

AGENDA
LARIMER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, March 9, 2020 / 6:30 P.M. / Hearing Room

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. PUBLIC HEARING DISCUSSION ITEM:

1. ARISE MUSIC FESTIVAL SPECIAL EVENT, SPECIAL EVENT # 5720
ENERGOV FILE #20-SPEVENT0046

Staff Contacts: Lesli Ellis, Director, Community Development, Rusty McDaniel, Assistant County Engineer, Katie Beilby, Community Development, Lea Schneider, Environmental Health

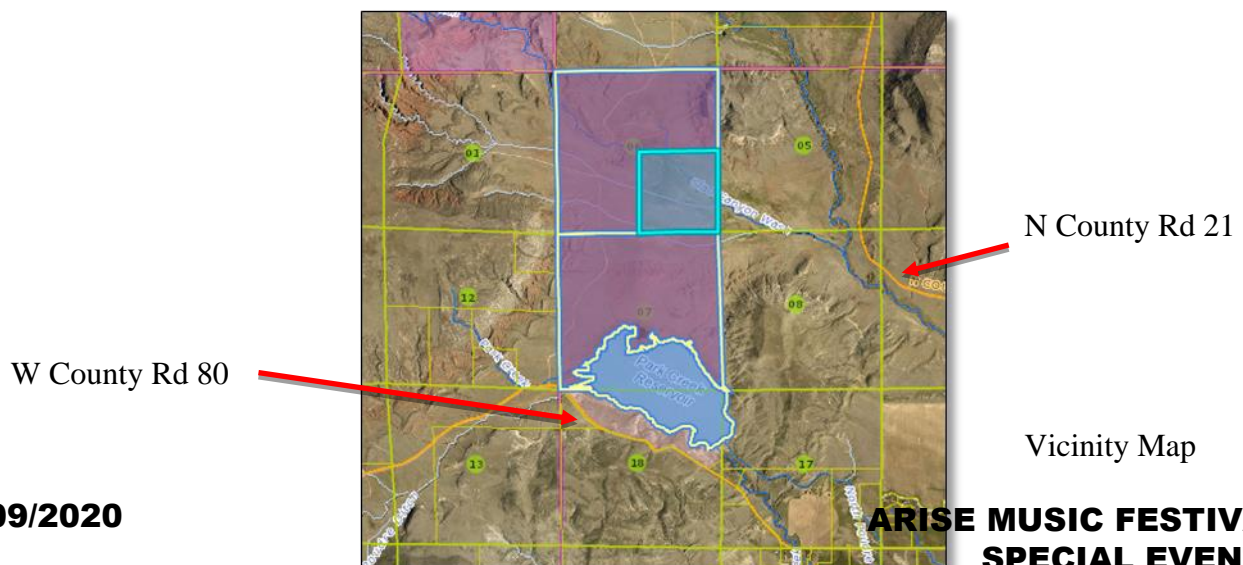
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1. TITLE: Arise Music Festival Special Event
- REQUEST: To host a music festival/special event on the property from July 30 to August 03, 2020.
- LOCATION: The site is located within Section 06 & 07, Township 10 and Range 69. The Parcel Numbers hosting the proposed event are: 9006000016, 9006000017, 9007000030
- PROPERTY OWNER Ackerman Family Farms and Ranches, LLC
- APPLICANT: Luke Comer / Jess Gries
- STAFF CONTACTS: Lesli Ellis, Director, Community Development
Rusty McDaniel, Assistant County Engineer
Katie Beilby, Community Development
Lea Schneider, Environmental Health
- FILE#: Special Event # 5720 / EnerGov # 20-SPEVENT0046
- BCC HEARING DATE: March 09, 2020
- REPORT DATE: February 26, 2020
- NOTICE GIVEN: Posting in the officially designated area of the Larimer County Courthouse Offices no less than twenty-four hours in advance of the hearing

AND

Newspaper Publication
First Class Mailing to surrounding property owners within **6,500** feet and along CR 80 and CR 17 approaching the property.



SITE DATA:

Parcel Number(s):	9006000016, 9006000017, 9007000030
Total Site(s):	1,280 acres +/- Will only use 200 acres
Existing Land Use:	Agricultural
Surrounding Land Uses:	Residential, Agricultural
Zoning:	O-Open
Services on site:	
Access:	W County Road 80
Water:	N/A
Sewer:	N/A
Fire Protection:	Wellington Fire Protection District

DISCUSSION:

On February 4, 2020, the Community Development Department received an application for the 8th annual Arise Music Festival Special Event. The event is proposed for July 30 to August 3, 2020 in a new location just off W. CR 80 near Buckeye, CO. The timeframe includes two weeks of load in before the event and one week of load out after.

The Community Development Department evaluates Special Events applications based on Section 7 of the Land Use Code. Sec. 7.6.B.3 notes that the community development director upon determination that the application is complete and after referring it to other county and non-county departments may schedule the application for a hearing before the Board of County Commissioners to determine if the event should be allowed or denied. Given the level of public interest in this application and past hearings held for the Arise Festival, the director scheduled a hearing rather than decide administratively.

Proposed Event and Background

The five-day music event includes one main performance stage and a smaller “tweener” stage and two additional performance areas. The festival is a venue for musicians and other events, workshops, and seminars, etc. on the 200-acres of the site slated for the event. The applicant estimates approximately 11,000 ticket-buying participants for any one day, and not more than 15,000 people at the site, including volunteers and staff. (See **Attachment A:** Arise Application.)

The application and site map describe and show onsite parking, camping, and other activities on the site. Access to the event is off of W CR 80, and no parking will occur along the road. The application describes hours of operation as being “24 hours per day” for camping. Concerts will occur on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights with stages closing at 2:30 a.m. and all amplified music ending at 3:00 a.m. The activity includes on-site food and alcohol vendors.

Potable water (two, 6,000-gallon potable water trucks operating - 0.6 gallons of drinking water per person per day) and 150 portable toilets (one per 100 people) will be delivered to the site to accommodate the attendance as well as solid waste management. The applicant proposes on-site emergency and medical response as well.

The Arise event has been held for the past seven years on the first August weekend at the Sunrise Ranch west of Loveland, CO. In 2017, when the county updated the Land Use Code Special Events section (Sec. 7), Arise became ineligible to apply for a Special Events permit because the existing Special Review approval limits the size of gatherings on the property to 170 people. Because the Arise Music Festival had been held on the property for five years prior, the County allowed the event in summer 2018 and notified the applicant that they would need to amend the land use approval for the site if they wanted to host the event again in 2019. Staff and applicant met on July 20, 2018 and August 13, 2018. In 2019, the commissioners approved an appeal to Section 7.3.B.1 of the Larimer County Land Use Code to allow the applicant to apply for a Special Event Permit and again allowed the festival with conditions (approval at May 20, 2019 hearing). The event was held at Sunrise Ranch in 2019.

Staff reviewed this application for the newly proposed location in accordance with section 7 of the code and referred the application to other agencies who reviewed it and provided comments. Referral agency comments are included in **Attachment B**, including from the following county and non-county agencies:

- Development Review Team – County Staff (Planning, Building, Code Compliance, Engineering, and Health)
- Road and Bridge
- Sheriff
- Larimer County Emergency Management
- County Clerk and Recorder
- Parks and Open Lands
- Risk Management
- Livermore Fire Protection District
- Town of Wellington
- Colorado Division of Wildlife
- Wellington Fire District

Public Comments

As of Friday, February 21, 2020, the County also received over 60 comments from interested parties. Three support the event. The majority of commenters are neighbors or community members in the vicinity who oppose the event and/or express concerns regarding traffic and road damage, fire risk, trespass, potential threats to livestock, safety concerns, impacts to wildlife and natural areas, dogs, drones, noise, and other potential impacts because of the event's remoteness and size (i.e., noting the temporary population would be larger than Wellington). These public comments are included in **Attachment C**.

REVIEW CRITERIA:

The Land Use Code, Section 7.5 sets forth the Review Criteria for a Special Event. To approve a Special Events permit, the commissioners must consider the following review criteria and find that each criterion has been met or determined to be inapplicable:

- A. The applicant has demonstrated that the special event can be compatible with existing and allowed uses in the surrounding area.

The application notes that the grounds are surrounded by vacation properties with distant neighbors and states that the festival will not be seen by anyone except attendees. They address taking strong measures to control noise and decibel levels.

- B.** The applicant has demonstrated that the special event complies with all applicable requirements of this code.

The application does not address this specifically; it addresses specific topics as noted in section E below.

- C.** The applicant has demonstrated that the special event will result in no substantial adverse impact on other properties in the vicinity, including environmentally sensitive areas or features or other lands.

The applicant has stated that they plan to stay within controlled decibel levels and orient their stages and sound system away from neighbors. The application has a section on solid waste and dust control but does not specifically address impacts on environmentally sensitive areas or features.

- D.** The applicant has demonstrated that the special event has addressed the recommendations of the referral agencies.

The application was referred to a variety of departments and agencies, and responses were received from:

- Larimer County Engineering Department,
- Larimer County Department of Health and Environment,
- Larimer County Building Department,
- Larimer County Code Compliance,
- Colorado Division of Wildlife,
- County Clerk & Recorder,
- Larimer County Emergency Services,
- Wellington Fire,
- Livermore Fire,
- Larimer County Parks & Open Land,
- Larimer County Planning Department,
- Larimer County Risk Management,
- Larimer County Road & Bridge, and
- the Larimer County Sheriff.

The Applicant responded to some comments and anticipates providing additional information at the hearing.

- E.** The applicant has demonstrated that the special event will comply with the applicable performance standards as set forth in section 7.7 of this code.

Special events may be required by the community development director to comply with any or all of the following conditions, except for subsections D, I and J, which may only be waived with the approval of the Larimer County Health Department, the fire district or the Larimer County Sheriff respectively. Which requirements apply to a specific event will be

determined based on the location and type of event, and after consultation with the county sheriff, department of health and environment, applicable fire authority and any other county or non-county department, agency or official whose consideration the community development director deems essential to a full and complete assessment. All applicable requirements shall be specified in the conditions of the permit, if approved:

- a) An adequate and safe supply of potable water meeting requirements set forth by the Colorado Department of Health or county department of health and environment shall be provided.

The application notes there will be two 6,000-gallon potable water trucks operating and refilling the free water stations. The health department has requested 3,000 more gallons of water per day to supply drinking water for 15,000 people. In addition, the coordinator shall provide enough potable water to supply the fresh water tanks of the food vendors and the commissary kitchen plumbing fixtures.

- b) Separate enclosed toilets for males and females, meeting all state and local specifications, as determined by the county department of health and environment, conveniently located throughout the grounds, sufficient to provide healthful facilities, for the maximum number of persons allowed at any single time, to attend the special event shall be provided.

The application states there will be four banks of toilets with a minimum of 150 toilets with one sink per every 5 toilets. These toilets will be serviced between 2-4 times per day depending on the need. The health department supports a condition for 225 portable restrooms given the remote location with camping and food and beverage service.

- c) A sanitary method of disposing of solid or liquid waste, in compliance with state and local laws and regulations, sufficient to dispose of the solid waste production of the maximum number of persons allowed at any single time to attend the special event.

The health department notes need for adequate on-site solid waste receptacles/dumpsters for bulk daily collection of solid waste from event attendees, merchandise and food vendors, to be provided by the event coordinator. Wastewater collection receptacles shall also be provided for liquid waste produced by food vendors.

- d) As determined by the county department of health and environment, the following may be required:
 - 1. Two certified emergency medical technicians and one emergency ambulance provided for special events with 500 persons. One additional certified medical technician provided for every additional 500 persons. An enclosed structure where treatment may be rendered shall also be provided.

The applicant has contracted with Groove Medical and they will have 30+ staff available. Groove Medical has a scope of care that includes

doctors, nurses and paramedics. It is not clear whether staff consists of the requisite number of certified medical technicians.

2. A licensed practical nurse or registered nurse, licensed to practice in the state, provided for special events with 1,000 persons. One additional nurse provided for every additional 1,000 persons.

The applicant has contracted with Groove Medical and they will have 30+ staff available. Groove Medical has a scope of care that includes doctors, nurses and paramedics. It is not clear whether staff consists of the requisite number of registered nurses.

3. A vector control plan indicating how insects, rodents, and other vermin will be controlled by proper sanitary practices, extermination or other safe and effective control methods. Where necessary, a plan to control animal ectoparasites, and other disease transmitting and nuisance insects must be provided.

N/A

- e) If the special event is to occur during hours of darkness, illumination sufficient to light the area of attention (stage, actors, band, etc.) be provided at the rate of at least five foot-candles. Such illumination shall not be allowed to shine or reflect unreasonably beyond the boundaries of the location of the special event.

The applicant notes there will be light towers to illuminate ingress/egress points, emergency access areas and pathways. The stages will also be illuminated with professional lighting rigs exceeding five-foot candles. No above illumination will be allowed beyond the boundaries of the festival grounds.

- f) A parking area sufficient to provide parking space for the maximum number of persons allowed at any single time to attend the special event. In addition, there shall be a traffic circulation system sufficient to allow safe and efficient traffic and pedestrian circulation for the maximum number of persons allowed at any single time to attend the special event. The flow of traffic on roads shall not be blocked or hindered, and no cars, buses or bicycles shall be allowed to park along the side of or in any public road right-of-way, without prior written approval of the county engineering department.

The applicant has sufficient parking (calculated for 18,750-person event) with accessible parking near the main entrance. The applicant proposes a queue system to control the flow of vehicles coming in and leaving to mitigate impacts on county roads.

- g) Adequate facilities for communication with hospital, police and fire services shall be provided and based in the medical station.

The applicant is aware of this and based on the hearing outcome will work with each agency.

- h) If the assembly is to continue overnight, camping facilities in compliance with all state and local requirements must be provided.

The application proposes camping. There are no FEMA designated floodplains associated with the parcels, however there are mapped waterways. All camping should be set back a minimum of 100-feet from any centerline of any USGS mapped waterway (“blue-line”) to promote safety of participants and water quality. Additionally, water and sanitation facilities should be adequately located near camping facilities. The health department has requested a new site plan as the PDF provided is not clear. The new site plan should clearly denote locations of facilities relative to camping. Additionally, it is unclear whether camping participants will be allowed to have open fires.

- i) Security, which, as determined by the county sheriff, is adequate to control any disturbances, which might occur at the special event. An adequate plan of peer group control may be used if approved by the Larimer County Sheriff.

The applicant has a security plan and has contracted CODE 4 Security of Fort Collins. It is unclear if the security plan will be sufficient in the remote location. The Sheriff’s department has provided written comments and will be available at the hearing to discuss this topic.

- j) Applicant must provide evidence that the applicable fire protection district has been notified about the special event. Applicant shall comply with all requirements of the fire protection district.

The Livermore and Wellington Fire Districts were notified of this event through the county Special Event permitting process. Wellington Fire District has jurisdiction on this site and notes that the applicant will need to complete and have approved a special event application. Livermore Fire District, that covers properties very near the site, notes concerns about remoteness of the area and human caused fires, severe weather and injuries to participants, camping trespass, EMS adequacy, and onsite fire protection.

- k) Applicant assurance that sounds from the special event do not carry unreasonably beyond the boundaries of the location of the special event. Sound created by the special event, which exceeds any limitations set by the Larimer County Noise Ordinance, shall be presumed to be unreasonable.

The application includes an approach to orienting stages to mitigate excessive noise levels that reach beyond the property and addresses noise measurement procedures. With this being the first year proposed at this new location, the Development Review Team would request a noise evaluation report.

- l) Applicant must provide for appropriate dust mitigation.

The application notes that the property is vegetated with grass to avoid dust. The applicant will complete a magnesium chloride treatment on the Ackerman’s private road. County Road and Bridge typically completes the magnesium chloride on the county roads earlier in the summer.

- m) If electrical systems are not self-supporting, electrical systems installation and maintenance must comply with minimum county and state electrical standards.

The applicant proposes generators to be used for this event from Sunbelt Rentals.

- n) Management of food service shall conform to the requirements of the county department of health and environment.

Individual vendors will be supplying food during the event. The health department notes that due to the remote location, mobile food vendors with functioning hot and cold water hand sinks under pressure shall be required. In addition, a temporary commissary kitchen shall be provided on-site for the food vendors to operate, from which includes fixtures, but not limited to warewashing, refrigeration, and enclosed storage.

- o) Guarantees ... to cover the cost of any required grading, site restoration, dismantling and removal of structures, and cleanup following the special event may be required

The applicant notes plans for cleanup following the event.

- p) Structures and facilities shall be designed and located on the site and the site shall be maintained:

The applicant agrees to ensure:

- 1. Trees, underbrush, large rocks and other natural features are left intact and undisturbed.**
- 2. Natural vegetative cover is retained, protected and maintained so as to facilitate drainage, prevent erosion and preserve scenic attributes.**

- q) Exotic animals.

N/A

- r) A description of the surface material of the parking area and a method-plan for handling traffic in conformance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and the Colorado Supplement.

The application describes that parking will not be paved and includes verbal description of traffic handling.

- s) Insurance in an amount determined to be adequate and reasonable in light of the risks and hazards relating to the special event. Applicant may also be required to purchase search and rescue (SAR) cards for some or all persons participating in the special event.

The applicant will supply insurance if the application is approved.

ATTACHMENTS:

The following items are attached to this report:

- Attachment A – Applicant’s Operating Plans and Notes, including Site Plan
- Attachment B – Review Agency Comments
- Attachment C – Public Comments

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES TEAM RECOMMENDATION:

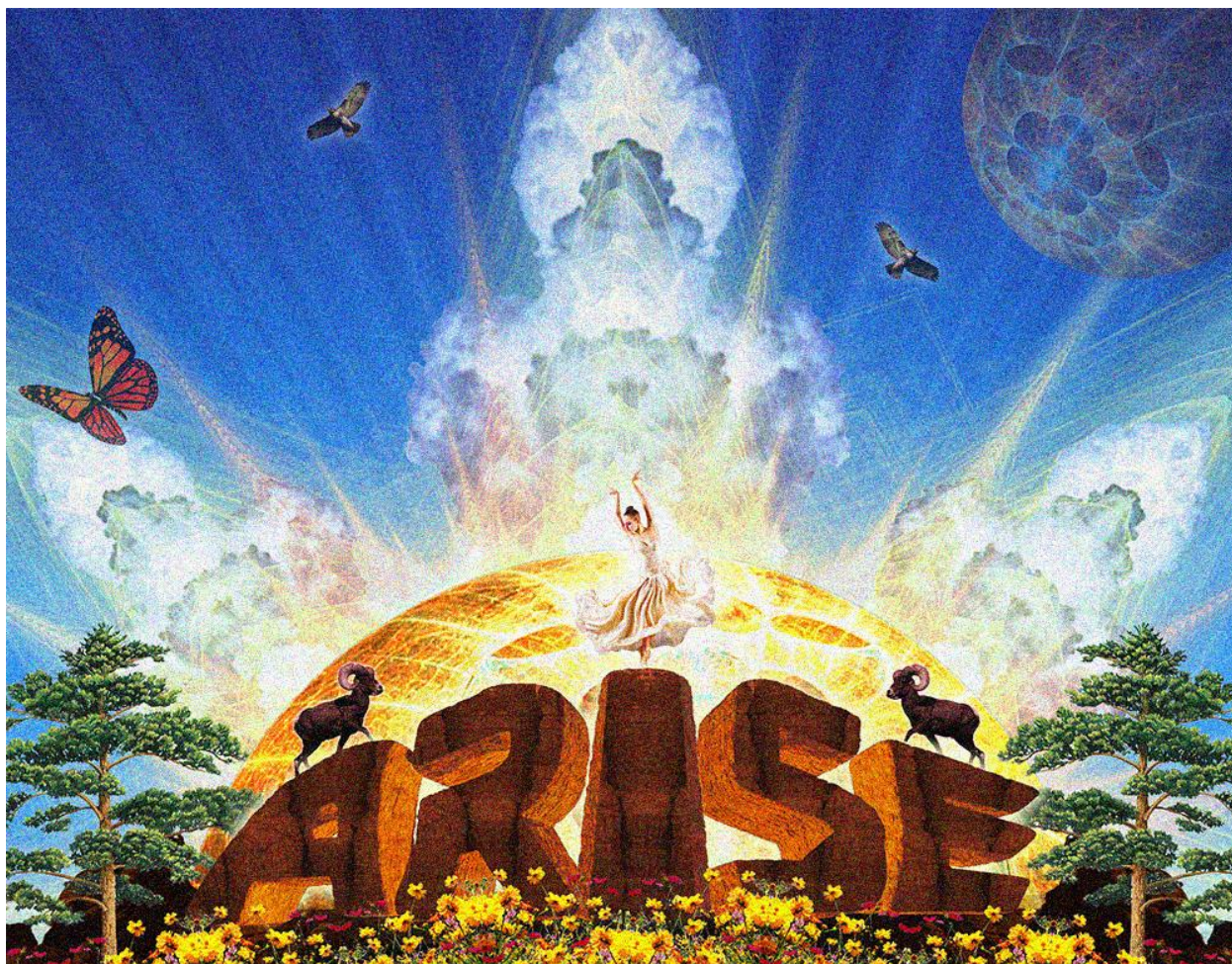
Based on the application as presented, the Development Services Team recommends the Board of County Commissioners deny the Arise Music Festival Special Event, application #5720, EnerGov # 20-SPEVENT0046. Such recommendation is based on the apparent failure to meet criterion B (complying with all requirements of the code) and D (addressing recommendations of the referral agencies, especially regarding safety and security). The team also notes concerns about compatibility (criterion A), potential impacts (criterion C) and meeting all the performance standards in criterion E (including but not limited to water, sanitation, access, fire protection, emergency services, and road maintenance and repair).

