Rules provided with the application.

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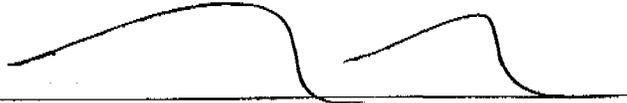
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4. Applicant shall consult and cooperate with the Colorado Department of Parks and Wildlife regarding use of the subject property during elk calving season.

Moved, seconded, and passed this 7th day of December, 2017.

PARK COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Mike Brazell, Chairperson

ATTEST:

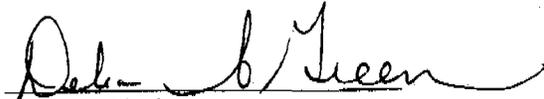
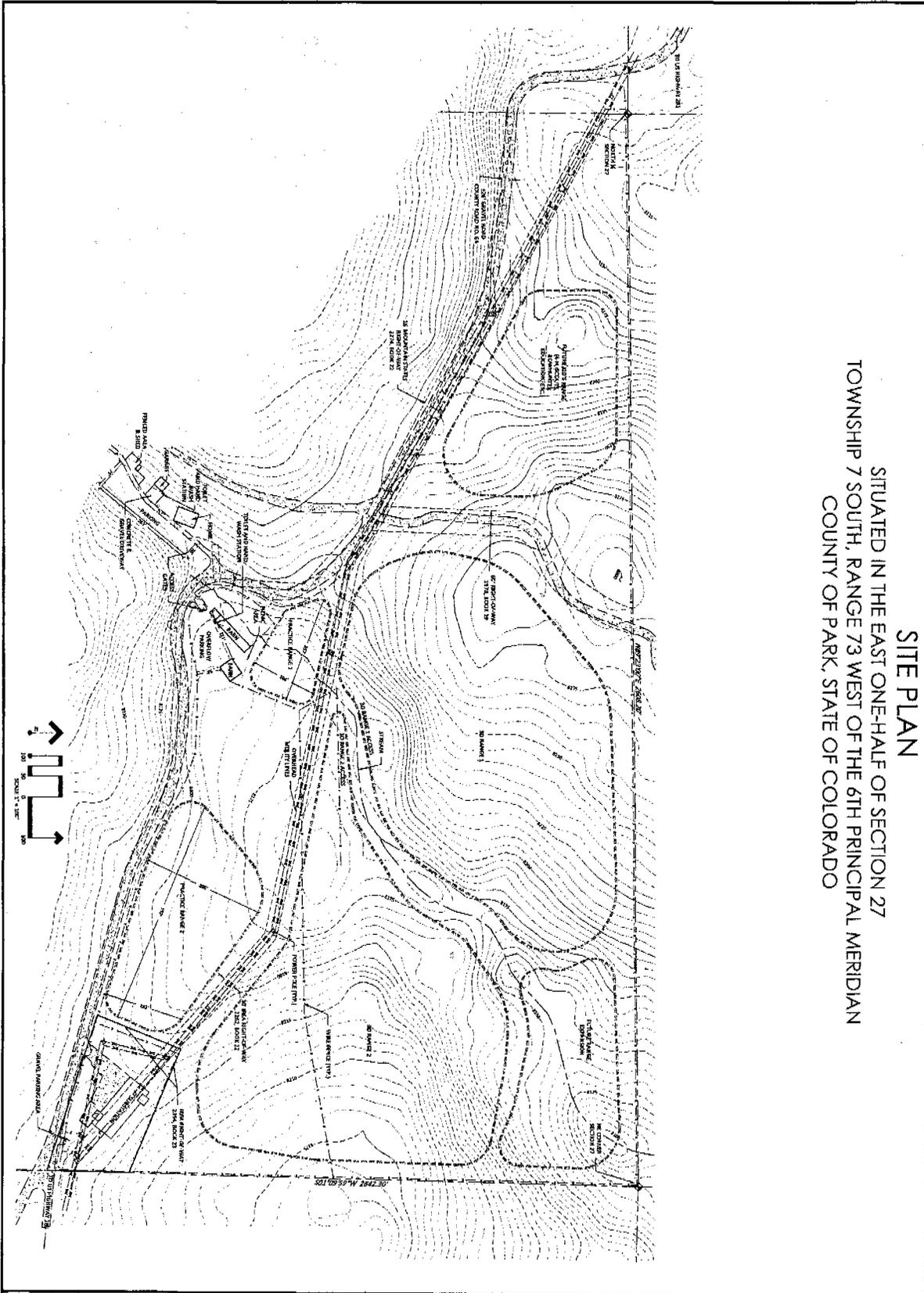