If a permit is approved, staff would recommend conditions of approval, including:

1. Hold the event on a different summer weekend that neither conflicts with the County Fair and the cattle drive on CR 80 occurring on the weekend proposed nor with other large event weekends to avoid excess strain on county resources.
2. Inspect roads by Larimer County immediately prior to the event and immediately after. Any damage to roads as determined by the county will be repaired by the County Road and Bridge department. Applicant shall post money in escrow account prior to event in amount of \$6,000/mile x 8.5 miles to equal \$51,000.
3. Limit ticket sales to manage event size.
4. Limit hours of amplified music.
5. Address referral agency comments regarding food service, water, portable restrooms, wastewater, noise, medical and security services, fire protection, and building code permitting requirements for stages.
6. Restrict open fires in the camping area and on the site as a whole.
7. Work with medical, fire, and sheriff agencies to provide adequate communications facilities on the site, such as a temporary wireless tower.

SUGGESTED MOTION:

I move that the Board of County Commissioners deny (or approve with conditions) the special event, Arise Music Festival, #5720, EnerGov #20-SPEVENT0046.



7.6. - PROCESS/SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Special Event Submittal and Notes

To: Linda Hoffman, County Manager
200 West Oak St., P.O. Box 1190
Fort Collins, CO 80522-1190

Fr: Luke Comer
3965 Wonderland Hill Ave.
Boulder, CO 80304
(720) 218 2966
lukecomer@mel.com

1. The name and mailing address of all persons signing the application, and in the case of a corporation, a copy of the Articles of Incorporation and Certificate of Good Standing from the Colorado Secretary of State's Office.

Applicant: Arise Music Festival, LLC
 Luke Comer, Manager of Arise Music Festival LLC Phone: (720) 218-2966

Applicants Office: 3965 Wonderland Hill Avenue; Boulder, CO 80304 (mailing address)
 Additional Info at www.arisefestival.com

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
 OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

CERTIFICATE OF FACT OF GOOD STANDING

I, Jena Griswold, as the Secretary of State of the State of Colorado, hereby certify that, according to the records of this office,

Arise Music Festival, LLC

is a

Limited Liability Company

formed or registered on 03/14/2014 under the law of Colorado, has complied with all applicable requirements of this office, and is in good standing with this office. This entity has been assigned entity identification number 20141168614.

This certificate reflects facts established or disclosed by documents delivered to this office on paper through 01/31/2020 that have been posted, and by documents delivered to this office electronically through 02/03/2020 @ 15:48:43.

I have affixed hereto the Great Seal of the State of Colorado and duly generated, executed, and issued this official certificate at Denver, Colorado on 02/03/2020 @ 15:48:43 in accordance with applicable law. This certificate is assigned Confirmation Number 12061212.



Jena Griswold

Secretary of State of the State of Colorado

*****End of Certificate*****
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ABOVE SPACE FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Articles of Organization

filed pursuant to § 7-80-203 and § 7-80-204 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.)

1. The domestic entity name of the limited liability company is

Arise Music Festival, LLC

(The name of a limited liability company must contain the term or abbreviation "limited liability company", "ltd. liability company", "limited liability co.", "ltd. liability co.", "limited", "l.l.c.", "llc", or "ltd.". See §7-90-601, C.R.S.)

(Caution: The use of certain terms or abbreviations are restricted by law. Read instructions for more information.)

2. The principal office address of the limited liability company's initial principal office is

Street address

3965 Wonderland Hill Avenue

(Street number and name)

Boulder

(City)

CO

(State)

80304

(ZIP/Postal Code)

United States

(Country)

(Province - if applicable)

Mailing address

(leave blank if same as street address)

(Street number and name or Post Office Box information)

(City)

(State)

(ZIP/Postal Code)

(Province - if applicable)

(Country)

3. The registered agent name and registered agent address of the limited liability company's initial registered agent are

Name

(if an individual)

Comer

(Last)

Luke

(First)

(Middle)

(Suffix)

or

(if an entity)

(Caution: Do not provide both an individual and an entity name.)

Street address

3965 Wonderland Hill Avenue

(Street number and name)

Boulder

(City)

CO

(State)

80304

(ZIP Code)

Mailing address

(leave blank if same as street address)

(Street number and name or Post Office Box information)

 (City) CO (State) _____
 (ZIP Code)

(The following statement is adopted by marking the box.)

☒ The person appointed as registered agent has consented to being so appointed.

4. The true name and mailing address of the person forming the limited liability company are

Name
 (if an individual) Comer Luke
 (Last) (First) (Middle) (Suffix)
 or

(if an entity)
 (Caution: Do not provide both an individual and an entity name.)

Mailing address 3965 Wonderland Hill Avenue
 (Street number and name or Post Office Box information)

Boulder CO 80304
 (City) (State) (ZIP/Postal Code)
 (Province - if applicable) United States (Country)

(If the following statement applies, adopt the statement by marking the box and include an attachment.)

☐ The limited liability company has one or more additional persons forming the limited liability company and the name and mailing address of each such person are stated in an attachment.

5. The management of the limited liability company is vested in
 (Mark the applicable box.)

☒ one or more managers.

or

☐ the members.

6. (The following statement is adopted by marking the box.)

☒ There is at least one member of the limited liability company.

7. (If the following statement applies, adopt the statement by marking the box and include an attachment.)

☐ This document contains additional information as provided by law.

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<small>(Last)</small>	<small>(First)</small>	<small>(Middle)</small>	<small>(Suffix)</small>
Berg Hill Greenleaf & Ruscitti LLP			
<small>(Street number and name or Post Office Box information)</small>			
1712 Pearl Street			
Boulder	CO	80302	
<small>(City)</small>	<small>(State)</small>	<small>(ZIP/Postal Code)</small>	
	United States		
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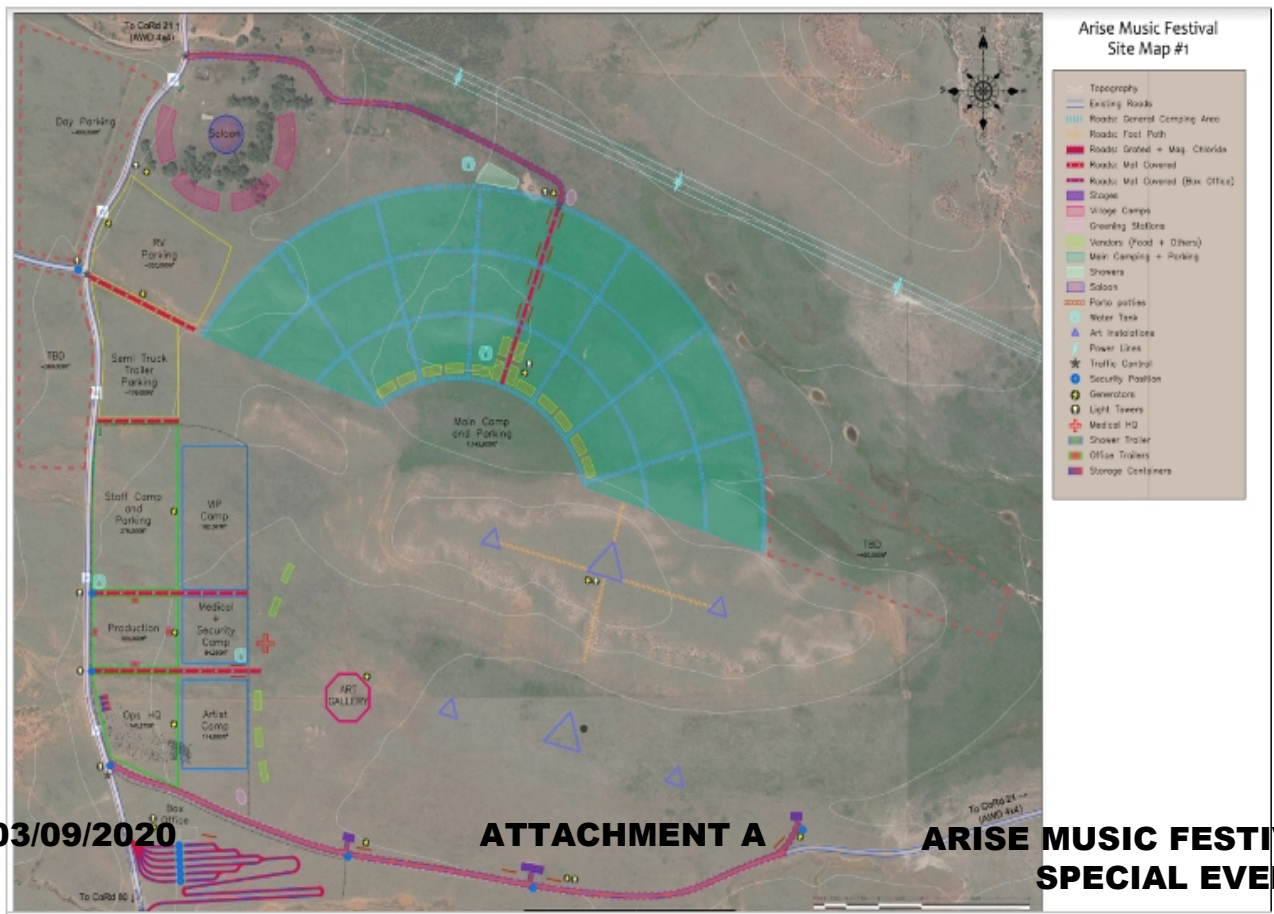
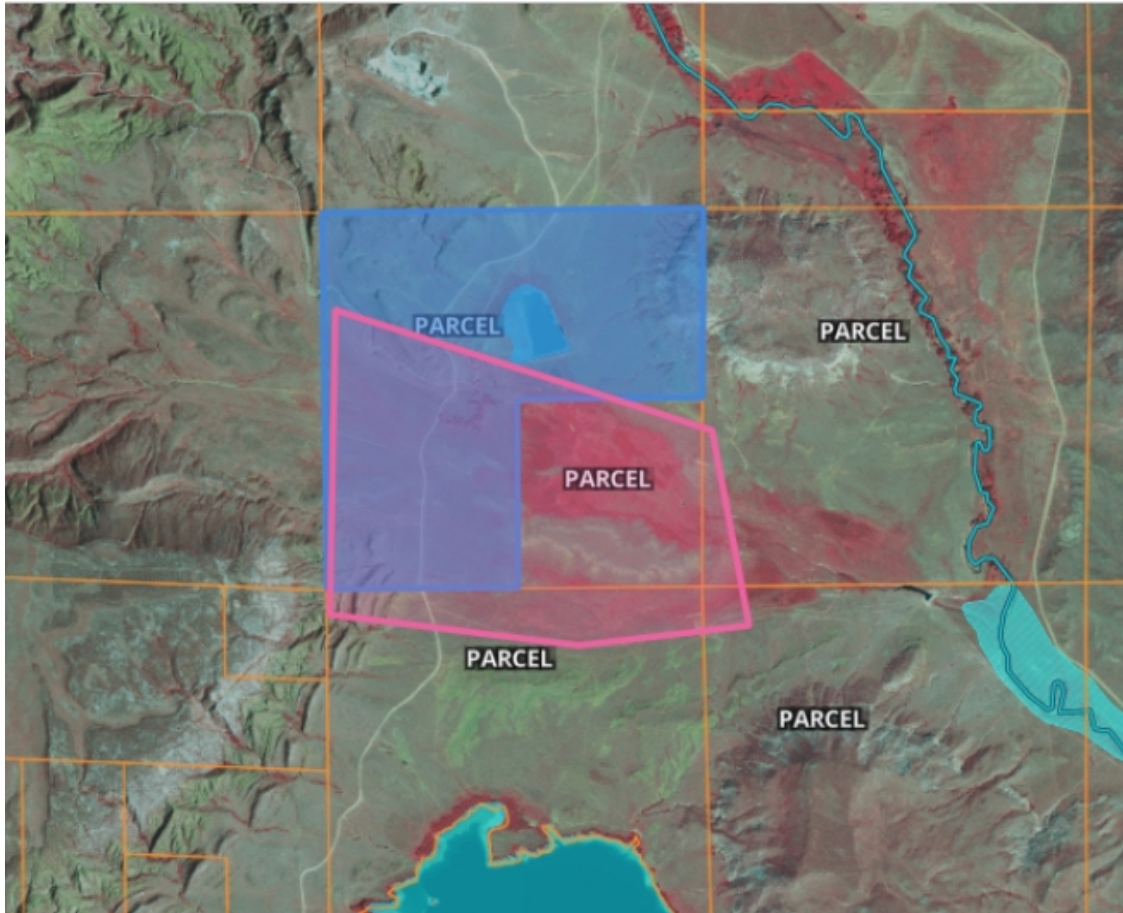
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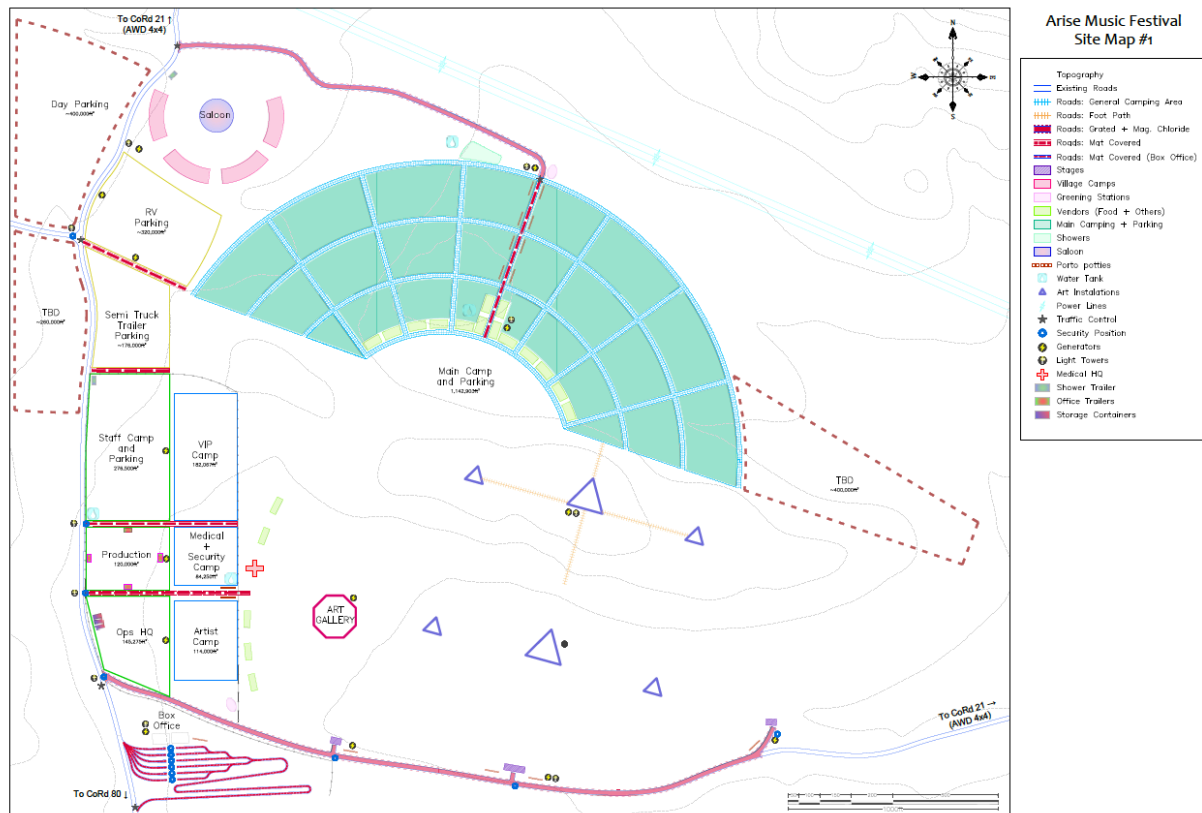
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2. The address, assessor parcel number, and legal description of all property upon which the event is to be held, together with the name and mailing address of the record owners of the property.

- Address: Property called "No Name" doesn't have an exact physical address, yet it is located on Red Mountain Ranch Rd. just off of County Road 80 (just Northeast of Park Reservoir which is near Buckeye, CO). GPS coordinates are: [40.857361](#), [-105.164534](#) Red Mountain Ranch Road is owned by the Ackermans and on some maps is confusingly called CR 80.
- Assessor parcel numbers: The property is comprised of several parcel numbers as follows: 9006000016, 9006000017, 9007000030
- Name, mailing address of the record owners of the property and Legal Descriptions:
 - 9006000016 is ACKERMAN FAMILY FARMS AND RANCHES LLC; 17125 N COUNTY ROAD 15 WELLINGTON CO 80549203; Legal Description: N 1/2 & SW 6-10-69
 - 9006000017 is ACKERMAN LAND AND LIVESTOCK CO; 17125 N COUNTY ROAD 15 WELLINGTON CO 80549203; Legal Description: SE 1/4 6-10-69
 - 9007000030 is ACKERMAN FAMILY FARMS AND RANCHES LLC; 17125 N COUNTY ROAD 15 WELLINGTON CO 80549203; Legal Description: ALL 7-10-69
- Following are maps of the general location of the site and of parcels on the site. The area surrounded by the pink line represents the location of Arise. However, this area includes about 400 acres; but Applicants will only use 200 of these acres--as designated on the Arise sitemap issued with this application. However, if for one reason or another, we need to change the precise location of the festival, we are asking for permission to use any of this other land (again inside the pink lines.)
- Written permission to hold the event from the landowner is attached below.







3. A written description indicating: the type of event, the event sponsor(s), the location of the event, a list of all roads affected, the duration of the event, the hours of operation, the expected water requirements (including the source and supply of water), the number of employees and volunteers, the number and location of toilets, the maximum number of persons that will be permitted to attend at any single time, the methods applicant will use to ensure the maximum number of allowed attendees at any single time is not exceeded, food or alcoholic beverages to be served (if alcohol is served a separate liquor license permit application is required), temporary structures or fences proposed, the anticipated parking needs and how the need is to be addressed, a statement of expected impacts to the subject land and surrounding properties, and a statement describing how impacts on surrounding properties will be minimized.

The type of event: Multi-day Music and Arts Festival.

The eighth annual ARISE Music Festival is slated for July 30 to August 3, 2020 at the picturesque No Name property near Buckeye, Colorado. The festival will again feature a diverse line-up of musicians, yogis, artists, and visual performances, alongside workshops, seminars, films, and guest speakers. There will be one main stage with a smaller “tweener” stage and two additional performance areas situated on the approximate two hundred acre festival site. The event will also include a solutions village, visionary art installations, theme camps, local craft and food vendors, a kids' village, yoga tent and a community organization plaza. The site plan is somewhat similar to the prior year and the operation's plan is nearly the same as what was approved the prior year.

Applicant will restrict total people on site at any given time to 15k and will restrict total paid ticket/passes into the site to 11k for any one day of the event.

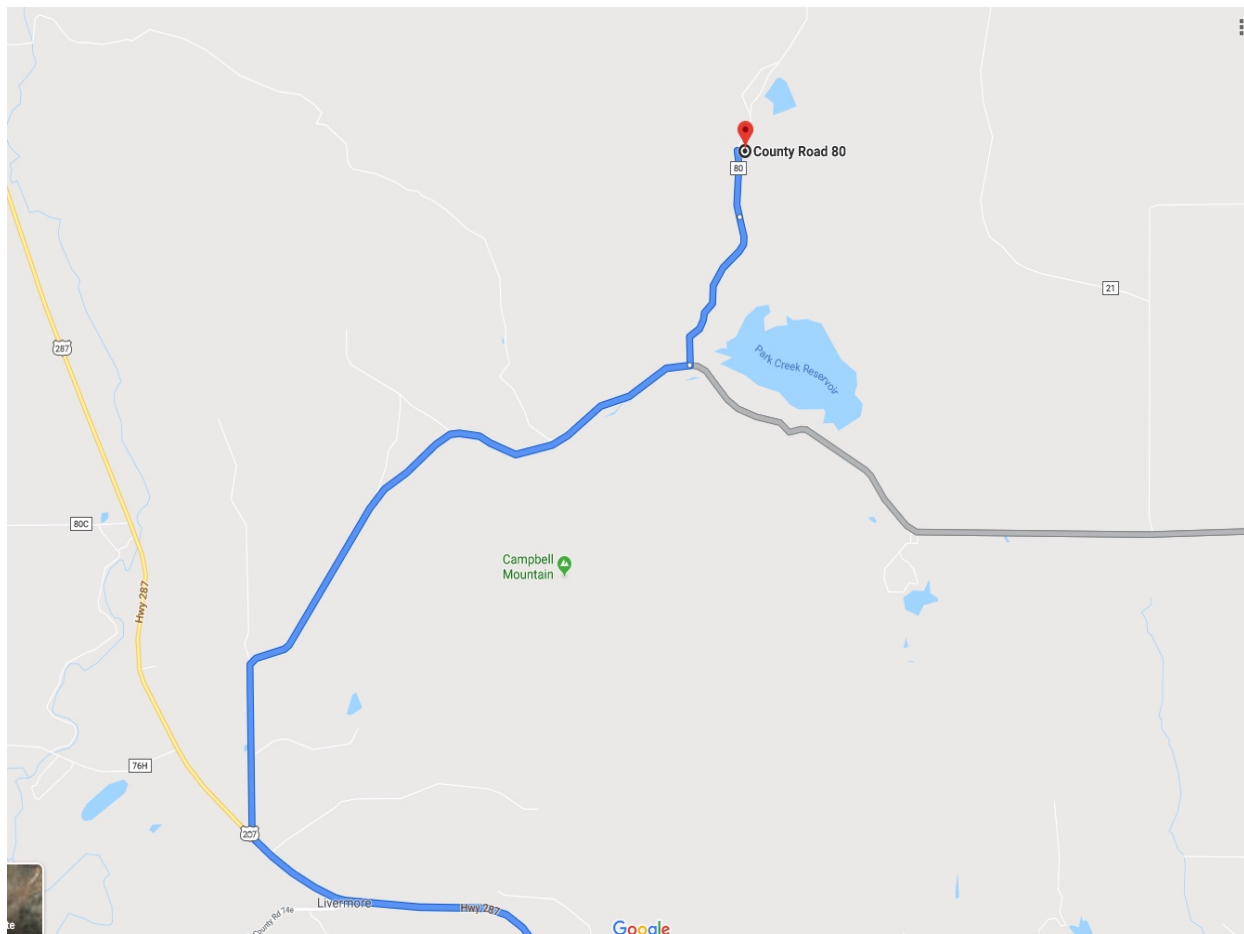
The event sponsor(s): Arise Music Festival, LLC

The location of the event: Property called "No Name" doesn't have an exact physical address, yet it is located on Red Mountain Ranch Rd just off of County Road 80 (just Northeast of Park Reservoir which is near Buckeye, CO). GPS coordinates are: [40.857361, -105.164534](#)

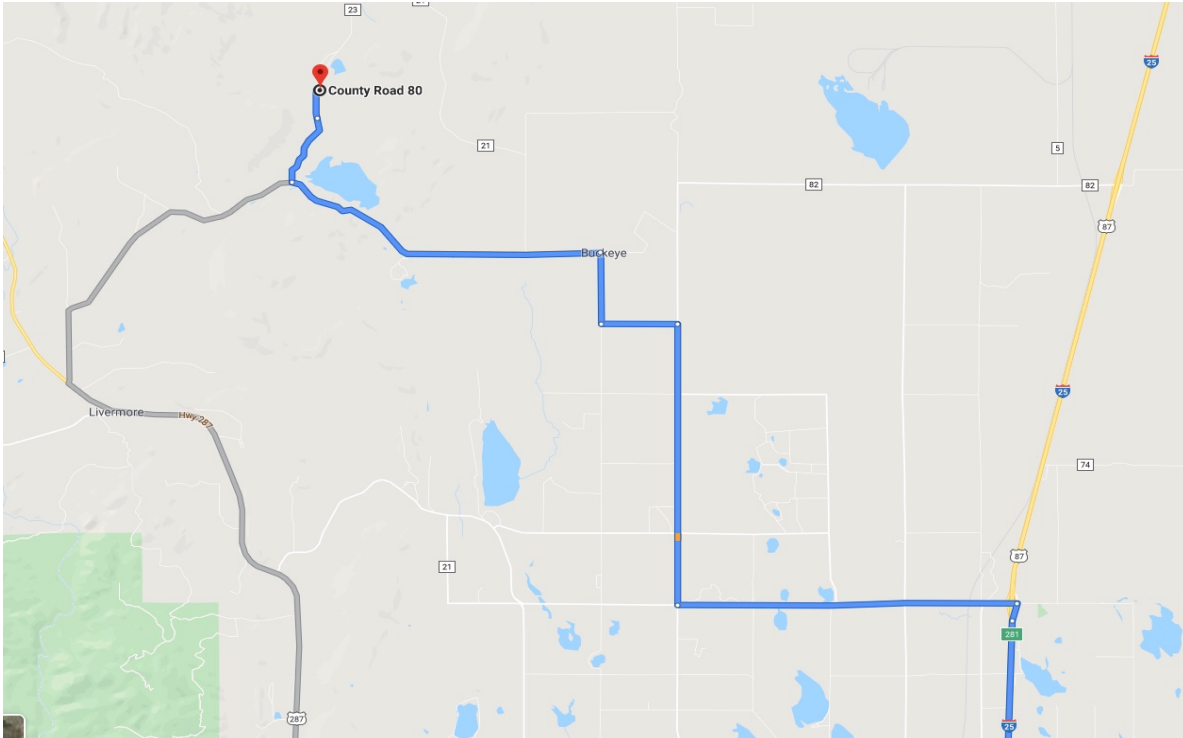
A list of all roads affected:

Depending on the place or origin, patrons will originate from two major roads to access the event: Interstate 25 and Highway 287.

- Here is a map for arrival to event property from HWY 287:



- Here is a map for arrival to event property from I-25:



Applicants will use emails, websites and social media and signage to direct traffic. When attendees approach the event from either 287 or I-25, they will turn at the Park Creek Reservoir, from CR 80 onto the Ackerman's private road named Red Mountain Ranch Rd. So they will quickly exit CR 80, preventing any significant backup of vehicles. Once on the Ackerman Road, they have about one mile before reaching the box office area (ticketing)--which will also have its own system to prevent the backup of traffic. Aside from the increase in the comings and goings of vehicles, Applicant does not foresee any significant impact on the flow of traffic in the event vicinity. Additionally, very few houses are on any of the roads that lead to the event.

Some portions of County Road 80 are dirt; however, those are regularly treated by the county with magnesium chloride or some similar treatment to reduce dust, wear and tear and damage from rain. Red Mountain Road is also dirt and two lanes; Applicant, along with the Landowners, have agreed to also treat this road with Magnesium Chloride or something similar.

Applicant estimates 5-10% of patrons will arrive by HWY 287 and the remainder by I-25. Applicant estimates a total number of vehicles on site to be around 6k cars:

- Estimate number of vehicles coming to the festival on:
 - Thursday 600
 - Friday (highest ingress day): 3600

- Saturday 1200
- Sunday 600
- Monday negligible
- Estimate number of cars leaving the festival on:
 - Thursday negligible
 - Friday negligible
 - Saturday 600
 - Sunday (second highest egress day) 1200
 - Monday (highest egress day) 4200

The duration of the event: July 30 at 4 pm to August 3, 2020. There will be one to two weeks of load in before the event and about one week of load out after the event itself; however, the Special Event site will be mostly returned to its previous condition, including removal of all temporary structures, trash, debris, signage, attention-attracting devices or other evidence of the Special Event within forty-eight hours of closing to the public.

The hours of operation: The campgrounds will be open to campers 24 hours per day. The campground opens Thursday at 4:00 PM. There will be concerts on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. The main stage will reduce its volume significantly after 1:00 am and close by 2:00 am. The medium and small stages will close by 2:00 AM and all amplified music will cease at 3:00 AM.

The expected water requirements (including the source and supply of water):

Per the Institute of Medicine at the National Academy, a 175 lb. person exercising moderately in a dry climate at moderate altitude with a normal diet requires 0.6 gallons of drinking water per day. The British Dietetic Association recommends a half gallon per day. Applicant's water plan is able to deliver roughly twice the amount per day needed to sustain an event with 15,000 patrons. In addition to the contracted delivery of drinking water, non-potable water can also be sourced from spring near event site if a need would arise. Source: [McDonald Farms Enterprises, Inc](#) (or similar vendor) is providing potable water from a municipal water source. There will be two 6,000 gallon potable water trucks operating in the venue and camping areas that will be refilling the free water stations.

The number of employees/contractors/volunteers:

Between Applicant and its contractors, there will be in excess of one hundred employees. The number of volunteers will be based on ticket sales, with the expected number of volunteers to be between 190 and 250.

Executive Producer/Manager's contact information:

Luke Comer (720) 218-2966
 luke@arisefestival.com
 -Manager of Arise Festival LLC.
 Producer/owner

The number and location of toilets:

Please refer to the site map for the location of toilets. There will be approximately four "banks" of toilets as follows: one bank at the box office, six in the campground area, two in Artist Camp/VIP Camp/Staff Camp area and four near stages. Applicant uses a metric of one toilet per one hundred patrons. So, if the theoretical capacity of 15,000 is reached, there will be a minimum of one hundred fifty toilets. Hand wash stations will be located adjacent to the toilet banks with one sink per five toilets. Each bank will have at least two ADA compliant units. [S&B Porta Bowl](#) or [Gallegos](#)

Sanitation will be contracted to provide and service the toilets. Service will occur between twice and four times per day depending on need. Applicant has identified clean and well-maintained toilets as an important component of the guest experience.

The maximum number of persons that will be permitted to attend at any single time: Maximum number of people on site, at any given time, will not exceed 15,000, including ticket buyers, staff, contractors, artists, etc. Maximum amount of individuals with entrance tickets will theoretically not exceed 11, 000.

The methods applicant will use to ensure the maximum number of allowed attendees at any single time is not exceeded: Patrons tickets are scanned when they receive their event wristband. This system yields real-time attendance numbers that can be read at any time through the ticketing software system. Applicant also has internal staff/etc system that yields real-time numbers for staff/etc.

Food or alcoholic beverages to be served (if alcohol is served a separate liquor license permit application is required): There will be a diverse array of food and non-alcoholic beverage vendors participating in the event organized around a central food village. All food vendors must hold a current Colorado Retail Food Establishment License and must operate in compliance with the Colorado Retail Food Establishment Rules and Regulations and follow the guidelines for Special Event vendors found at www.larimer.org/health/food/specialevent.asp. Applicant will provide a list of the names, operating addresses and the Colorado Retail Food Establishment License number for each vendor prior to the event. Following Larimer County Regulations, Applicant will work with a not for profit organization to apply for the Special Event Liquor License to allow for beer, wine and spirits to be served in the licensed area--but Arise will manage the bars and provide some proceeds from the bar(s) to the not for profit. If the License is granted, Applicant will operate a main bar and a smaller bar with T.I.P.S. trained servers and security who will be checking IDs at the entrance and wrist-banding adult drinkers. No outside alcohol will be allowed.

Temporary structures or fences proposed:

TENT LIST & SIZE (in feet)		
Box Office: 20x20	Artist Check In #1: 10x10	Artist Check In #2: 10x20
Main Bar: 20x30	Yoga Tent: 40x40	Security: 10x10
2nd Stage 20x30: (2) 10x10	3rd Stage Production: (2) 10x10	Medical: (1) 10x10, (1) 10x20
Star/Satellite Bar: 20x30	Catering: 20x20	VIP Hospitality: 20x20
Dressing Rooms: (2) 10x10	General Hospitality: 20x20	Vendors: (50) 10x10 or 10x20

STAGES:

- Main Stage: Custom, large stage, created from decking and scaffold. Applicant will apply for a separate "Building Permit" for this stage if required by the Larimer County Building Department. Applicant was advised to receive the Special Event Permit before applying for the "Building Permit."
- Second Stage: 24x24 decking or similar
- Third Stage: SL-150 mobile stage or similar
- Yoga Stage: 12 x 24 decking

Applicant will implement a Stage Operations Management Plan that will outline weather responses and live load limitations. This will be prepared in concert with the stage provider(s). An example is as follows:

OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT PLAN (All Mobile Stages)

IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN

1. PRIOR TO EACH INSTALLATION, PRODUCTION MANAGER SHALL DESIGNATE A RESPONSIBLE PERSON IN CHARGE OF IMPLEMENTING ALL PHASES OF THE OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT PLAN.
2. A MEETING SHALL BE HELD AT THE VENUE WITH THE STAGE MANAGER TO DISCUSS THE HIGH WIND ACTION PLAN AND OTHER OPERATIONAL ITEMS.
3. A COPY OF THIS PLAN WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE SECURITY TEAM IN ORDER TO HELP USHER PATRONS IN THE EVENT OF AN EVACUATION.

DAILY OPERATIONS PLAN

1. CHECK WEATHER EACH MORNING AND PERIODICALLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY.
2. CHECK STAGE DECKS TO ENSURE THEY REMAIN LEVEL AND PLUMB

HIGH WIND ACTION PLAN

1. THE HIGH WIND ACTION PLAN SHALL BE IN EFFECT FOR THE ENTIRETY OF THE EVENT. AN EVENT SHALL BE DEFINED AS STARTING AT THE INITIAL COMMENCEMENT OF THE STRUCTURE INSTALLATION AND ENDING ONCE THE STRUCTURE IS COMPLETELY DISMANTLED.
2. THE PRODUCTION MANAGER SHALL BE PRESENT FOR THE DURATION OF THE EVENT TO IMPLEMENT THE HIGH WIND ACTION PLAN (SEE ABOVE).
3. AN ANEMOMETER SHALL BE PLACED ON THE STRUCTURE TO MONITOR WIND SPEEDS. THE ANEMOMETER SHALL BE PLACED AT THE TOP OF THE STAGE OR AN ADJACENT STRUCTURE AT A HEIGHT EQUIVALENT TO THE HEIGHT OF THE STAGE. THE ANEMOMETER SHALL BE LOCATED WITHIN 50 YARDS OF THE STRUCTURE.

4. **WHEN WIND SPEEDS ARE EXPECTED TO EXCEED 20 MPH:** A TEAM OF QUALIFIED PERSONNEL SHALL BE PUT ON ALERT. ALL NECESSARY PERSONNEL SHALL BE IN PLACE AND/OR PUT ON STANDBY.

5. **WHEN WIND SPEEDS EXCEED 27 MPH (3 second sustained) or 35 MPH GUST or ARE EXPECTED TO EXCEED 30 MPH:** PERFORMANCES SHALL BE INTERRUPTED AND THE STAGE SHALL BE CLEARED. ALL WINDWALLS SHALL BE DROPPED.

6. **WHEN WIND SPEEDS EXCEED 45 MPH (3 second sustained) or 55 MPH GUST or ARE EXPECTED TO EXCEED 50 MPH:** ALL BANNERS AND SCRIM SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE SYSTEM. SPEAKER CLUSTERS SHALL BE LOWERED TO THE GROUND AND SECURED. THE STAGE ROOF SHALL BE LOWERED. ALL SHOW OPERATIONS SHALL CEASE AND THE IMMEDIATE AREA SHALL BE EVACUATED TO A DISTANCE NO LESS THAN 1.5 TIMES THE HEIGHT OF THE STAGE.

7. THE HIGH WIND ACTION PLAN SHALL BE POSTED AT A CONSPICUOUS AREA ON SITE. IT MUST BE AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES TO VENUE OPERATORS AND CREW.

8. A REGULAR LIAISON WITH THE NEAREST WEATHER INFORMATION CENTER SHALL BE MAINTAINED TO ASCERTAIN IF ANY SIGNIFICANT WEATHER EVENTS ARE EXPECTED IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE STRUCTURES.

LIVE LOAD LIMITS FOR STAGES

1. Stage decks are Plywood on Steel with live loads rated at 100 lb/ft². The Main Stage is 40' x 40' and may bear 160,000 lbs. The third stage is 24' x 16' and may bear 38,400 lbs.
2. Arise will limit stage loads to 50% of the design load limit: 80,000 lbs for the main stage and 19,200 lbs for the second stage.
3. The "star bar," "yoga" & second "stages" are 2' - 3' tall riser platforms. There is no roof and the live load rating is 125 lb/ft². Arise will also limit the live load on this stage to 50% of the design load limit (anticipated load is less than 10% of the limit).

Other information (requested by the Building Department in 2013 and 2014):

1. There will be no fencing over six feet in height.
2. Concert seating is open field. Patrons may bring personal low-back chairs.
3. Volunteers, vendors and employees will stay in hotels, RV's or their personal tents.

Fence Lines: Applicant may use the existing 4' fence line to enclose the bulk of the festival space, supplemented by panel and other fence where needed. Applicant will use fencing where necessary for security, traffic flow and other needs. The backstage area will be enclosed with 6' chain-link panel fencing with privacy screening. The fencing provider is [National Construction Rentals](#). Any and all fencing will have openings for traffic flow and emergencies.

The anticipated parking needs and how the need is to be addressed: [Squared Away](#) will again provide on-site parking/traffic/gate management.

Space: The industry standard metric for determining necessary parking is 150 parked cars per acre* with an average of 2.5 persons per car. The area identified for parking offers approximately fifty acres of parking. Consequently, Applicant has calculated that there is ample parking in this lot for a 18,750 person event (150 x 2.5 x 50) using the existing parking footprint without allowing for additional space necessary for car camping. With the adjustment for car-camping, there remains ample parking for a 15,000 person event. As to the Arise Festival in particular, attendees are big on carpooling and a higher persons per car density is typical. The occupancy rate was 2.65 persons per vehicle during the sample period in 2017.

*Applicant utilizes guidance from the United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration's ("FHWA") Publication on "[Managing Travel For Planned Special Events](#)." For non-striped parking, the FHWA advises using 150 cars/acre. The FHWA's metric of 150 cars/acre is applicable to non-paved/non-striped parking areas, both rural and urban.

Accessible (ADA) parking will be provided in the lot area closest to the Main Entrance. Accessible parking is calculated at twenty spots of the first 1,000 spaces with one additional spot for each 100 additional spaces. Using this metric, 59.5 total spaces are required. Applicant will allocate space for no less than 40 accessible car spaces (8 feet by 18 feet with 5 foot access aisle) and 20 van spaces (8 feet by 18 feet with 8 foot access aisle). Security/parking staff will be educated on the location of the area and the international symbol for accessible parking will be displayed. Additionally, handicap passenger

pick-up and drop-off will be allowed in the staff parking lot adjacent to the main stage. Though it is not a promised amenity, golf cart “runners” frequently give rides to disabled patrons between the ADA parking/camping area and the Main Stage.

Operational Note: Applicant will use a queue system to pull vehicles off the road and into the lot before the initial security screening and ticket check. This system is designed to keep roads clear and available for emergency access. Applicant will have 4-6 ticket scanners per queue lane and 4-6 security members per queue checking vehicles. Patrons who already have tickets will be directed to a parking “block” in the lot. Those who need to purchase tickets will be directed to a temporary parking lot near the box office and then directed to their spot for the weekend.

Multi-Modal Transportation: Applicant may contract (as it has in the past) with [Bus to Show](#) to provide bus service to the event. Five buses, each with 48 seats, may make multiple runs from Front Range communities to the festival. This transportation option will be promoted by Applicant through its various communication channels.

A statement of expected impacts to the subject land and surrounding properties:

Arise expects minimal impact to the pasture on the Ackerman Ranch. In the past Arise operated at Sunrise Ranch--an irrigated, cattle ranch. During 2013 to 2016 and 2018 and 19, the grass was minimally impacted by the festival and fully recovered. During 2017, there was considerable amounts of rain during the event which caused ruts into the land as well as impact on the vegetation. However, Sunrise Ranch graded the roads and reseeded and the pasture returned to its normal state.

At the Ackerman property, most of the land appears more heavily “grassed” than at Sunrise Ranch. Furthermore, Arise intends to use construction mattes to protect some of the more fragile grass in heavily trafficked areas. In the end we believe that these two factors combined will minimize or negate any impact upon the land from the festival. However if there is any impact, the Ackermans will use both their tools, know-how and manpower to restore the pasture back to its normal condition.

Applicant, including the Executive Producer, will conduct a “clean sweep” following the event to pick up any trash or litter including micro-garbage that may be found. Applicant must meet the approval of the Ackerman’s standard for removal of any garbage.

Applicants waste management protocols, security and the amount of buffer between the Special Event Fields and other properties prevent persons or trash from leaving the site. All waste water is contained and then pumped for transport to an approved disposal facility off site. Applicant will not pave any parking lots and the relatively small footprint of temporary structures like tents do not change the normal hydrology of the site. Runoff, if any, would be just as it is when the land is in its typical agricultural state.

A statement describing how impacts on surrounding properties will be minimized:

As mentioned before, the applicant sees minimal impact from travel to the surrounding property owners. Along the roads from I-25 to the event, neighbors may notice increases in traffic on major ingress and egress days; but, very few homes are along these roads. We also do not foresee any backups in traffic, except for possibly momentarily, along the junction of CR 80 to Red Mountain Road. Some of CR 80 is dirt and two lanes but regularly treated by the county with magnesium chloride or something similar. Additionally the applicant will treat Red Mountain Road with mag chloride.