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Exhibit A



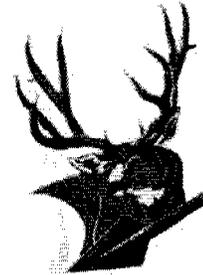
SITE PLAN
 SITUATED IN THE EAST ONE-HALF OF SECTION 27
 TOWNSHIP 7 SOUTH, RANGE 73 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN
 COUNTY OF PARK, STATE OF COLORADO

DATE	DESCRIPTION	SITE PLAN	
09.22.17	ORIGINAL PREPARATION	McARTHUR GULCH	PREPARED UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF SHARON M. MC WATSON COLORADO LICENSE NO. 34311 FOR AND ON BEHALF OF POINT CONSULTING, LLC
10.11.17	TECHNICAL REVISIONS	ARCHERY RANGE	
		PARK COUNTY, COLORADO	8440 W KEN CARY, AVE LITTLETON, CO 80120 720-258-6836 www.pcll.com Point Consulting, LLC PLANNING ENGINEERING LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE LAND SURVEYING
SHEET 1/1		SITE PLAN JOB NO. 17.05.043	



American Bowmen Club

AN ARCHERY CLUB FOR BOWHUNTERS



CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PROPOSAL

The subject property of this proposal for conditional use is a parcel of approximately 51 acres, having as legal address, the east one-half of section 27, Township 7 South, Range 73 west of the 6th principal meridian, county of Park, state of Colorado. Access to the property is via gated driveways from County Road 64. The property was previously used for agricultural purposes.

The property is currently owned by the Colorado State Land Board, is considered State Trust Land and is zoned Conservation/Recreation. The American Bowmen Club has arranged to lease this State Trust Land from the Colorado State Land Board and seeks a Conditional Use Permit from Park County allowing the club to put an Archery Shooting Range on the property.

Since 1973, the American Bowman Club has maintained challenging mountain courses with realistic hunting conditions for members to practice their skills. Sight-in/practice ranges with target butts at various distances have also been maintained by the club on the properties they have occupied. Club ranges are private and normally only open to club members during daylight hours.

The club has, and always will, open the doors to their range for youth groups and clubs such as 4H or the Boy/Girl Scouts of America. Club members are eager to volunteer to help with such groups.

The club has made a practice of hosting shoots open to the public, generally during summer months, as well as an occasional shoot for organizations such as RMAA (Rocky Mountain Archery Association) and Train to Hunt. Most years, proceeds from a shoot hosted on Father's Day are donated to Joseph's Journey, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing wilderness experiences to children with terminal and life-threatening illnesses.

Plans for the McArthur Gulch property include a sight-in/target range with target butts at various distances in the open meadow space and two or three mountain courses on the wooded hillside. The addition of a fourth course, targeted specifically at youth archers may also be added in the future. There are no plans to add any permanent trails or roads on the property as targets are often reset, changing up the courses and lessening the environmental impact so as trails are not permanently formed. There are also no plans to add any permanent structures to the property.

While the American Bowmen Club takes pride in setting up challenging courses with realistic hunting conditions, safety always comes first. Only experienced club members set courses and determine where specific targets are placed. All targets are reviewed by numerous club members to ensure that an errant arrow shot at a target will not pose a threat to anyone in any way. Natural backstops are utilized when possible and man-made backstops are erected if necessary. No targets are set such that if someone were to miss the target, their arrow would end up leaving the range property. Courses are reviewed frequently and immediately reset if there is any concern for safety. Additionally, the American Bowmen Club observes National Field Archery Association (NFAA) and Archery Manufacturers Organization (AMO) Field Publication guidelines for range design and safety.