Along CR 80 from 287, we foresee no noticeable impact upon neighbors, due to only small amounts of our attendees approaching from that way, and only five houses or so exist on that part of the road.

The festival grounds are surrounded by other vacant properties, mostly owned by the Ackermans, and almost completely surrounded by mountains. The closest neighbors to the site are over two miles away, and there are less than ten homes within three miles. For these reasons, Applicant does not foresee anyone seeing the festival grounds, except for attendees. We do not foresee any neighbors being able to hear any music or noise from the festival; but, we are also aware that noise can travel in strange and unpredictable ways so we will, in addition, enforce aggressive policies to control decibel levels, orient our stages and our sound systems even further away from neighbors. We additionally monitor sound to protect the hearing of our attendees.

Solid Waste:

Applicant will have the adequate number of large dumpsters for waste, recycling and compost, including two 30 yard dumpsters dedicated for waste and one 30 yard dumpster dedicated to recycling. Another 15 yard dumpster in reserve to be used if needed. These dumpsters will be picked up every day or upon filling up. We will have sixty (60) containers throughout the grounds for waste, recycling and compost (pictured below). All waste, recycling and compost will be removed immediately from the site to its appropriate dumpster once filled. All waste, recycling and compost coordination will be handled by a zero-waste contractor. They will provide on-site waste removal and coordination with local waste company for the removal of the waste, recyclables, and compostable materials.



Three-stream zero-waste management

Zero-waste management (ZWM) is the ability to process landfill trash, recycling, and biodegradable (compostable) materials, such as food waste, paper products, and bio-plastics. This system typically reduces trash to the landfill by 85% or more, if the proper product sourcing program is in place. ZeroHero will be responsible for providing waste stations and managing volunteer staff to be present at the waste stations. Recycling and trash removal will be disposed of by means of traditional local waste haulers. Compost will be collected and disposed of at a compost facility in the area TBD. ZeroHero will work with a hauler to transport compost to this commercial compost facility. Operational success of ZWM requires:

- A compost facility in the area.
- Clearly defined *waste recovery stations* (see attached photos).
- A volunteer base that can educate attendees to “put waste in its place” and reduce waste-stream contamination (volunteers are present at waste stations). Volunteers can also sweep venue for macro and micro-trash.
- A local waste hauler for compost, trash, recycling and cardboard (ZeroHero will coordinate all hauling and may haul some waste streams internally).

Additional information on Arise Greening: ARISE upholds forward-thinking standards to minimize the event's environmental impact. All food vendors are required to use compostable bio-cups and flatware onsite. Recycling and compost stations are strategically placed throughout the campgrounds and concert bowl. Water in single-use plastic bottles are not sold at ARISE. We offer free water at ARISE - bring your reusable, refillable water bottles. ARISE is joyfully committed to hosting an eco-conscious, leave no

trace, gathering and is eternally grateful for your participation in making this event a clean, green, 21st century scene. ARISE is particularly excited to have Eco Products on board as the Official Sustainability Partner of the festival. Enjoy the green life with [Eco Products](#) compostable cups and bags!

ARISE PLANTS A TREE FOR EVERY TICKET SOLD: This precious, life-giving, blue-green Planet Earth is the only home to all living things. The ARISE Music Festival is excited to, as it has in the past, continue working with Fort Collins, Colorado based non-profit [Trees, Water & People](#) to plant one tree for every ticket sold.

BIODIESEL FUEL: The ARISE Festival uses a blend of biodiesel fuel to power the stages, festival lighting and production lighting. Supporting Fort Collins, Colorado based non-profit [Biodiesel for Bands](#), tons of carbon dioxide is prevented from entering the atmosphere.

PRINTED MATERIALS: ARISE Music Festival uses 100% post-consumer recycled paper and soy-based inks in printed materials.

LOCALLY SOURCED: ARISE chooses Colorado based vendors and food trucks, and gives priority to those who source their products locally.

LOVE FOR ORGANICS: To provide healthy, feel-good choices, the ARISE Festival selects organic vendors and food trucks as much as possible. Don't panic, it's organic!

LEAVE NO TRACE: Be good stewards of this beautiful land and this precious Earth. Leave your campsite pristine and cleaner than you found it.

Emergency and Medical Response:

Applicant is negotiating a contract with Groove Medical Services, Inc. ("GMS") to provide on-site Emergency Medical Service (EMS) and Advanced Life Support (ALS) Coverage with Medical Direction. GMS provides M.D. Level scope of care with a doctor, nurses, paramedics and EMTs on site. More information on GMS' services can be found at groovemed.org.

The Medical Clinic will be staffed 24 hours per day. GMS is prepared to supply 30+ emergency medics to address the festival's needs. The final number of medical staff will be dictated by festival attendance.

The Emergency Vehicle Entrance will be marked with a red cross. Festival staff will be at the entrance to direct emergency vehicles in whenever the event is aware that services are inbound.

ARISES' EMERGENCY CALL-IN LINE IS TBD. This line rings to main production office team where radio dispatch is available 24/7.

A site walk through will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, July 31st, 2020. All first responders are welcome to attend. Applicant will invite relevant parties and publish the details at later time.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE

ARISE FESTIVAL - MANAGEMENT PHILOSOPHY

Management believes that when an emergency situation occurs on the Festival premises, it must, to the extent reasonably possible, take the necessary action to safeguard its guests and employees, and to minimize damage to festival property and the effect on festival operations. Arise management understands that such action should be preplanned in writing, prior to such an emergency and should be consistent across all operations. This Emergency Operations Plan, hereinafter referred to as the EOP is part of management's effort to meet this objective.

Our organization should be prepared to evaluate and respond appropriately to emergency situations, so as to prevent or minimize injury or illness to guests, festival personnel and the general public, and to minimize resulting damage. This will be accomplished through a combination of festival personnel and outside emergency response agencies, with the participation of each being determined based upon the severity of the situation.

In any incident, the response and participation in any emergency response situation by festival personnel will be limited as follows:

Fire: Festival personnel will respond only to a fire at the incipient stage. The festival will rely on the services of the local Fire Protection District, and/or other local Fire Departments to respond to fires beyond the incipient stage (that which can be normally extinguished with a hand-held fire extinguisher).

Provider: Wellington Fire Department

Injuries: Event Medical has capabilities similar to that of a small emergency room. Doctors, nurses and EMTs are available at Main Medical. Injuries/illness that require transport to another facility will generally be handled by:

- **Provider: Thompson Valley EMS**

In the event that a situation exceeds festival personnel capabilities, event staff will classify the incident, implement necessary evacuation plans, and alert the applicable outside emergency response agencies (i.e. fire department, EMS local emergency planning committee, outside contractors, etc.) as necessary, for assistance.

Our primary concern in the event of an emergency is the safety and well being of all personnel, guests and the general public.

This plan is intended to act as a guide in actual emergency situations, assign responsibility for implementation of the plan in the event of an emergency and familiarize festival personnel with local emergency response authorities, the location of the potential hazards and the plan to control emergency situations, should they arise.

NOTE: Likely Helicopter LZ is located at [40°51'45.4"N 105°10'03.2"W](#) Will fix this location after thorough review from the medical team.



INITIAL ACTION

Upon discovery of an emergency incident, or potential situation which could lead to an emergency, staff at the Arise Festival are instructed to contact the Safety Director in the Operations/Production Office through one of the following methods: telephone, radio, or direct verbal communication.

WHO TO CALL IN THE EVENT OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY:

During Load-In, Load-Out:

- Contact Site Director of Operations, if unavailable call 9-1-1

During Event Days:

- Contact Safety Director in Office via Radio, if unavailable call 9-1-1

MULTIPLE CASUALTY INCIDENTS (MCI)

Definition/Overview – Though a number of events may be called catastrophic or disasters, there is no one agreed upon definition of an MCI. For the purpose of this plan we shall consider an MCI to be any time that on-site EMS services become overwhelmed and outside resources need to be summoned. Should the situation occur that on-site services become overwhelmed and adequate/appropriate patient care becomes jeopardized, the Concert EMS Director will notify central dispatch and advise activation of MCI Plan.

Dispatch will notify local County 911 and advise the nature and scope of incident, the approximate number of casualties, best access into the area, possible staging area for incoming ambulances and any

possible hazards, including if decontamination of patients may be needed.

Concert EMS Director will send on-duty EMS Supervisor to Incident Command Post to function as liaison.

If a Multiple Casualty Incident ("MCI") is called, all Festival EMS personnel will follow the Incident Command as set up by Wellington Fire and Thompson Valley EMS. Once on-site, Fire/EMS are in control of the incident response.

Concert EMS Director will establish communications and triage station, close to the patients but outside any area of hazard

Communications officer in conjunction with local County 911 Center will notify all applicable hospitals of the need to prepare for incoming patients.

Concert EMS personnel utilizing the START (Simple Triage and Rapid Treatment) system will initiate triage. Attempts will be made to keep the triage area geographically confined in order to remain efficient. Patients will be prioritized after three parameters have been evaluated. Level of consciousness, respiratory status, and perfusion status are all briefly examined, and if a deficit is found the patient is High Priority requiring immediate transport. If all three conditions are within normal limits, the patient is Low Priority and is ok to have delayed transport. Patients who have obvious fatal injuries will be considered dead and will be assigned no transport status. Transport officer will report to the ambulance staging area and assign patients to incoming transport vehicles.

(POST-BOSTON) THREAT RESPONSE

- A. For an angry or hostile individual
 - A. Stay calm. Listen attentively
 - B. Be courteous. Be patient.
 - C. Keep the situation in control

- B. For a person shouting, swearing, threatening
 - A. Signal a coworker, or supervisor, that you need help
 - B. Do not make any calls yourself
 - C. Have someone call Festival Security Director and law enforcement

- 1. For someone threatening you with a gun, knife, or other weapon
 - a. Stay calm. If possible, quietly signal for help.
 - b. Maintain eye contact.
 - c. Stall for time.
 - d. Keep talking – but follow instructions from the person who has the weapon.
 - e. Don't risk harm to yourself or others.
 - f. Never try to grab a weapon.
 - g. Watch for a chance to escape to a safe area.

- 2. Telephoned Threats
 - a. Keep calm. Keep talking.
 - b. Don't hang up.
 - c. Try to get a number off caller I.D. Write it down.
 - d. Signal a coworker to get on an extension.
 - e. Ask the caller to repeat the message and write it down.
 - f. Repeat questions, if necessary.
 - g. For a bomb threat, ask where the bomb is and when it is set to go off.
 - h. Listen for background noises and write down a description.
 - i. Write down whether it's a man or a woman; pitch of voice, accent; anything else you

- hear.
- j. Try to get the person's name, exact location, and telephone number.
- k. Signal a coworker to immediately call law enforcement

INCIDENT RESPONSE

The following is **an aid to assist** bomb threat response. This information is not a complete list of all factors required to be considered. Respond in a prompt and organized manner to protect all persons attending the Arise Festival.

- Use the Bomb Threat form in this section of the plan
- Obtain information as to the time of the call and the exact words used. Did the caller or person reporting describe what type of bomb it is, where it is and what time it will explode? Did the caller give a motive? Was the caller male or female? Was there any background noise?
- TRY TO GET THE CALLER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER OFF CALLER I.D.
- Emergency Dispatcher will immediately notify law enforcement.
- Personnel familiar with the surrounding area should be able to quietly identify items, which appear to be out of place.
- DO NOT TOUCH OR PICK UP ANY SUSPICIOUS OR OUT OF PLACE ITEMS. REPORT THESE ITEMS TO SECURITY & LAW ENFORCEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
- TWO-WAY RADIOS AND CELL PHONES SHOULD NOT BE USED. Therefore, "runners" designated by the Incident Commander must be used to communicate.
- If a bomb has exploded, isolate immediate area in case a second bomb is present. Second bombs are used to kill or injure responders to the first bomb that has exploded.

EVACUATION

Emergency personnel at the site can effectively respond when an evacuation is required utilizing this section of the Emergency Response Plan.

NOTE: It should be noted that there may be times when it is safer to stay in place, instead of evacuating to the outside of the festival grounds. The Emergency Manager will have to make this decision based on the information that he obtains.

EGRESSES: At the event site, the main evacuation egress is on Red Mountain Ranch Rd onto CoRd80. We also have two other evacuation routes (for AWD or 4x4 vehicles): thru north end of property and thru east end of property (they both meet up with CoRd21).

- **Determination to Evacuate**

Determination to evacuate can be made by the Wellington Fire Protection District or Larimer Sheriff's Department at any time they deem necessary.

If there is a potential for an evacuation, the following Evacuation Phases will be implemented:

Phases

- a. Emergency Response Personnel Preparation
- b. Staff Preparation
- c. Partial Evacuation
- d. Total Evacuation (to safer areas on the Festival property or off the property)

- **Evacuation Phases**

- **Emergency Response Team Preparation Phase**

Designated Emergency Personnel will report to the Incident Command Center (Production Office). Incident Command will be established. Personnel will assess conditions and determine if incident warrants:

- Partial evacuation
 - To a safer area within the Festival property
- Total evacuation
- To outside the Festival property

Once a determination for evacuation is made, the ERT will communicate this to Incident Command Center who has the overall authority to evacuate.

- **Staff Preparation Phase**

- ERT will determine when an incident progresses to a point when an evacuation may be imminent
- The ERT will notify the Incident Command Center advising them of the Staff Preparation Phase status. The Incident Command Center will notify all necessary parties.
- Incident Command Center will communicate via radio and/or telephone to the Operations, Security and all deployed supervisors and personnel of the need to evacuate.
- Operations, Security and all deployed supervisors and personnel
- Ensure that Event Staff is aware of the potential need to evacuate.
- Ensure that all evacuation routes are clear and that all gates and means of egress are open
- Pay particular attention to the requirements/needs of evacuating persons with disabilities.
- If/When the order to evacuate is made Event Security will ensure that the exit routes and gates remain unobstructed, instructing people of the need to keep moving.
- When all persons have been evacuated Event Security and other designated personnel will perform a sweep of the property.
- When the property is found to have been evacuated all gates will be closed and locked.

- **EVACUATION RESPONSIBILITIES**

In order for the safe evacuation of the Festival property, all Event Staff personnel must remain calm, follow directions and function as a team. The responsibilities of the following units during an evacuation are as follows:

- a. **Public Address Announcer:**

- At the discretion of the Festival Emergency Manager, an announcement will be made announcing the need for an evacuation.

- b. **General Event Staff**

- Ensure that all gates and exits are fully opened and free of any obstructions.
 - Direct guests to the closest exit in a CALM and ORDERLY MANNER.
 - Prohibit re-entry into the Festival property.
 - Look for and assist guests with disabilities. Staff who escort guests or other staff with disabilities shall stay with them until they are safely removed the property and out of harm's way.
 - Be the last to leave their assigned areas.
 - After clearing their area, re-assemble with their supervisor at the location of their pre-event meeting.

c. **Parking Staff**

The Festival Emergency Manager or his/her designee shall be responsible for notifying Parking and Shuttle staff supervisors that an evacuation order exists. Upon receiving this signal, Parking personnel shall:

- Conduct themselves in a PROFESSIONAL MANNER by REMAINING CALM
- Immediately report to their pre-event assigned positions and follow the directives of emergency response personnel and their supervisors to direct pedestrian and vehicle (if permitted) traffic away from the Festival.
- If vehicles are allowed to exit, normal traffic patterns should be used at the normal exits and the emergency exits.

d. **Concessions/Vendors**

Upon receiving the signal to evacuate, all concessionaire and vendor supervisors will instruct employees to evacuate the Festival property. Upon receiving this directive:

- All concessionaire and vendors shall immediately cease all sales
- All stands shall immediately close the stand, turn off all equipment, secure any monies in the stand and lead their crew to the nearest exit.
- Upon completion, the Incident Command Center shall be notified that all retail areas are closed and all staff are exiting the property.

e. **Medical Staff**

Upon hearing an Evacuation Notice, Medical staff shall remain at their post and follow the directions of the Festival Emergency Manager and Incident Command Center.

While under emergency conditions, the staff shall:

- Coordinate their efforts with emergency response personnel.
- At the direction of the EMS Director, assist emergency response personnel as needed.
- During an evacuation, set up and maintain triage ready conditions.

f. **Operations**

The personnel assigned to Operations shall be under the supervision of the Operations Director. During an emergency the Operations Director and/or the Operations Manager shall coordinate the response of their employees to the scene. If necessary, these staff shall:

- Shut down utilities as needed.
 - It is important to note that in order to prevent panic, every effort shall be made to maintain lighting during emergency conditions
- Assist other departments as available and needed

g. **Administrative Personnel**

- Ensure that all Administrative areas are secured and remain locked.
- Restrict entrance to this area only to staff and emergency response personnel.
- Only leave their position when or if they are in imminent danger or when directed to do so by their supervisor or emergency response personnel.

EVACUATING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The notification, protection, evacuation, transportation and medical attention of persons with disabilities will be given the highest priority in all emergencies. In cases of evacuation, the Incident Command Center should be notified immediately for assistance.

During evacuation, Event Staff should attempt to assist persons with disabilities to a safer area or exit from the Festival property. The Incident Command Center should be made aware of the locations of

any persons who could not be evacuated safely and who remain on the Festival property. During evacuation, Event Security should attempt to assist persons with disabilities to a safer area or exit from the Festival property. The Incident Command Center should be made aware of the locations of any persons who could not be evacuated safely and who remain inside the Festival property. In general, the following guidelines may be used:

- **BLIND, BUT MOBILE, PERSONS** should first be moved out of the rush of traffic. Then, they should be assisted to the nearest exit.
- **DEAF, BUT MOBILE, PERSONS** may be unaware of the need to evacuate. They should be calmly advised of the need to evacuate and then guided to the nearest exit.
- **TEMPORARILY IMMOBILIZED PERSONS** (including those people wearing casts and/or using canes or crutches) should be given assistance as needed based on their ability to maneuver to an exit or to a safer area.
- **PERMANENTLY IMMOBILIZED PERSONS** (those individuals who have either limited or no use of their legs and must rely on crutches, wheelchairs or walkers for transport) should be assisted as follows:
 - As soon as an emergency is known, one Event Staff person should remain with and assist the person with disabilities.
 - The person with disabilities should be quickly moved to an exit if one is located nearby. If an exit is not close, then the person with disabilities should be moved to a safer area until it is safe to evacuate them.

OTHER OPERATIONAL NOTES:

Communication Equipment:

The Operations/Production Office will have a dedicated Emergency Communications/Dispatch desk which will be staffed by personnel familiar with emergency communication procedures. This office will serve as the Command Center for emergency situations. Senior staff will be equipped with multi-channelled radios. A designated channel will be provided for emergency communication with the Command Center. The Command Center will utilize redundant lines of communication and will be equipped with cell phones (with confirmed reception) to contact hospitals and emergency responders. Emergency dispatch will be on duty at all hours. The Command Center will also be equipped with a NOAA Weather Radio and will have internet access to monitor satellite and radar imagery.

Noise:

As mentioned before, Applicant does not foresee much, if any, sound affecting neighbors due to the remoteness of the location (at least two miles away from any neighbors) as well as its surrounded by mountains on all sides. Furthermore Applicants are orienting the stages to point away from neighbors, as well as to not echo from any ridges. Applicant additionally enforces its own sound policy, similar to what is used at Red Rocks, to control decibels and protect the hearing of our participants, through using sound limiters installed on soundboards.

Applicant will additionally stay within the Larimer County Sound Ordinances limits and most likely well below. During the event itself, Applicant will measure the decibels of any noise from the festival, just outside of the event site, as well as close to any neighbors to make sure we are conforming to all county standards as well as our own standards. If encountering any problems with noise and neighbors, applicant will adjust accordingly, on the spot. Applicant will use the Noise Measurement Procedures mentioned below.

As a result of all of this, Applicant foresees little, if any, disruption to the surrounding neighbors due to sound.

Noise Measurement Procedure

For the purposes of determining and classifying any noise as excessive or unusually loud, the following test measurements and requirements shall be applied:

- (1) Noise occurring within the county from a noise source located on private property shall be measured at or within the property boundary of the residential property where the measurement is taken.
- (2) The noise shall be measured on a weighing scale on a sound level meter of standard design and quality and in accordance with the standards promulgated by the American National Standards Institute.
- (3) For the purposes of this article, measurements with sound level meters shall be made when the wind velocity at the time and place of such measurement is not more than five miles per hour or 25 miles per hour with a windscreen appropriately attached to the microphone.
- (4) The Event Manager or his/her designee shall periodically measure noise being created by amplified sounds on the dBA scale during the entirety of the event. Measurements should be taken at multiple points and recorded. Special emphasis shall be given to taking measurements as close as possible to nearby Residential properties as defined by Larimer County.

Applicant will continue to comply with the Larimer County Ordinance Concerning Noise Levels in Unincorporated Larimer County No. 97-03.

Dust Control:

The property used by Applicant is vegetated in a manner that should mitigate concerns about dust control on the majority of the site. Applicant observed issues with dust in front of the main stage in 2013 and remedied them with having a water truck on site to “cut the dust” before performances. This strategy was effective and has been repeated since. The vast majority of patrons will stay on-site for the duration of the weekend, which will further mitigate dust caused by frequent traffic. Red Mountain Ranch road will receive a mag-chloride treatment prior to event by [EnviroTech Services](#), specific area that will receive treatment is highlighted in pink: [Arise Festival mag-chloride spray map for CoRd80 \(Zoomed in\)](#)

Lighting:

Applicant will utilize light towers (4,000 watts of illumination plus 8 kW of power generation) to illuminate ingress/egress points, emergency access areas and other operational components as illustrated on the Site Maps. Pedestrian pathways will be illuminated with LED rope lighting and other ambient lighting (Par Cans, LED Lanterns and other). The stages will be illuminated with professional lighting rigs exceeding five foot-candles. The above illumination shall not be allowed to shine or reflect unreasonably beyond the boundaries of the festival grounds.

Security:

Pending final contracts, security will again be handled by Ridgeback Event Services, LLC of Boulder, Colorado and CODE 4 Security of Fort Collins. The companies specialize in music events and serve Colorado venues and festivals. Applicant has now worked with both companies for several years and is confident in their abilities and they both have a proven track record at Arise. Security will control the festival perimeter (monitor fence lines), all points of entry, backstage areas and the beer garden. Other security team members will “float” through the parking lot, campground, and venue areas. Security officers will have access to two-way radio communication with Security HQ, emergency dispatch and

other festival departments. At present, Applicant anticipates having a security team of approximately fifty persons. Contingency arrangements are being made in case the size of the security team needs to be scaled up. Security will be on-duty at all times (including overnights) during the festival.

Power:

Power for the site will be sourced with several stand alone generators provided by [Sunbelt Rentals](#). Generators will be placed and grounded in compliance with State and Local Code. The Generator List will probably be as follows:

<i>Location</i>	<i>Generator Capacity</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Generator Capacity</i>
Main Stage	2 x 125 kw	Food Vendors	1 x 36 kW
Box Office	8 kW light tower	Craft Vendors	1 x 20 kW
Yoga Stage	1 x 56 kW	Catering	1 x 36 kW
Third Stage	2 x 56 kW	Star Bar	1 x 36 kW



ACKERMAN LAND & LIVESTOCK, CO., INC.
ACKERMAN FAMILY FARMS & RANCHES, LLC

December 17, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to confirm that my company is currently in contract negotiations with Luke Comer to host the Arise Music Festival starting in 2020. We can be contacted at the number below with any questions.

Sincerely,

Eldon Ackerman
President

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Feb 3, 2020

Dear Larimer County,

Thank you for allowing us to host the Arise Music Festival in Larimer County over the past eight years.

We hope to continue our relationship with you. I have enjoyed meeting many of you during our pre-application meetings over the past two months.

For the past seven years, I have been the executive producer of Arise. When starting to encounter multiple problems at our prior location, Sunrise Ranch, I decided to start looking for another location. At the same time, I reached a “mutually acceptable settlement agreement” with the prior landlord and producers and moved on with complete ownership of Arise.

After much searching, I found what I believe may be the best location in the state for Arise—right here, back in Larimer County.

The location has several qualities that, I believe, benefits Arise as well as the county:

- The location has no neighbors for two miles and less than ten within three miles. Our prior location had over twenty neighbors within one mile and over sixty within two miles.
- The location is surrounded by mountains on nearly all sides.
- The location has good ingress and egress: about ninety percent of our attendees will likely access from I 25; the rest from 287—and then travel very few miles on these roads, past very few houses, before approaching the private road owned by the landlord of the location, the Ackermans.
- While our attendees will travel on county dirt roads towards the end of their trip, those roads are well maintained by the county and treated with magnesium chloride which prevents or reduces dust and damage from rain. The Ackerman road additionally will be treated to reduce dust and impact.
- Given all this, we have reason to believe that any public in the vicinity will not see Arise, nor hear any noise from Arise possibly at all. Some may notice heavier traffic on Friday and Monday—but we do not expect traffic jams.

--Most of the location is well vegetated with grass, which should also help mitigate dust.

At the same time, Arise will maintain its same sound policies as in the past: we will control the decibels coming from each stage and also measure the decibels at the edge of the property and in the vicinity of any neighbors.

We will also maintain our same professional procedures and high standards for safety at the festival and many of our usual and key contractors are returning this year.

Arise cares about its environment and accordingly we intend to treat our location with great respect: to reduce our impact upon the grass through good management and leave no garbage on the ground and otherwise leave this place in good condition for the wildlife and the Ackerman cattle.

Below are the values of Arise. I hope we can all work together so that we can continue to practice these values in Larimer County.

Luke Comer producer/owner of Arise

We, at Arise:

Provide our patrons with the best experience possible.

Exhibit competence in the performance of our job, and consideration for all involved in our community.

Encourage open and honest communication between all parties. Anyone is allowed to confidentially contact top managers, including any producer, with any reports of wrongdoing or suggestions for improvement.

Hire the most competent and effective people for any job--and do not give special treatment to anyone based on their race, sex, sexual orientation, creed or any other characteristic outside of their ability to perform the job.

We, at Arise, orchestrate many modalities--music, design, dance, theater, narrative, lighting and social interaction--to create a safe and beautiful environment for our patrons to have meaningful, powerful and uplifting experiences that contribute to their well-being.

Applicant stands ready to provide additional information on any of the above or other performance standards upon request.

SUBMITTED THIS 3rd DAY OF February, 2020.

Luke Comer

Producer/ owner of Arise

ATTACHMENT B

Building

Status: Approved

Comments: Based on the application, it is unclear if these will be the same stages as the ones used in previously approved Special Event permits. Due to the change of location and this uncertainty, this year at least we will require building permits for all temporary stages that exceed 120 sq. ft. in floor area. I understand that you first need Special Events approval before applying for a building permit, but there is no option for me to Conditionally Approve this application.

When you apply for permits, please provide plans and specifications from a licensed Colorado professional engineer verifying that the stages will meet the code-required minimum 100 psf live loads for temporary platforms, how they will be attached to the ground (unless approved just resting on grade) as well as plot plans showing the location of the platforms, the occupant load and the means of egress. For the mobile stage, please provide the manufacturer's specifications showing design loads.

When this comment is acknowledged and agreed to, (conditional) approval will be granted.

2/18/20 Additional info requested was provided. Status updated to Approved.

CDOT

Status: Not Reviewed Yet

Comments:

Code Compliance

Status: Approved

Comments:

Colorado Division of Wildlife

Status: Approved

Comments:

Colorado State Patrol

Status: Approved

Comments:

County Clerk and Recorder

Status: More Information Needed

Comments: We have received notice of your Land Use special event permit application that indicates that you intend to serve alcohol at your event. A special event liquor permit application must be submitted to the Clerk and Records office no less than 30 days prior to your event. The application and requirements may be found at <https://www.larimer.org/clerk/recording/liquor/special-events>. Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Kayleigh
2/4/2020

Engineering

Status: Approved

Comments: Based on previous conversation with applicant, if any temporary improvements/facilities/safety features will be proposed in the CR 80 right of way (ROW), they will need to contact Scott Hamilton at 970-498-5709 to get approval and obtain a ROW permit.

All Methods of Handling Traffic need to be coordinated with the Sheriff's Dept

Health

Status: More Information Needed

Comments: The location for the event has changed to a very rural area with no supporting infrastructure. To protect the health and safety of the staff and attendees, as well as the surrounding environment and community, the Health Department has additional requirements. A formal comments letter will be written and provided to the applicants and the Planning Department. A few of the comment topics are listed below:

1. Due to the location, only mobile food vendors shall be allowed such as mobile food trucks, trailers, and push carts, which have function, running water handsinks.
2. No commissary kitchen is provided on-site for food vendors as with the past location, therefore a commissary must be provided by the event coordinator. Details will be provided in the comments letter on what is required but water, wastewater, power, refrigeration, etc.
3. Due to the location, water shall be provided by the event coordinator for the food vendors to fill their potable water receptacles/tanks. This will require additional water supply trucks/tanks on-site.
4. Due to the location, wastewater collection receptacles shall be provided for food vendors to empty wastewater tanks.
5. In addition to solid waste receptacles throughout the event, food and event vendors will require on-site waste receptacles/dumpsters provided by the event coordinator.
6. Though the area is rural, there are still residents and the topography does not provide a continuous buffer for noise. A sound evaluation will be required to demonstrate that sound levels will be below maximum decibels. In addition, the sound evaluation shall discuss the mitigation of low-frequency sound.
7. For water service, the suggested standard is not sufficient in comparison to the Mayo Clinic standard of .97 gallons per male and .71 gallons per female. Though the applicants reference is lower, the two 6000 gallon water trucks would almost be adequate if populations were 50% male and 50% female. To prevent dehydration of those at the event, we would recommend a minimum of 1 gallon per person (staff and attendees), therefore 15,000 gallons. This is in addition to the needs of the commissary kitchen and all of the food vendors.
8. Only two water stations are identified for immediate guest access, with an additional at the Medical Tent and another for staff parking/camping. Additional dispensers shall be added that are marked with flagged poles or other visible marker to encourage use.
9. With the remote location and need to prevent use and contamination of the surrounding environment including the on-site reservoir, we would strongly support a condition for additional portable restrooms to exceed 150 restrooms.
10. There are concerns with access to the site, as there are cattle ranchers in the area that cross County Road 80 twice a day creating a road block for over an hour at a time. This could in turn limit emergency services depending on the time of day.
11. The condition of the access road from CR 80 onto the site is unknown, so it is not known if there will be complications for trash, water and wastewater trucks, emergency vehicles, etc. Please provide more information.
12. A new site plan is needed as the PDF provided is not clear and the markers used are blurry. Please identify each restroom, additional water stations, commissary kitchen.
13. In the past, light shows have been on display late into the evening. Please provide more information.
14. The event application is a copy of past events held at a different location, The event application indicates that there will be 3 stages, but only two are identified on the site plan. Please explain.

Larimer County Emergency Management

Status: Approved

Comments: As in past events, please have procedures in place for severe weather monitoring and alerting to festival attendees. Maintain egress and ingress routes for emergency vehicles. Thank you.

Livermore Fire Protection District

Status: Approved

Comments: Looking at the Latitude and Longitude provided on the application and based on the map's parcel number: it appears to correlate to: Parcel: 9007000030, Schedule: 0301060, Owner: ACKERMAN FAMILY FARMS AND RANCHES LLC

This parcel is in Wellington's FPD. If you have information which differs from that which I just found please let me know.

Jim Herrington

Assistant Chief

Livermore Fire Protection Dist.

This may impact our district because of travel on US 287 and County Rd 80 to and from the site. The area is remote and at that time of year I am concerned about:

1. Human caused fires
2. Heat or lightning related injuries to participants
3. Severe Thunder Storms
4. Camping on private land adjacent to the site.
5. Do the promoters have any contingencies to address these issues?
6. Will they have EMS providers hired to assist with medical emergencies?
7. Will they have any fire protection available?

Parks & Open Lands

Status: Approved

Comments: Event will not take place on Larimer County managed land.

Planning

Status: Approved

Comments: There are 3 properties associated with this application.

All 3 parcels are zoned O-Open.

All roads providing direct access to the event are classified as local roads. CR 80 is classified as a Minor Collector.

There are no FEMA designated floodplains associated with any of the parcels.

The required setbacks for the O-Open zone district are 25-feet from all property lines. All temporary structures, camping and parking should be located a minimum of 25-feet from all property lines. We recommend locating temporary structures and event activities as far away from neighboring properties as possible.

There are several blue-lines noted on the USGS Quadrangle map that delineate waterways. There is a 100-foot setback requirement from the centerline of all waterways. All temporary structures, camping and parking should be located a minimum of 100-feet from the centerline of waterways to promote safety of participants and water quality.

Any proposed fencing shall be located on the parcels associated with the application. Any fence over 6-feet in height requires a building permit.

Any proposed lighting should meet the requirements of Section 8.15 of the Larimer County Land Use Code. Lighting should generally be downcast and not exceed one-tenth foot-candle twenty feet beyond the property lines.

All disturbed areas shall be re vegetated with native grasses to prevent erosion and weeds.

Poudre Fire Authority

Status: Approved

Comments: Event is outside the Poudre Fire Authority response area

Risk Management

Status: More Information Needed

Comments: Please provide a certificate of insurance with general liability limit no less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence / \$2,000,000 general aggregate. The certificate of insurance must name Larimer County as the certificate holder (Larimer County Risk Management 200 W Oak St Suite 4000 Fort Collins, CO 80525) and list Larimer County as an additional insured. Please note that Larimer County does not accept additional insured language that limits additional insured status to that which is "required by contract", however, "by agreement" is an acceptable addition.
Thank you.

Road & Bridge

Status: Approved

Comments: The condition of the non-paved portion of CR 80 may be a concern due to the large amount of traffic this event will cause. Historically, the average traffic counts for this portion of CR 80 are below 200 cars per day. As the heavy volume of traffic will undoubtedly affect the road, the condition of the road could drastically worsen over the course of the event. We cannot guaranty that our maintenance schedule will be able to coincide with the event.

Sheriff

Status: **Denied**

Comments: We have concerns with the distance for first responders to respond and the flow of traffic that is on roads that aren't designed to allow the volume this event would bring. We also are concerned because the weekend selected is also a strain on emergency services.

2-21-20

Comments received from Luke: We can discuss at the March 9th hearing, our concerns of Sheriff's Office handling all the calls for service. This weekend is the County Fair.

Town of Wellington

Status: Approved

Comments: Town of Wellington

This area is not in our jurisdiction. We have no issues.

Wellington Fire


Status: More Information Needed

Comments: The approval of this permit is contingent of the Completion and Approval of a Wellington Fire Protection District special event application.

LARIMER COUNTY | HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

1525 Blue Spruce Drive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524, 970.498.6700, www.larimer.org/health

TO: Katie Beilby
Larimer County Planning Department

FROM: Lea Schneider 

DATE: February 21, 2020

SUBJECT: Arise Music Festival; Special Event Permit 5720

The location of the Arise Music Festival has changed from previous years. This has prompted a new assessment of the event and services required to support the event in an effort to protect the health and safety of the staff and attendees, as well as the surrounding environment and residents. Please see the following Health Department comments to be addressed by the applicant.

1. **Food Service.** Information was not provided on the type and number of food vendors. Due to the remote location, multiple days of food service, and lack of infrastructure, the Health Department shall require that only mobile food units with functioning, hot and cold running water handsinks be approved to serve food at this event.
 - a. Mobile units are required to hold a 2020 Colorado Retail Food License.
 - b. The event coordinator shall submit a list of food vendors to the Larimer County Health Department.
 - c. All food vendors shall submit temporary event applications with proof of license or a completed retail food license application with payment to the Larimer County Health Dept one month prior to the event.
2. **Commissary Kitchen.** Unlike the previous location, this location does not provide a commissary kitchen on-site for food vendors to work from. Mobile food units are not approved to be self-contained and must utilize a commissary kitchen during multiple-day events. To ensure that food is prepared in a safe manner with operating equipment, the event coordinator shall provide a commissary kitchen on-site for the vendors to conduct food preparation, food storage, warewashing, and storage in a sanitary manner.
 - a. The commissary kitchen must be enclosed, with side walls, roof, and flooring surface. In addition, the commissary must have adequate shielded lighting, power supply, potable water, and wastewater collection.



- b. The commissary shall have a food produce sink, a 3-compartment warewashing sink, and hand sink, all plumbed with hot and cold running water under pressure, which drain to a wastewater collection system.
 - c. The commissary or other structure/truck shall provide enclosed dry storage.
 - d. The commissary shall provide food preparation tables.
 - e. A refrigerated truck with cooler and freezer units shall be provided for food storage, cooling and thawing of foods.
 - f. The event coordinator shall provide a detailed description, equipment specifications for the commissary, and a commissary layout to the Health Department for review and final approval as a condition of approval for the event application. These materials shall be submitted
- 3. **Supplies for Vendors.** Due to the location, the event coordinator shall provide water and wastewater services for the mobile food vendors.
 - a. Water shall be provided by the event coordinator for the food vendors to fill their potable water receptacles/tanks on their mobile units. This will require additional potable water supply trucks/tanks on-site.
 - b. Wastewater collection receptacles shall be provided for food vendors to empty wastewater tanks from their mobile food units.
 - c. Access to the water and wastewater sites shall be easy for vendors and for the haul trucks that service each.
- 4. **Solid Waste.** As with the past event, solid waste management will be with Zero Hero for all solid waste, composting and recycling. It has been acknowledged that two 30 yard dumpsters will be available for waste, one 30 yard dumpster available for recyclables, and another 15 yard dumpster for backup. Pickup will be completed daily or more frequently as needed. Zero Hero will also provide multiple (60) smaller collection bins for the 3 waste streams will be provided around the event site for attendees.
 - a. Please ensure adequate collection container stations are provided in the food areas, campgrounds, all restroom 'banks' at handwash stations, and parking lots. Please mark the locations on the Site Plan.
 - b. Please ensure adequate trash receptacle are provided for food and merchandise vendors. If food vendors use charcoal, wood or other solid fuel for cooking (BBQ, pizza, non-gas grills, etc), there will be hot/cooled ash needing to be disposed of in a fireproof container.
 - c. All trash containers shall be provided with covers to minimize wind-blown trash, odors, wildlife and other pests.
- 5. **Site Plan.** The submitted site plan with the application is not clear and the markers used are blurry making it difficult to identify the site features. The Health Department requests an updated/accurate map prior to the March 9th land use meeting. Please identify all portable restroom facilitate, trash receptacles and dumpsters, electrical hook-up points and generator locations, potable water taps for vendors, potable water stations for guests, wastewater receptacles, commissary kitchen location and auxiliary units (refrigerated truck, storage, etc).

6. **Portable Restrooms.** Adequate restroom facilities shall be provided for attendees that are conveniently located throughout the grounds, and sufficient in number for the maximum number of persons allowed at any single time attending the special event.

- a. The narrative indicated that 15,000 staff and attendees could potentially be on-site. To accommodate, they are proposing the minimum of one restroom for every 100 attendees. This is a common estimate for events limited to few hours and no alcohol service. The Larimer County Special Event Guidelines provide a restroom chart for number of restrooms based on population and hours of the event, as well as increases for things like alcohol service. Unfortunately the chart is not helpful to determine total restrooms for a site that is occupied for 24-hours with up to 15,000 people. In consulting the Portable Sanitation Association International website, they have a chart for larger gatherings of people but the hours do not exceed 10 hours:

People	Hours	Restrooms	20% increase for food and alcohol
15,000	10	188	225

- a. Even though the restroom total is only for 10 hours with alcohol service, this value is still 66% more restrooms that what was provided in past years allowing for approximately 1 restroom per 66-67 people. We anticipate that a 10-hour estimate will accommodate the averages between legal hours for alcohol service and hours sleeping. We also believe the increase in facilities will deter people from utilizing their natural surroundings to relieve themselves thereby protecting the environment.
- b. For each restroom bank throughout the event site, a minimum of one restroom shall be handicap accessible.
- c. Handwashing stations will be provided for every 5 restrooms. Handwashing stations shall be provided with soap and paper towels, as well as trash receptacle.
- d. The Health Department has requested a revised Site Plan. Please clearly identify the water stations, individual restrooms, and handwashing stations. Restrooms shall be located near entrances, parking lots, the saloon, throughout the event, general admission area/concert bowl, parking lots, and several locations provided throughout the campgrounds.
- e. Restrooms shall be conveniently located in areas which are also easily accessible for the pumping trucks.
7. **Noise.** Though the area is rural, there are still residents in the area. The topography is different from the previous event site so it is not known how sound will travel through the area. Knowing that the event has had complaints regarding noise in the past (prior to the sound modifications made during the 2019 event) it will be critical to evaluate the new site to ensure the same success. A sound evaluation will be required to demonstrate that sound levels at the property lines will remain below residential A-weighted decibels of 55 (7am to 7pm) and 50 (7pm-7am). In addition, the sound evaluation shall discuss the mitigation of low-frequency sound.