As an additional informational parameter for neighbors and passers-by on County Rd 64, a notification flag will be placed at the range entrance. When a member signs-in to utilize the range per standard process, the member will additionally raise a flag that will be visible to those passing by on County Rd 64. The raised flag will signify that the range is in use. Conversely, when the member exits the range, the member will sign-out and lower the flag. If multiple members are utilizing the range, the last member to sign-out will lower the flag. The flag process will be communicated to adjacent land owners and School District RE-1 staff as requested.

Once ranges have been set, the club generally envisions hosting no more than two events per month, typically, one shoot and one picnic or youth event. It is rare that any such event attracts more than 100 people and the club does not expect much, if any, change in those numbers. Portable restrooms will be located on the property at a minimum during shooting months, hand wash stations and plenty of water will be available on event dates.

Historically, the American Bowmen Club has operated with approximately 100 members and a cap set at 120. Without an active range, membership numbers are currently down well below average. The club would expect a climb back to approximately 100 members when the club is once again up and operating on new property. Gathering data from the sign-in record as well as tracking the total numbers present at hosted events, it was determined that additional traffic generated to the club property amounted to less than three cars a day over the course of an entire year. During that year, the club hosted an open house, two public shoots, an RMAA shoot and a company picnic with the membership level at approximately 100. The club would expect similar numbers at the new property.

Several measures are taken to prevent unauthorized use of the ranges. The entire McArthur Gulch property is fenced and has appropriate signage depicting it as State Land Board property. The American Bowmen Club intends to augment this signage with signs informing the land use as an archery range. Entrance gates are locked at all times. Entry is only permitted to active club members with a gate code provided. All active club members must carry and display a current year American Bowmen Club badge at all times. Club members are encouraged to look at persons on the property they do not recognize and check for a current year badge. (Even participants they do recognize) But not challenge/confront unauthorized use, only gather information for American Bowmen Club leadership thus, helping to maintain safety of participants. American Bowmen Club has a check-in station with a log in/out book to be used upon each visit. Log book captures such things as names, vehicle description, time in/out, etc. American Bowmen Club will place cameras on the property to monitor various forms of activity at McArthur Gulch. Bottom line, any unauthorized entry on the property would be trespassing on American Bowmen Club/ State Land Board land and subject to those conditions.

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After 40+ years of operation, ABC has effectively and respectfully dealt with trespassing issues in the past. Consistently American Bowmen Club takes appropriate steps to mitigate an occurrence and its effects.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Peter Timpano

President, American Bowmen Club

ptimpano1@gmail.com

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American Bowmen Club Range Rules

Failure to follow rules will result in membership review up to and including loss of membership.

Coming and Going:

- We are Bowhunters and Archers, by nature we are quiet and respectful
- We will treat our neighbors of the range the same
- No loud acceleration
- No loud music
- Keep speeds within limits and if road (dust) conditions dictate, drive slower so dust is minimized
- Be respectful of our neighbors. Period!

Property:

- No Smoking, No fires on property (exception: contained fire for grills, etc. in approved cooking area)
- No littering
- No tampering with trees, buildings, structures, facilities, any items on the property without approval of ABC officers/SLB
- Archery ranges open – Dawn to Dusk
- No hunting , No crossbows
- No access permitted to SLB property South of Parking area – SLB property South of Ranch house, Access only permitted via access gate by substation during permitted access dates/purposes
- No pets, No alcohol, No Marijuana or illegal substances

Archery Range:

- No broadheads on practice range or 3D targets (members are allowed to bring own targets for use on the practice range only, targets are to be placed to the side of range targets and cannot be placed in front of ABC range targets, ABC reserves the right to supply specific use targets for broadhead use during specific occasions. ABC reserves the right to limit "when" broadheads can be shot
- Be respectful of other members, if an archer or group in front is taking more time; politely ask if you can shoot a target ahead.

General Range Safety:

- Check bow/arrows - all equipment prior to shooting
- Always draw bow facing the intended target
- If a bow is placed in front of a target, there is an archer behind the target searching for an arrow, DO NOT SHOOT!
- Practice Range: All archers on the practice range should acknowledge when all shooting has completed by all saying "Clear" or "Range Clear"