8. **Potable Water.** The narrative indicated that free water stations will be available for event attendees with the use of reusable water containers. Two 6,000 gallon water trucks will be on-site each day to supply the water stations. The water shall be supplied by a commercial vendor that obtains potable water from a municipal water source. For adequate hydration, the Health Department will reference the Mayo Clinic standard of .97 gallons per male and .71 gallons per female. Though the applicants reference is lower than this standard, the two 6000 gallon water trucks would almost be adequate if populations were 50% male and 50% female. Dehydration is a common concern for outdoor summer festivals with no shade protection, alcohol consumption and no public water supply. To prevent dehydration for all people at the site, the Health Department recommends a minimum of 1 gallon per person (staff and attendees), therefore 15,000 gallons of water shall be provided on-site. This is in addition to the needs of the commissary kitchen and all of the food vendors.
- a. The Site Plan identifies two water stations for immediate guest access, with an additional at the Medical Tent and another for staff parking/camping. The event coordinator shall provide more water stations/dispensers. These stations shall be marked with flagged poles or other visible marker to encourage use.
9. **Public Health.** It is recommended that services be provided and information be posted about staying safe and healthy outdoors at the EMT/first aid stations and throughout the venue. We recommend that public service announcement (PSA) posters/information for attendees include the following:
- the event coordinator shall provide shade tents and post a map of these accessible shades;
 - if not already provided, we would request that the medical tent provide hand sanitizer.
 - PSA about staying hydrated and have a map of the free water stations;
 - methods of sun protection by use of hats, lightweight, light-colored clothing, and sunscreen;
 - adequate protection against insects, such as mosquitos, ticks, flies, etc by use of insect repellents, clothing, and other means, especially during dawn and dusk hours.
 - advisements to not interreact/feed wildlife, especially strangely behaving wildlife such as common carriers of rabies including skunks, racoons and bats. Please promptly report strangely behaving wildlife and bites to the Humane Society's Animal Control Service dispatch for unincorporated Larimer County at (970)226-3647 extension 7.) In 2019, Larimer County identified 42 rabies-positive skunks. Several were located north of Fort Collins, with 3 in Buckley area near CR 80.
10. **Light.** Information was not provided on light shows during performances. In the past, the event has displayed illuminated images on the rock face of the ridge/hogback and into the sky during performances. One comment from the neighboring community was received regarding bright flashing lights. Lights for entertainment purpose need to remain within the event venue site and project downward rather than into the night sky. Please provide more information.

11. It is understood that there are cattle ranchers in the area that cross County Road (CR) 80 twice a day creating a road block for over an hour at a time while the cattle are in the road. This may delay emergency services and haul trucks for water, wastewater and solid waste. In addition, the condition of the access road from CR 80 into the site is unknown, so it is not known if there will be complications for the various commercial and emergency vehicles that will need to frequent the site. Please provide more information.

cc: Luke Comer via email: lukecomer@me.com

Jess Gries via email: jess@grieslaw.com

**ATTACHMENT C**

Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise Music Festival

Dan Miller <dcmliller625@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 17, 2020 at 10:01 AM

To: specialevents@larimer.org

As a rancher in Northern Larimer County I have spent my life as a steward of the land that provides the landscape views, rurality and substance of the agricultural industry to my community as well as Larimer County. My family has generously donated the majority of our property to the idea of preserving a ranching way of life for the future in the form of conservation easements. There isn't a circumstance that I can imagine that would lend itself to the idea of such an invasive and detrimental event being held in the heart of the area that I work and live in. There are certainly other locations that would be more suitable to hold such an event so please consider carefully what you would choose to discount for the sake of a few dollars.

Sincerely
Dan Miller

Sent from my iPad



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise Music Festival 2020 permit application

1 message

fauxpas1 via Larimer County Special Events <specialevents@co.larimer.co.us>

Mon, Feb 17, 2020 at 10:13 AM

Reply-To: fauxpas1@aol.com

To: specialevents@larimer.org

I have a few questions and comments in regard to the special event (Arise Music Festival) proposed for the Buckeye area July 30 through August 3, 2020.

While I am not exactly ecstatic about the obvious concerns of traffic, safety, litter, sewage, possible trespass or misadventure, alcohol and drugs, firearms, etc., I see that the organizers seem to have complied in the past with the County and various public agencies' requirements to make the event pleasant and safe for the participants as well as the local residents, and that they appear to be doing so for this proposed venue.

I find it curious, however, that the Colorado State Patrol approved the permit without comment and Larimer County Emergency Management only comments about access for emergency vehicles. There is really quite limited road access in to/out of the proposed venue. In the event of an emergency, particularly a wildfire that could block one or more of the few escape routes, it could be very difficult to evacuate 15,000 attendees as well as the surrounding homes, farms, and ranches, while leaving access open for emergency vehicles, too!

Will open fires for cooking and enjoyment be allowed?

The comments of the Livermore Fire Protection District are on point and should bear weight even though LFPD is not the first responder for the proposed venue.

As far as putting the stages and other temporary structures "on grade," does that allow the organizers to opt out of fastening them to the ground? This area has some impressive wind events, including microbursts. I believe adequate grounding of temporary structures is imperative.

"Waterways" are noted by the Planning Department, which has already approved the permit. Are these waterways irrigation ditches and easements? If so, I hope the controlling ditch company has been notified and will have an opportunity to comment, particularly if any access to the venue crosses their easement. Ditches and running water might make evacuation more complicated and more dangerous in an emergency.

Division of Wildlife has also signed off, but I would like to note that this area is regularly visited by mountain lions (two were killed nearby last year after stalking and killing livestock) and black bears are quite fond of the cornfields nearby (though generally a little later in the year).

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I look forward to your reply

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Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Fwd: Special Event Application 5720—Arise Music Festival

Bob Turley <bturley82652@gmail.com>
To: specialevents@larimer.org

Mon, Feb 17, 2020 at 12:28 PM

Subject: Special Event Application 5720—Arise Music Festival

To the Larimer County Planning Department:

This is to advocate for denial of Special Event Permit Application 5720, "Arise Music Festival."

My residence is at 3519 West Larimer County Road 80, a short distance from Park Creek Reservoir and roughly 3.3 miles from the proposed event site by the circuitous road route—much closer by the straight "line of sight" path followed by light and sound.

My objection to the event is based on two key factors, either of which should be clear cause for denial of the permit: 1) The event fails to meet two of the Review Criteria For A Special Event as defined in Land Use Code Section 7.5, and; 2) The application contains multiple misstatements of fact designed to misrepresent the true nature and scope of the event.

1) The event fails to meet Criteria A and D of the Review Criteria For A Special Event.

Criterion A states: "The applicant has demonstrated that the special event can be compatible with existing and allowed usages in the surrounding area".

The Festival was held, in previous years, at Loveland's Sunrise Ranch—a well-established events venue. Application 5720 seeks to relocate the event in a clear attempt to evade certain conditions imposed in previous years by the Board of County Commissioners to mitigate the impact of the Festival on neighboring properties. These conditions involve limits to both event attendance and hours of allowed amplified music.

In their attempt to increase event attendance by two-thirds and to allow amplified music until 3:00 AM, the applicants seek approval to hold the event at the "No Name" venue described in the application. This property is windswept steppe, shortgrass prairie of the region often defined as Laramie Foothills, and has largely remained undisturbed by humans over the centuries. It is home to deer and elk, eagles and coyotes, as well as a thriving population of rattlesnakes. This spring several mountain lions were spotted in the region, including some who eventually posed a threat and had to be removed. (I will leave it to other petitioners to point out the implicit hazards associated with allowing camping by such a large number of essentially urban or suburban dwellers inexperienced with the unique dangers of this environment.) Current land uses in the surrounding area are limited exclusively to farming and ranching.

The sudden imposition of 15,000 humans into such an environment cannot, by any stretch of imagination, be construed as "compatible with existing uses"! The commotion, the noise, the traffic, the litter, will all present a lasting disruption to both wildlife and human neighbors, on this (which admittedly is well within the property rights of the event landlords) as well as neighboring properties (which is clearly not within the property rights of the event landlords).

Criterion D states: The applicant has demonstrated that the special event will result in no substantial impact on other properties in the vicinity including environmentally sensitive areas or features or other lands."

County Road 80 already experiences a substantial increase in vehicular traffic during summer weekends, from members of the private group at Park Creek Reservoir as well as a steady stream of recreational vehicles using this as a route to Red Feather Lakes and other points west, including Highway 287 to Wyoming. The application includes estimates the festival will create increases of 3600 vehicles on Friday and 4200 on Monday. 90 to 95 percent are estimated to come from I-25—and therefore directly past my

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residence and those of my neighbors.

90 percent would translate to roughly 3,540 cars on Friday, and 3,780 on Monday. This increase, however, would certainly not be spaced over a 24-hour period, but concentrated into a roughly 12-hour span—say, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. This could yield an increase of approximately 295 cars per hour, or almost one every 12 seconds, on Friday—and 315 per hour and one every 11 seconds on Monday. Keep in mind this is only a projected increase to existing traffic, to be added to the already heavy current weekend flow, and further exacerbated by those temporarily leaving and subsequently returning to the festival.

The noise, dust (yes, even with dust suppression), and difficulty of leaving our own driveways would most certainly represent a substantial impact on my neighbors and me.

2) The application contains multiple misstatements of fact designed to misrepresent the true nature and scope of the event.

Referring to the attachment 5720 2920:

Under “A List Of All Roads Affected” the applicant states: “Aside from the increase in the comings and goings of vehicles applicant does not foresee any significant impact on the flow of traffic in the vicinity.”

Under “A statement describing how impacts on surrounding properties will be minimized” the applicant states: “As mentioned before, the applicant sees minimal impact from travel to the surrounding property owners.”

Both these statements are false, as evidenced in my demonstration of the event’s failure to meet Criterion D above.

Under “The Type of Event” the applicant states: “The operation’s plan is nearly the same as what was approved in the prior year.” And, in his letter dated February 3, applicant Luke Corner states: “Arise will maintain it’s same sound policies as in the past.”

Again, both statements are contradicted by actual facts. In the previous Land Use Hearing for the 2019 Arise Festival Special Event Application 4579 on May 20, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners voted 3-0 to approve the application under two conditions, both specifically intended to minimize the impact of the event on surrounding properties: 1) that ticket sales would be limited to 9,000; and, 2) that amplified music would end at 11:00 PM Friday, Saturday, and 10:00 PM Sunday.

The current application calls for an attendance of 15,000—and the continuation of amplified music until 3:00 AM.

In conclusion, it is my contention that this effort by the applicant to dump this event on your neighbors here in Buckeye—people who value and strive to preserve the quiet, the simple austere natural beauty of these lands that lie substantially untouched—is essentially nothing more than an attempt by an out-of-area profiteer to defy the common-sense conditions previously required in the public interest by our duly-elected leaders.

The application itself is seriously deficient and should be denied.

In sincere appreciation of your consideration,
Bob Turley
Sent from my iPad



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise Festival 2020 - #5720

Kate Pagliotti <katepagliotti@gmail.com>
To: specialevents@larimer.org

Mon, Feb 17, 2020 at 12:34 PM

> 2/17/2020
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> Larimer County Planning Department
> RE: Arise Festival
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> Planning & Special Events,
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> I am a concerned citizen, writing in response to a letter regarding the potential Arise festival in my neighborhood.
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> To date, my family has NOT received the letter sent by your department & to date, I am aware that ONLY 5 families on W. CR 80 have received this letter. Really? Why have some received it while others have not?
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> It would seem to me that an event of this magnitude would require a community meeting, Commissioners event meeting notification or a certified letter ensuring affect people are in the loop. Speaking of Commissioner's meetings, I see two special meetings regarding this event, those being March & May 2019 & at which time it was still being reviewed to be held at Sunrise Ranch in Loveland. When did the location change? And has there been any Commissioner's mettings on the change of locations?
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> We are outraged and discussed to read the details on this event. It appears that an army may be descending upon our peaceful farming & ranching community.
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> The numerous concerns are as follows:
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> 1. People & Pets - The amount of people (and possibly dogs) . Is this a "pet" free event? Was this even asked? I see nothing noted about this. But has the potential to be a huge issue as we all have livestock.
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> 15,000 people with 6000+ cars???!!!! Again, 15,000 people & 6000+ cars???!!! This is the type of event to be held in a STADIUM setting, NOT IN NEIGHBORHOODS!
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> 2. Roads - It is stated that some traffic will come from the south on 287 to W. CR 80 but the MAJORITY of the traffic will come from I25 and the route that people will have to travel is a long one.
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> Owl Canyon Rd to CR 15, CR 15 to CR 78, CR 78 to CR 17, CR 17 to W. CR 80 OR Owl Canyon Rd to CR 17, CR 17 to CR 80. All but around 2 miles of W. CR 80 to HWY 287 is a DIRT road. Going up CR 80 towards HWY 287 is a high winding narrow road.
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> This is s county maintained road. Is Larimer County Road & Bridge department going to use taxpayers money for road maintenance for a PRIVATE event???
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> 3. Park Creek reservoir - Is North Poudre Irrigation company aware of this event & the potential to have people crawling fences to take a dip in their reservoir?etc? Have the lessees of Park Creek reservoir been notified? Have the people that have memberships with Park Creek been notified?
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> 4. Trash - The amount of trash that this type of event has. No matter that its stated it will be contained, people are not guaranteed to place in cans.
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> 5. Fire Hazards - This time of year is the driest time of year. Is there smoking allowed? How many fire departments with man these fires if they arise?
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> 6. Noise - with the hours of operation and in our area, sound does & will carry. Having concerts last until 2-3 am is ridiculous. Especially in a neighborhood setting.
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> We choose to live in a quiet & peaceful area FAR away from people & these kinds of events. We do not want it!

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Please do not allow this to pass.

Respectfully,

Kate & Jeff Pagliotti
3259 W. CR 80
Wellington, CO 80549
970-371-6965



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise Music Festival

Angie <cricketgurl@gmail.com>
To: specialevents@larimer.org

Mon, Feb 17, 2020 at 3:01 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to convey my concern and dismay about the proposed site for the Arise Music Festival from July 30-August 3. My husband and I live close to the proposed area and we moved here specifically for the peace and quiet, to get away from crowds of people and to enjoy the abundant animal life that these wild areas provide for us. To even suggest having a huge music festival in this spot is ludicrous and I have many concerns, specifically about litter, fire danger, trespassers/campers on private land, and the effects that all this noise and light would have on our peaceful area and our livestock and wildlife. Despite "rules" being put into place, we all know that many won't bother following guideline and I for one don't want our area inundated with 15,000 people, loud noise and trash. Additionally, and more concerning is the worry about fire danger. We are in a severe drought, and all it would take is one thoughtlessly discarded cigarette for a catastrophic event to ensue.

I am most vehemently against having a music festival like this being held in our area. Please find a more suitable area for this event.

Sincerely,
Angie Frieauf



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Regarding Special Event Number 5720

Larimer.org <noreply@larimer.org>

Mon, Feb 17, 2020 at 7:27 PM

Reply-To: Sean Cleaver <cleavo761@hotmail.com>

To: specialevents@larimer.org

A message has been submitted to specialevents@larimer.org from Larimer.org:

I live close to the area in which this event will take place. I am not opposed to the idea of the festival, however I am strongly opposed to its location and timing and have some serious concerns. From the traffic, noise, trash/ pollution, sanitation, fire risk, drug use, property damage, and crime/ theft that usually accompany events such as these.

With the 24 hour, multiple day event occurring during the height of fire season as well as being in a notoriously dry area the high risk of a fire combined with no nearby fire station or direct route to one is particularly worrisome as I'm sure fireworks, campfires, and tobacco/ marijuana ashes are sure to be present. Another factor is contamination or pollution of the water in the near by Reservoir as well as damage and theft to those who have campers, boats, and other personal items on or around the reservoir.

One of my main issues is the around the clock noise that will be produced from the event angering and upsetting people nearby such as myself who are used to our very quiet community and will undoubtedly be able to hear it from far away at all hours of the day and night. This accompanied with the traffic will further irritate me and my neighbors. Both the traffic noise as well as the damage to the mostly dirt roads which will surely be heavy used by the estimated 15,000 attendees and staff. These roads are already rarely maintained and not designed for such heavy use over such a short period of time, this should also be put into consideration before final approval of the music festival.

All-in-all, I feel like this is an incredibly poor location for such an event and that many of the people who live in the area have not been properly notified beforehand nor have their concerns been properly taken into consideration. I think you'll find that many of us are opposed to the event occurring in this area and would prefer that it be moved someplace less disruptive or closer to people who would enjoy or benefit from such an event.

Contact Details

Name: Sean Cleaver**Email:** cleavo761@hotmail.com**Phone:**The email was submitted on **Monday, February 17, 2020 - 7:27pm**, logged in as: **Anonymous**



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Regarding Special Event Number 5720

Larimer.org <noreply@larimer.org>

Mon, Feb 17, 2020 at 9:53 AM

Reply-To: Elisabeth Ervin-Blankenheim <elisabeth.e@juno.com>

To: specialevents@larimer.org

A message has been submitted to specialevents@larimer.org from Larimer.org:

Hi. I am writing to express concern over the Arise event planned this coming summer. We have neighbors that will be impacted by the event, and live nearby as well. There are so many cars and people anticipated for the festival, that it will put great stress on both the sensitive environment around Park Lake as well as the road system and infrastructure. It continues to be very dry in northern Colorado and the chance of accidental fires is high. Maybe the group could meet at a location better set up for all contingencies. Sincerely,
Elisabeth

Contact Details

Name: Elisabeth Ervin-Blankenheim**Email:** elisabeth.e@juno.com**Phone:** 215-350-7338The email was submitted on **Monday, February 17, 2020 - 9:53am**, logged in as: **Anonymous**



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise Music Festival - July 20-August 2, 2020

Deborah Joncas <debjon2020@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 17, 2020 at 3:26 PM

To: specialevents@larimer.org

February 17, 2020

Larimer County Planning Services

Arise Music Festival – July 30-August 3, 2020

My first question is why the County only has to notify immediate neighbors, when this event will impact the entire community? 5 letters were sent out, I think that is inexcusable and less than using common sense.

Access will be a challenge at best. Portions of WCR 80 is gravel, winding and narrow in places and is difficult to reach from I-25. Summer afternoon showers turn that road into a mud hole. 6,000 vehicles plus those of set-up people, sanitation supply and daily servicing, performers, vendors, service vehicles, food trucks and the visitors. Also it is right in the middle of farming season, when the tractors are on the road. The western part of CR 80 between the reservoir and US 287, is through open range land populated by cattle and wildlife. Is that even public access?

Where is the water supply coming from for this crowd for 5 days, much less during setup? Will folks think they are allowed to access Park Creek Reservoir and think bathing there is ok? Does the Reservoir owner know about this proposed event? What about the people who already own camping permits around the Reservoir?

Does Platte River Power know about this event? If a wild fire were to take off, they could be in the path of the fire. They should be notified of this pending application and allowed input.

Fire would be my biggest concern. Will smoking be allowed and cars with hot catalytic converters be allowed to park on dry grass? Both are a recipe for a grass fire to take off, with wind to push it along and create fires out of control.

Medical Emergencies will be a real threat. I could make a large list, but I would think you know the main ones. Have you planned for rattlesnake bites. Hmm, this festival will be taking place during the time that rattlesnakes are shedding their skin, they are mostly blind and will strike at anything and everything.

Are ATV's going to be allowed? Sometime back, a person was killed on that property because of the steep terrain while riding an ATV, checking on cattle.

What about bringing pets.....I am a pet lover but guarantee that folks will bring their pets, not on a lease and will get lost. And add to that we have a healthy coyote population out here. And a healthy skunk population. Are the organizers prepared to deal with these things?

It is ridiculous that a group larger than the population of Wellington (9,994) (15,000 people attending the Festival) will attend a 5-day music festival on a remote acreage north of Park Creek Reservoir off West Co. Rd. 80.

I did find it very troubling that on the FB feed for Arise, they posted a picture of a sunset and said "Arise Family!" Its almost time to announce our future. Check out this sneak-peek!" New Location. It is as if this is a done deal. I sure hope the County will not approve without hearing from the neighbors and think thru the challenges the area and land brings with it.

Do not approve this application. It will prove to be a disaster.

Deborah Joncas

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Wellington, CO 80549

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Debbie Joncas

Today's new friend is tomorrows family.



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise music festival

Ginger Montgomery <gsmontgom@gmail.com>
To: specialevents@larimer.org

Mon, Feb 17, 2020 at 8:42 PM

Sent from my iPhone

To whom it may concern,

As a farming family member in the Buckeye community, I am writing to express my overwhelming disapproval of the Arise Music Festival in the Park Creek area. The fact that thousands of people are coming into our quiet farming community to completely disrupt our lives is nothing short of outrageous.

There are so many reasons to deny this permit that it is hard to know where to start. Introducing thousands of people to our relatively safe community is one of them. We have no regular sheriff patrols as we have, fortunately, low exposure to crime due to our distance from Ft. Collins. What happens when thousands are introduced to our community? Does crime increase because more people know of our isolated homes? We live here because we don't want Ft Collins and Boulder problems here. If they want to have a festival, why don't they have it there?

We are a working community and having our roads overloaded with cars during our production season isn't right. We need to be able to move equipment and haul crops. Haying is happening then, along with field work for other crops, and large equipment is constantly on the roads. Farmers don't take the weekend off and need access to the roads to take care of crops. These are their livelihoods and summer is when it happens.

Wildfires that time of year are a real possibility. When a fire was accidentally started at Park Creek reservoir in July a few years ago, it took the fire department about 20-30 minutes to arrive. A fire that time of year with the dry conditions that happen in late July could be a major problem. We are usually under a fire ban at that time of year and even if there are no campfires the threat from cigarettes and catalytic converters, not to mention fireworks, is high.

Their self-proclaimed "leave no trace event" is certainly a misnomer. How do you have 15,000 people occupy semi arid land with no trace being left. A fragile landscape like we have in Northern Colorado does not recover from the influx of thousands of "footprints". When I visited Red Mountain and Soapstone in this area that the city has purchased, we were not allowed to leave trails and designated spaces to roam aimlessly throughout the area. It would be too harmful to the land that is marginal in vegetation, receiving, unlike the Fort Collins area, less than 12 inches of moisture each year. Why then would good stewards of any land allow 15,000 people to roam the space up here?

It would be of paramount importance to inform the concert goers of the rattlesnakes that reside in this area. I live south of this area and have several rattlesnakes on my land each summer. There are also many of these snakes in the Park Creek Reservoir boating area just south of this location. The area of Soapstone that was paved for parking had hundreds of rattlesnakes appear on their asphalt lot in the fall of the first year when it was time for them to den up. Children and pets are especially vulnerable. The first aid tent should carry antivenin and personnel trained in snake bite. It will be a good 30 to 40 minute drive to a hospital, maybe more due to dirt and unimproved roads.

My concerns will continue year after year because, if the event is approved, it opens the door to not only yearly events but multiple events within each summer as well.

I could go on and on with more reasons why this event is not compatible with the Buckeye area but I won't for now. Just be aware that this is not the place for a 15,000 person camping event.

Thank you very much for your time in reading this and being open to denying this permit.

Ginger Montgomery
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Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise Music Festival Special Event Application

Ellie Jones <leranch@cowisp.net>

Mon, Feb 17, 2020 at 9:21 PM

To: specialevents@larimer.org

Cc: milecikara@gmail.com, mmatsuda@digis.net, msj130@skybeam.com

Please find the attached comments that are provided for informative review of the Special Event Application of Arise. After reviewing the proposed application, it is our opinion that this level of impact is NOT in the best interest for the resource nor is it in the safest regard for the participants and neighboring landowners. The safety issues of fire, non-existent cell phone service, medical response time, human defecation near a private body of water, trash/litter, animal/traffic hazards through open range and big game area on a very narrow gravel and wash-boarded, steep, winding road are very severe reasons why this area is NOT a good candidate for such an event. Last year's event in Loveland had participants being treated at McKee Hospital in Loveland for drug overdosing and abandonment of minor children while attending the event. My daughter-in-law was one of many nurses at McKee that treated individuals from that event.

PLEASE CONSIDER THE MANY SAFETY VIOLATIONS HERE AND DO NOT APPROVE THIS APPLICATION.

Sincerely,

Mark and Eleanore Jones

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To Whom It May Concern:

February 16, 2020

Arise Music Festival – July 30-August 3, 2020

My family resides on County Road 80 just east of Park Creek Reservoir. We live right in the middle of the impact area and received no notification of this “festival”! We have **very** serious concerns about the Arise music festival as follows.

Our Buckeye community is obviously rural, quiet and pristine and we would very much like to keep it that way. The negative impacts of 15,000 people camping, sleeping, eating and defecating on this area not to mention the noise level and trash/litter of such a large congregation of people (in close proximity to a private reservoir) and the additional festival employees for five days far outweigh any potential benefit. This festival will be invasive to a huge area of land and landowners including privacy, impact to livestock and wildlife, extreme noise levels past reasonable evening times, litter as well as speeding traffic on this narrow, steep and winding dirt road. It is to be assumed that road travel would come from both east and west directions to access the proposed site. Trespass is to be expected in this rural area. We would really prefer not to chain all our gates and patrol our properties. It is obvious we will have to patrol this area to prevent trespassing; stopping our work to do so and at financial cost to us.

ACCESS: The access road, West Co. Rd. 80, is a wash-boarded gravel road; steep, winding and narrow in places with steep drop-offs and is difficult to reach from I-25. It means following Owl Canyon (W. Co. Rd. 70), N. Co. Rd. 15, W. Co. Rd. 78, N. Co. Rd. 17 and W. Co. Rd. 80). This is not reasonable for 6,000 vehicles (some pulling campers) plus large trucks of set-up personnel, sanitation supply and daily servicing, performers, vendors, service vehicles, food trucks and additional visitors. The western part of Co. Rd. 80 between the reservoir and US 287 is through “open range” land populated by cattle and wildlife that regularly congregate **ON** the side of the road, creating real auto/animal safety concerns.

TRASH & LITTER: What about trash and litter? The wind out here frequently is between 20-40 mph and will send trash everywhere, as well as tents, canopies and even campers. Who gets to clean up the litter that the wind (and attendee’s) leave off-site. If you believe this won’t be an issue, you need to wake up!

This time of year is extremely dry and we are **very** careful with regards to fire. I guarantee people will have camp fires and with even a small breeze, can create a disaster. Livermore Fire Department and Waverly Fire Station are small and at least 20-30 minutes away on a good day. Not to mention that the cell reception in this area is extremely limited if at all.

MEDICAL EMERGENCIES: With 15,000 people drinking and doing drugs (this was a hospitalization issue at the Loveland festival last year) for five days, medical emergencies are to be EXPECTED. As stated above, the response time is not quick (no fault of responders). This is going to be a disaster!

PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE THIS APPLICATION.

Sincerely,

Mark and Eleanore Jones
2827 West County Rd. 80
Wellington, CO 80549



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Event Number 5720

'Patricia Miller' via Larimer County Special Events <specialevents@co.larimer.co.us>

Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 12:12 AM

Reply-To: Patricia Miller <drpmiller5@aol.com>

To: specialevents@larimer.org

Response to the special event: Arise Festival July 30, 2020 - August 03, 2020

This event notification was dated Feb 4, I received it on Feb 11, with a response expected by Feb 19. This is hardly enough time to come together as a neighborhood to discuss the issue! Short notice in addition to the fact that many residents never received notification!

The event estimates that 15,000 people will descend on our quiet community for 5 days. This is the equivalent of a small town assaulting and disrupting our peaceful lives for five days. The country dirt roads are not able to support this amount and type of traffic. The sheer numbers of vehicles will destroy the roads, as well as the heavy trucks necessary to bring supplies for stages, booths, art installations as well as vendors supplies and portable toilets. Taxpayers dollars will be used to restore the roads for local residents, for an event on private property?

The amount of trash that will undoubtedly plague our road sides will only add to the unbearable amount of traffic. I question the ability of organizers to control inebriated participants in the countryside possibly committing trespass, destroying property and disturbing livestock. The fire hazard at this time of year is also a big concern.

So at the expense of angering the few who will profit from this event in our area, I must question the wisdom behind choosing this site and vehemently declare that we do NOT want this event in our neighborhood!

Sincerely, Patricia P Miller, DC
3100 West County Rd 80
Wellington, Co 80549
970-692-3581



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise Music Festival – July 30-August 3, 2020 - Neighbor Notification #5720

Teresa Wilcox <RTWilcox2004@hotmail.com>

Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 7:05 AM

To: "specialevents@larimer.org" <specialevents@larimer.org>

February 18, 2020

Larimer County Planning Services

Neighbor Notification #5720

Arise Music Festival – July 30-August 3, 2020

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Please do not approve this application.

Teresa and Russell Wilcox

[1621 West County Road 76](#)

(approximately 3 miles south of Park Creek Reservoir)

970-217-2179 or rtwilcox2004@hotmail.com



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise Festival

'Alison Miller' via Larimer County Special Events <specialevents@co.larimer.co.us>

Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 8:28 AM

Reply-To: Alison Miller <millerkindagirl@aol.com>

To: specialevents@larimer.org

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in regards to the Arise Festival happening right down the road from my ranch on County Road 80 Buckeye, Colorado.

Please reconsider the location of this event to a more urban, populated area due to the increase of traffic, noise, and obstruction of peace in rural America. We are a ranching community who's values and morals don't align with the nature of conduct. The reason we live out here is to get away from the noise, not to be bombarded by it.

One of my biggest concerns is the lack of empathy for the land. The destruction from massive amounts of human interaction could potentially harm the ecosystem, especially with a lake close by. We are already losing land fast enough in this state, it seems more logical to have where location and buildings could handle this type of population.

I strongly disapprove holding the Arise Festival in the current location requested.

Kind regards,
Alison Miller



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise Music festival

Mary Beth Simon <mbsimon09@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 17, 2020 at 7:34 AM

To: specialevents@larimer.org

It's difficult to imagine that after years of working to conserve our ranchlands in the Buckeye area that you would consider having such an inappropriate, invasive event bordering all of our conserved lands.

I'm sure there are reasons why arise continues to petition Larimer County for their festivals. The county should reconsider that there are more appropriate venues where this festival can be held. ie Hughes Stadium, CSU Events, etc.

sincerely,

Mary Beth Simon

Sent from my iPhone

February 16, 2020
 Larimer County Planning Services
 Neighbor Notification #5720
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Please do not approve this application.

Susan and William Wilcox
 1745 West County Road 76
 (approximately 3 miles south of Park Creek Reservoir)
 970-568-7567 or codyboy1745@yahoo.com



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise Music Festival

'Robin Rehbein' via Larimer County Special Events <specialevents@co.larimer.co.us>

Sun, Feb 16, 2020 at 5:04 PM

Reply-To: "rehbein_robin@yahoo.com" <rehbein_robin@yahoo.com>

To: "specialevents@larimer.org" <specialevents@larimer.org>

I am writing to respectfully request the Arise Music Festival not come to our community on July 30.
Robin Rehbein

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

ID 5720 Arise Music Festival

luannlresort via Larimer County Special Events <specialevents@co.larimer.co.us>

Sun, Feb 16, 2020 at 1:13 PM

Reply-To: luannlresort@aol.com

To: specialevents@larimer.org

Hello,

ID 5720**Event Arose Music Festival**

I am responding to the application you have received for this event, which would be near the N County Rd 21 and W. County Rd 80.

I am not in favor of the county granting permission for this event.

I live at [851 West County Rd 70](#), Fort Collins, CO 80524 and the anticipate of the amount of traffic is not desired. Those of us who live in my area and north of here do so for the peace and quiet.

In addition, those who board their horses at my facility have also requested this event not be allowed to happen.

I request permission for this to be a NO.

Thank you for your consideration.

LuAnn Goodyear
Last Resort Equestrian Center.
970-568-7682



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise Music Festival permit

Judith Powers <judithpowers63@gmail.com>
To: specialevents@larimer.org

Sat, Feb 15, 2020 at 11:50 AM

I live four miles directly south of the proposed festival site.

I've read through the permit application and the concerns, and would object to this permit unless: the organizers make attendance contingent on the attendees respecting all the local concerns, including trespassing on adjacent lands, trespassing on waterways, especially the Park Creek Reservoir, and ensure that all pets are on leashes all the time in order to protect nearby livestock. That the organizers have security people who will enforce these rules.

Also, that all attendees realize that this is rattlesnake country and that by camping here, they leave themselves open to contact with and attack by rattlesnakes, and that their dogs are likely to be bitten if they encounter a rattlesnake. Treatment for a rattlesnake bite is in the thousands of dollars for humans, and at least a thousand dollars for a dog, which will then have compromised kidneys for life.

If the owners of the land are ok with having 15,000 people on their land on these days, and if Livermore Fire Department agrees that it could handle fire and EMT services for this many people, I would have no other objection.

Judith Powers
[13230 Starry Night Road](#)
Fort Collins, CO 80524

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Judith Powers
Freelance Writer
970-237-4353
judithpowers63@gmail.com



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise Festival July 30 - August 3, 2020

'Debbie Vesely-Beery' via Larimer County Special Events

Sun, Feb 16, 2020 at 10:18 AM

<specialevents@co.larimer.co.us>

Reply-To: Debbie Vesely-Beery <dvbasket@aol.com>

To: specialevents@larimer.org

Larimer County Planning Department,

I writing you in response to hearing about the possibility of the Arise Festival being in the Waverly/Buckeye area.

I am very concerned about this possibility.

First, our roads cannot handle the traffic from 15,000 people for 4 days.

Second, an event of this magnitude will bring with it, crime. Since it is way out of town, there will be less police presence just checking up on it.

Third, the impact of that many people and facilities is going to have a huge negative impact on the land, wildlife, and any water resources (a lot of us are on well water).

Fourth, trash - you know there will be trash - and there is frequent heavy winds in the area which will spread it to neighboring properties.

Fifth, July/August is a dry time of year and the fire danger is very real.

Sixth, alcohol is being served which will lead to issues. For one, drinking and driving. It puts everyone who lives out here at risk.

Seventh, this festival was held at the Sunrise Ranch last year. It makes me wonder why they aren't there again. Problems from last year so they were not invited back?

Overall, I ask you seriously consider the consequences that 15,000 people can have on land, traffic (roads), personal property, Red Mountain Ranch, crime, etc.

Thank you for your consideration,
Debbie Vesely
Waverly, Colorado
970-397-1231



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise music event

Jane Clark <jrc@frii.com>
To: specialevents@larimer.org

Sat, Feb 15, 2020 at 9:48 AM

This is totally crazy – let them have it in Boulder where it belongs. From their video, it looks totally destructive of natural landscapes, habitat, cultural norms and an aberration of normalcy of surrounding communities. Traffic nightmare, high risk of fire and human catastrophies. No good.

-Clark



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise Music Festival

'Mike Mast' via Larimer County Special Events <specialevents@co.larimer.co.us>

Mon, Feb 17, 2020 at 8:54 AM

Reply-To: Mike Mast <mmast@dbcirrigation.com>

To: "Specialevents@larimer.org" <Specialevents@larimer.org>

Cc: Lisa Mast <mikelisamast@aol.com>

To whom it may concern,

In regards to the Neighbor Notification for the Arise Music Festival to be held in our area from July 30th to August 3rd, I have serious reservations about how this will affect our land, roads, wildlife and personal lives. I live in the home closest to the proposed event and fear that allowing this festival to happen could potentially lead to many problems for myself and neighbors for many miles away.

1. The main path of travel for up to 4200 cars in one day will be narrow, country roads (some with deep irrigation ditches along side) that end with a dirt road for the last several miles. This is a winding road that is narrow in spots. This dirt road is often rough and extremely dusty in the heat of the summer. This road (CR 80) is only treated a couple of times per year with dust suppression and grading to correct deep ruts that often occur if a heavy rain happens. When we do get a rain storm the road becomes muddy and even more "washboard-like" and sometimes stays in that condition **for months** before it is treated. I've seen many cars unaware of what they're about to come up against take these much too fast for the conditions and then lose control. Also, the dust is spilled over in to our yards keeping us from being able to enjoy our outdoor area. The number of trucks and cars that are expected to participate in the weeks ahead, during the event and after the event will most certainly take a toll on our roads and we will be the ones that will pay the price for weeks and months to come. Also, we are a farming community and there's a heavy tractor and farm equipment presence in this area all summer long. We personally have a lot of that traffic in and out of our fields which is right in the area of the proposed event. This will be unsafe for our farmers if this amount of traffic is allowed to drive on our roads!

2. Another BIG concern for us in this area is grass fires. This time of the year it's usually VERY dry and the wind speeds are often 20-30 MPH or more up here. We as a community are very concerned about the potential of fires on and near our land. With this many cars and people it seems like we're asking for trouble. I'm assuming that camp fires may be allowed. Even if they're not, there will definitely be people smoking. The closest fire department is at least 15 minutes away in which time a fire could be out of control!!!

3. I'm also concerned about people trespassing on our property and neighboring properties that are near the event. We have cattle that often roam near the road where traffic is and just beyond our property it becomes open range where it's very common for cattle to be **on the road!** Events like this typically see people who are intoxicated and under the influence of drugs and alcohol and this is a recipe for a disaster. There's also a large body of water bordering the proposed event and I don't see how this is a safe idea if children become unattended.

4. I also can't imagine the amount of trash that will be created from this event. I know how hard it is keeping trash under control on my own property when the winds are blowing. I can't even begin to imagine how it will be with 15,000 people a mile down the road! They state that noise won't be a problem for all of us based on how far away we live but that's **IMPOSSIBLE** to know ahead of time. The number of bands, tents, people and traffic will disrupt our lives for not just the days of the event but the weeks before and after as well.

Please consider a different place for this event and decline the current application.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Mike Mast

[3310 W County Road 80](#) (Closest Home to the Proposed Festival)

307-214-5394

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Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise Festival

'Jeff Miller' via Larimer County Special Events <specialevents@co.larimer.co.us>

Sat, Feb 15, 2020 at 12:12 PM

Reply-To: Jeff Miller <millerjeff495@yahoo.com>

To: "specialevents@larimer.org" <specialevents@larimer.org>

Jeffrey A. Miller

[3669 W. County Rd 80](#)

Wellington, CO 80549

February 15, 2020

Larimer County Planning Department

P.O. Box 1190

Fort Collins, CO 80522

Dear Planning Dept,

The request for the Arise Music Festival to be held at:

West of County Road 21, north of County Road 80 abutting to the north side of Park Creek Reservoir on parcels 9006000016, 900700030, 9006000017,

Should be **unequivocally denied!**

These concerns are to include traffic, litter, campers trespassing, animals off-leash, no cell phone service within 2 miles of location, potential fires, excessive drug behavior, accidents, harvest season, use of drones, unlawful use of Park Creek Reservoir, and the effects that noise, lights, and this many people may have on residents, livestock, and wildlife.

Jeffrey A. Miller

Miller Family Partnership

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Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

ARISE Festival

'Brenda Scofield' via Larimer County Special Events <specialevents@co.larimer.co.us> Sat, Feb 15, 2020 at 4:08 PM
Reply-To: Brenda Scofield <warriorscheyenne@yahoo.com>
To: "specialevents@larimer.org" <specialevents@larimer.org>

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a resident of Waverly, and it has come to my attention there has been an application submitted to have the ARISE Festival in relatively close proximity of my home. I am wholly and completely opposed to this for the following reasons:

1. Are Roads to the venue equipped to handle that amount of traffic in such a short period of time?
2. Are there adequate sanitation facilities? Is there potable water?
3. Reasonable emergence response times
4. This is a 24 hour event with alcohol being served and I feel this puts our community at unnecessary risk with such a large group.
5. Peak of wildfire season.

While I understand this is being held on private property, and all safety and code requirements will undoubtedly be met, I feel it would negatively affect our community. Please consider holding this festival at the old CSU stadium location. The grounds there are much more suitable to handle that kind of traffic, sanitation requirements, emergency/security necessities.

Sincerely Concerned Resident of Waverly,
Brenda Scofield



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise Festival in Larimer County

Cheryl Swanson <cswanson701@gmail.com>
To: specialevents@larimer.org

Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 8:52 AM

I am writing to you with my concerns regarding the proposed Arise Festival in July and August 2020.

While the Festival is proposed to be held on private land, there is the potential for the public of Larimer County to be negatively impacted in several ways..

The roads to the proposed site are dirt. If we assume the festival reaches their target of 15,000 people and we assume there is 4 people per vehicle, there is still upwards of 3,700 vehicles and it is unlikely that there will be that many individuals in each car, putting the vehicle total much higher. This road is not currently well traveled and probably doesn't see that many vehicles in a year. 4,000 in a year.

This does not include all the traffic that will be required to set up and take down the infrastructure needed for this festival. Which brings me to the next issue.

Because the land on which the festival is proposed to take place is open land and will require large amounts of infrastructure.

The festival grounds will have to be literally built from the ground up. So all the tents, stages, and tents, etc for all the "solutions village, visionary art installations, theme camps, local craft and food vendors, a kids' village, yoga tent and a community organization plaza" will have to be brought in over the dirt roads.

Since there is no electricity, water, or waste facilities there, it will all have to be hauled in and out. This will mean a very, very large number of potable water trucks, generators, portapotties, light stands, and trash dumpsters will be required. The heavy vehicles required to build and maintain the infrastructure will do damage to the roads as well.

This area is pristine and the generators required and lights for evening activities will be a blight on an otherwise silent and dark area.

15,000 people on that dry land will turn it into nothing but dirt. Park Creek Reservoir is within one of the proposed parcels. Run off from the festival could reach the reservoir. While the reservoir is not meant for drinking water, it is used on our crops and I would surmise that with 15,000 people, many of them camping, there is likely to be human waste runoff as well.

The Wellington Fire Department is underfunded and this will negatively impact them, and therefore, the rest of Larimer County Residents.

The Livermore Fire Protection District raises very good questions.

1. Human caused fires
2. Heat or lightning related injuries to participants
3. Severe Thunder Storms
4. Camping on private land adjacent to the site.
5. Do the promoters have any contingencies to address these issues?
6. Will they have EMS providers hired to assist with medical emergencies?
7. Will they have any fire protection available?

The road going west to east goes through open range land. Too much traffic will disturb the cattle the graze there, not to mention the potential for a collision between a car and a cow. Should this happen, someone from the Larimer County Brand Inspection office will have to go to the scene of the accident.

The road leading to the site coming from the east, is very steep and winding. It stands to reason that festival goers will imbibe in marijuana (Likely) and alcohol (certainly) and then try to drive home using that road, since it is the shortest way

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to Fort Collins, thus creating a high potential for accidents. A vehicle accident will require our County Sheriff and Firemen to go to the scene of the accident, thus increasing their workload.

I respectfully request that this permit not be allowed.

Regards,

Cheryl Swanson
970-227-8254



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Regarding Special Event Number 5720

Larimer.org <noreply@larimer.org>

Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 8:55 AM

Reply-To: Amie Chouanard <amiecho@msn.com>

To: specialevents@larimer.org

A message has been submitted to specialevents@larimer.org from Larimer.org:

I am against the Arise Festival event.

The area is way to dry for this event and concern with the amount of people that will be attending.

Contact Details

Name: Amie Chouanard

Email: amiecho@msn.com

Phone: 970 290 1745

The email was submitted on **Tuesday, February 18, 2020 - 8:55am**, logged in as: **Anonymous**



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

special events permit number 5720

K Hart <khart@skybeam.com>
Reply-To: khart@skybeam.com
To: specialevents@larimer.org

Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 8:58 AM

As long-time residents of the Waverly area, my husband and I are both aware of the environmentally-sensitive nature of our local area including the county parcels identified for the purpose of the 2020 Arise Music Festival. We see this type of event as proposed in permit application id # 5720 as being in direct conflict with the aims and wishes of local property owners/taxpayers. We are **AGAINST** the granting/approval of the permit for this event. We would like to be appraised of the status of this application.

Karen Hart
Rob MacDonald
320 E. County Rd. 66, Fort Collins CO 80524.



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

residents against 2020 Arise music festival Larimer event id permit application #5720

Rob MacDonald <macrobertson@skybeam.com>

Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 8:48 AM

Reply-To: macrobertson@skybeam.com

To: specialevents@larimer.org

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Robertson MacDonald

Karen Hart

320 E. County Rd. 66, Fort Collins CO 80524.



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise Music Festival Threatens protected Bird Populations

'Art Advocate' via Larimer County Special Events <specialevents@co.larimer.co.us>

Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 10:06 AM

Reply-To: Art Advocate <castranova@yahoo.com>

To: "specialevents@larimer.org" <specialevents@larimer.org>, Alan Carlson <crosscreekrancher@yahoo.com>, Rene Lee <rene@livermorecommunityclub.org>

Dear Sirs,

This festival is on land that has been preserved for hundreds of years and not intended for public use. It is private land.

Also, there are preserved species of birds on this land such as; the mountain plover, burrowing owl, great hand eagles, which prevent it from being used for events, as this will disturb these protected bird's habitats.

Please refer to the protected species list : [Colorado Parks and Wildlife](#)

Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Colorado Parks and Wildlife is a nationally recognized leader in conservation, outdoor recreation and wildlife m...

Due to the protected species conservation act in Colorado you will need to find find another parcel to host your event on.

I will personally go to the newspapers if this event is not canceled.

Sincerely, Karen Mary Castranova
(Board member of Livermore Community Hall)

CC; My attorney and board member of Livermore Community Hall

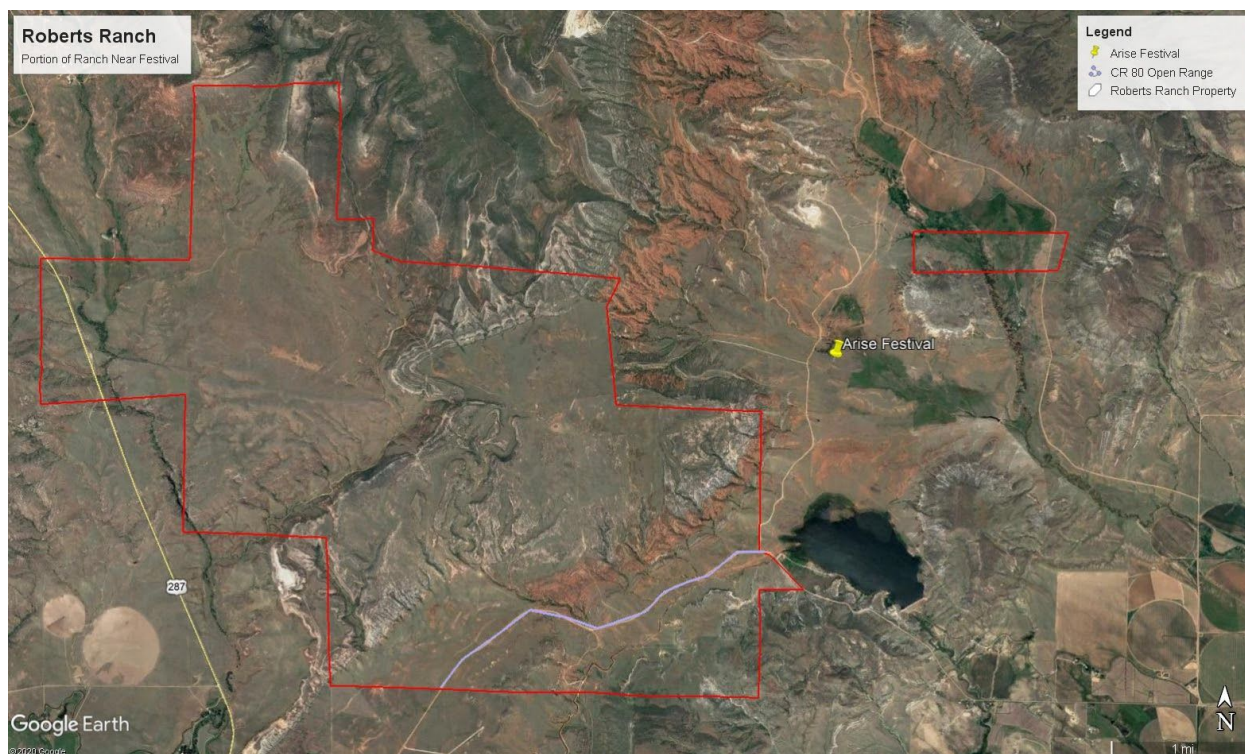
Date: 2/13/2019

From: Roberts Ranch Preservation Trust
Livermore Colorado

To: Larimer County Planning Department/Special Events

ID: 5720 **Event:** Arise Music Festival

Roberts Ranch has property both east and west of this location and the main access crosses several miles of open range on the Roberts Ranch. The map below illustrates parts of the Roberts Ranch in close proximity to this Festival.



We understand the remote nature of this festival and appreciate the event planners attention to detail. Hopefully some of the concerns listed below can be addressed to assure a successful event without disruption to the neighborhood.

Concerns:

1. Trespassing, what will keep participants from wandering off on a little hike?
 - a. Dogs off leash, leading to trespassing
 - b. Security and signage to ensure no trespassing on Roberts Ranch Roads because there is no cell phone service within 2 miles of location.
 - c. Limited phone service leading participants to hike to higher hills on Roberts Ranch Property
2. Increased Traffic
 - a. Increased road traffic through open range with cattle on road
 - b. CR 80 doesn't have a posted speed limit, and there is typically 1 bad accident per year from traveling too fast, and 1 cow hit on the road from normal traffic.
3. Human caused fires: Will they have any fire protection available? This time of year the grass is very dry and a range fire can spread very fast...closest emergency service would respond in well over 30 minutes.
4. Impacts to livestock and wildlife from people, lights, and loud noises.
5. The use of drones exceeding legal limits of flight.

Thank you for addressing our concerns.

Sincerely



Zach Thode
 Roberts Ranch Manager
 AND
 Kathay Rennels
 Roberts Ranch Preservation Trust; Trustee



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise Festival

Wesley Hunget <awhunget@gmail.com>

Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 11:27 AM

To: "specialevents@co.larimer.co.us" <specialevents@co.larimer.co.us>

To whom it may concern,

As a homeowner on Larimer County Road 80, I must protest to the thought of having the Arise Festival, slated for July 30, at Red Mountain Ranch. This is a very pristine area, essentially almost wilderness, and the impact of having a massive number of people coming into it would have a very detrimental effect, both environmentally and ecologically. There is a lot of wildlife, particularly bald eagles, burrowing owls, the mountain plover, great horned owls, antelope, and many others, which we see regularly all around this area. They would be disturbed or potentially harmed by the onslaught of people attending this event. The number of cars, trash, noise, and chaos is not something we want here. If it is allowed to happen, the damage that will be caused is irreparable.

Alan Wesley Hunget
16060 Legend Way
Livermore, CO 80536

To Whom it May Concern,

We would first like to state our concern about the lack of notification to those landowners who potentially will be impacted by the Arise Music Festival. Any landowner that utilizes the roads leading to and away from the proposed festival will be detrimentally affected. The high volume of vehicle traffic will degrade the already poorly maintained dirt roads and compromise the paved roads. Since the primary access to the proposed site is dirt roads, the high volume of vehicles will create enough airborne dust and dirt to cause respiratory distress to wildlife, livestock and humans.

Fire danger is also a valid concern. The natural grasses in this area are already matured and dried by July, which increases the fire danger dramatically due to increased number of people and the magnified opportunities of accidents, such as dropped cigarettes and unauthorized use of fireworks. Response time of volunteer fire departments in our area are outstanding, but it is volunteer that is the key terminology. If they are administering to the 15,000 guests, will the response time to paying landowners in need be compromised?

We have personally witnessed that people in today's society do not respect a simple barbed wire fence as a property boundary. Due to the fact that the size of the venue is too small for the number of people, vehicles, vendors etc., we have great concerns about trespassing and destruction of property outside of the venue perimeter.

The proposed area of the venue is located within a large area of open range livestock grazing. This creates concern for all livestock that graze within this area.

For those of us who live in a secluded area, having this large source of noise over an extended amount of time imposed on us is unacceptable. It is a known fact that Arise has demonstrated that they are not good and respectful neighbors. Otherwise they would be at their former venue, not searching for a new venue.

Our opinion is that large venues like this should be utilizing existing facilities designed to handle large groups, like The Ranch. The desire to use private property is to circumvent regulations for safety and sanitation.

We hope that the planning committee respects the landowners in the affected area and denies Arise Music Festival a permit to hold the venue at the requested location.

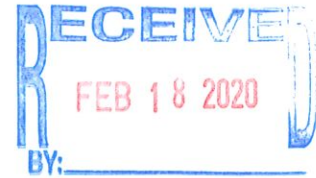
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (970)568-3904 or millerbeef@gmail.com

Bryant and Patty Miller, Owners

Miller Ranch

1626 W. County Rd. 76
Wellington, CO 80549

Henry and Katherine Obermeyer
303 West County Road 74
Wellington, CO 80549
Tel 970-217-4162



February 18, 2020

Larimer County Planning Services

Subject: Neighbor Notification #5720
Arise Music Festival – July 30-August 3, 2020

This letter is in strong support of approval of the subject application.

The owner of the subject property, Ackerman Family Farms and Ranches, LLC has a record of meticulously maintaining their properties which total some 20,000 acres in Northern Larimer County. We have complete confidence that the Ackermans will see to it that the appearance of their property is restored following the proposed event which lasts only a few days. We understand that Luke Comer with the Arise Music Festival has a favorable record in managing this festival at other venues.

We and our neighbors are fortunate to live next to the pristine open space made possible by the Ackermans and at no cost to the taxpayers. The pronghorn, deer and elk that we enjoy seeing periodically in our own fields rely to a large degree on the open land to our north, especially the Ackerman ranch which provides significantly more winter feed than the Soapstone Ranch or the Red Mountain Open Space.

Our family is fully aware of the costs of maintaining fences, wells, irrigation systems, and roadways associated with a large property. As the property owner of the proposed venue, Ackerman Family Farms and Ranches, LLC is entitled to collect some income from their property to offset such costs.

For those of us with no plans to attend the Arise Music Festival, forgoing the beautiful drive to the Forks for just a few days is a small price to pay for the privilege of having this piece of centuries past landscape next door.

Sincerely,

Henry and Katherine Obermeyer

A large, stylized signature in black ink, appearing to be "H. Obermeyer".

A signature in blue ink that reads "Kath Obermeyer".



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Festival

'Kelly Short' via Larimer County Special Events <specialevents@co.larimer.co.us>

Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 1:03 PM

Reply-To: "k_shorter1@yahoo.com" <k_shorter1@yahoo.com>

To: "specialevents@larimer.org" <specialevents@larimer.org>

Please deny the permit for the festival. The impact on the natural area would be devastating.

Thank you
Kelly Short
3044 N County Rd 19

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Regarding Special Event Number 5720

Larimer.org <noreply@larimer.org>

Sun, Feb 16, 2020 at 8:10 PM

Reply-To: Andrea Erhart <andrealeigh1029@gmail.com>

To: specialevents@larimer.org

A message has been submitted to specialevents@larimer.org from Larimer.org:

I am writing with concerns about the proposed Arise Music Festival. I live along W. County Road 78 which is along the route that most traffic is expected to travel. I am curious as to what the plan is for traffic management and safety along our road. There is also no speed limit posted along our road, which currently has concerned me, but further concerns me if thousands of vehicles are expected to travel this route. We did not receive a letter for comment regarding this event, but rather learned of it through neighbors. Thank you for your help, Andrea

Contact Details

Name: Andrea Erhart**Email:** andrealeigh1029@gmail.com**Phone:** 9705661078The email was submitted on **Sunday, February 16, 2020 - 8:10pm**, logged in as: **Anonymous**



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Opposed to special permit for Arise Musical Festival near Buckeye

'Marc Montgomery' via Larimer County Special Events <specialevents@co.larimer.co.us> Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 12:53 PM
Reply-To: Marc Montgomery <m_a_montgomery@yahoo.com>
To: "specialevents@larimer.org" <specialevents@larimer.org>

To whom it may concern:

I would like to **state my opposition** to the special permit to allow the Arise Musical Festival in the rural area northwest of Buckeye. I do so on the following grounds:

-The music festival provides **NO BENEFIT to the community**. The Buckeye Community is a small, tight-knit community that does not stand to gain anything from this event. There are no local businesses that can take advantage of the increased crowds. **This type of event is better suited in an area where the community can benefit, not just the out-of-county promoters and the solitary land-owner.**

-The music festival will create an unnecessarily **LARGE CARBON FOOTPRINT**. The proposed site is located 1-3 hours away from the major cities that will provide the majority of the festival participants. Not only will all the vehicles for the campers and vendors have to make the long journey, so will all the support vehicles to set up/ tear down the stages, vendor areas, and other facilities. All of this will greatly increase the Carbon Footprint.

-The proposed area of Larimer County for the festival site is a **DELICATE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT**. The historic area surrounding the Roberts Ranch should be protected from the massive crowds that will be engulfing it during the festival and well after. Much of the area is what can be considered "open range", this festival will encourage future trespassing and destruction of the environment as the thousands of participants become familiar with the area.

-The area in question becomes **EXTREMELY WILDFIRE PRONE** in Late July/Early August. The prairie grass can grow to excessive heights and the winds that sweep through the area can quickly spread an accidental ignition. With the quantity of people, vehicles and planned events, the chances that a wildfire is started increase greatly. Additionally, the nearest fire response is in Waverly and is supported on a volunteer basis, insufficient for an event this size.

-The area is a **SAFETY CONCERN FOR THE FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS**. Along with the wildfire concern, the area is well-known for its large populations of **rattle snakes**. This concert is promoted as a family friendly event and the possibility of unsuspecting people, much less children, being bit by one of the many rattle snakes is a very real possibility. Aside from the risk of rattle snakes, there are all the other health and medical concerns that are associated with very large groups of people out in the hot sun with minimal protection. As was previously mentioned, **emergency response is insufficient for the level of risk this festival presents**.

In closing, this event does not benefit the local community at all, creates an unnecessarily large carbon footprint, will only serve to further destroy delicate ecosystems already being threatened by the increasing populations, is a fire concern and is a safety concern. There are many concert venues, fair grounds, etc located between Boulder and Fort Collins that are much better suited for this event. That will benefit the local community, provide a safer festival experience and have lower impact on natural areas.

Please consider these points when deciding how to proceed on the special application for the Arise Music Festival.

Best Regards,
Marc Montgomery



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

ARISE

R B <iamlivebreatheride@gmail.com>
To: specialevents@larimer.org

Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 1:09 PM

To whom it may concern,

I truly hope the word has reached the community and you've received many emails in opposition to this matter.

These are all of our concerns. We do not want this in our beautiful countryside.

Cultural preservation of rangeland that is sensitive in ecological terms, valuable as a natural resource for aboriginal (Native American Indians) peoples and has buffalo wallows, fire rings, teepee rings. It was a ceremonial pasture for many tribes who looked to the East meeting the West and felt their own insignificance in this thing we call life.

- Protected habitat for birds: mountain plovers, burrowing owls, eagles for example

- We will be moving stock on this road all summer and riding is a daily event for us with limited water and rangeland. CR 80 is the only thoroughfare between pastures and that of water coming out of PCR and keeping the stock of the neighboring open-range ranches on their grasses :-). This is with all respect and kindness and little impact - our children ride, run and move stock horseback and with dogs on, across CR 80 and adjacent to all impacted areas.

- Impact on ALL residents and taxpayers in event planning and responding to this event, let alone approving it

- Fire, emergency, road impacts, drone-flying

- not to mention trespassers, undeniable and uncontrolled toxic drug, alcohol-laden substance abuse as previous festivals have proven to cause issues

Thank you for supporting our love and desire to protect some of the last of the western frontier in this area.

Rebecca Boyce, RN



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise Music Festival Event #5720

Denise Jensen <mtngal0@gmail.com>
To: specialevents@larimer.org

Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 12:54 PM

February 18, 2020
Larimer County Planning Department
Arise Music Festival, Event #5720

To whom it may concern,

After receiving the Neighbor Notification letter of the special event application for the Arise Music Festival, several concerns became apparent to me. Possibly at the top of my list of concerns is the size of the group - 15,000 people is larger than the population of Wellington. The proposed area off West County Road 80 is remote yes, but the area is home to a small rural/agricultural community NOT an event venue. It would seem to me a more appropriate place to hold such a gathering would be a designated event venue, which Larimer County has along with numerous privately owned designated party/event venues.

Additionally, I will list many other concerns I have:

1. Why is the Arise Musical Festival unable to use the venue they have occupied for the last 4 years? Were there complaints, etc?
2. Why weren't ALL residents and/or property owners on West County Road 80 notified of this event? The magnitude and effects of 6000 cars coming and going, plus set-up and tear-down crews will have significant impacts on all residents, not just those within 6000 feet of the property.
3. Traffic of crews and attendees having difficulty finding their way to the event location could potentially be stopping in, turning around, etc on private property.
4. Speed of traffic coming and going to the event, as well as the dust produced and deterioration of the gravel portion of West County Road 80 are all concerning. I'm not sure how many times spraying of dust suppressant counts as "multiple times a year" as stated in the application, but certainly not the couple times a year we receive it in my mind. Furthermore, after the event is over, residents will have to wait until the Road and Bridge Department have our road on their schedule to grade - leaving us to deal with the poor road condition until that time comes.
5. Park Creek Reservoir has several members who primarily use the the Reservoir for camping, fishing, etc on weekends - specifically Friday through Sunday (possibly Monday morning). The entrance to the Reservoir is located very close to the turn for the proposed location for the music festival. It would seem that there is great potential for entrance and exit delays for the members of the reservoir - how will this be addressed?
6. Private property to the West of the entrance on both sides of West County Road 80 has a large ditch feeding Park Creek Reservoir. Who will ensure attendees aren't pulling off and wandering on the private ground and entering the ditch? Trespassing and safety of individuals is a big concern with this.
7. Drug and alcohol use both at the event and off the property are concerning to me. This seems like a big security and safety issue - people wandering where they shouldn't necessarily be is not a safe situation.
8. Fire danger is also super concerning. Smoking and/or campfires with our often hot, windy conditions and dry summers leaves a scary scenario. Not to mention vehicles with hot catalytic converters and exhaust systems parking on dry grassy areas. The area is outside of the Livermore Fire Protection district (which is volunteer), and easily 15-20 minutes from the Wellington Fire House located in Waverly.
9. If there is a fire ban, who will enforce that no campfires are started at anytime during the event?
10. Noise - we can hear traffic on 287 from here (5-6 miles away), and the train passing near I-25 on a calm day...therefore, I find it hard to believe we won't be able to hear the concerts a couple miles away. It's disruptive to hear noise into the early morning hours. What about traffic at those hours if people don't stay put?

11. The surrounding farms often have needs to transport equipment while attending to their crops - the traffic would be horrid to deal with in those instances.

12. The land coming from 287 east to the proposed location, is open range...cattle wander and linger in roadways. There is a great potential for that much traffic to collide with the range cattle, especially after dark.

I'm certain there are other topics of concern (water, shade, trash removal during and after the event, security) I haven't addressed that were either not mentioned, or mentioned briefly in the application, but I feel I've brought my top concerns to light here.

I sincerely hope that the Special Event Application is NOT approved.

Thank you for your time,
Denise Jensen
[3435 West County Road 80](#)
(970) 568-9389



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Regarding Special Event Number 5720

Larimer.org <noreply@larimer.org>
Reply-To: "Cheryl W. Rennels" <cwr@frii.com>
To: specialevents@larimer.org

Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 2:09 PM

A message has been submitted to specialevents@larimer.org from Larimer.org:

I live on County Road 80, Livermore and I did not receive notice of this application. Anyone accessing the event from US Hwy 287, north and south must past my property.

I'm opposed to this application for the following reasons:

1. Increased Traffic: County Road 80 has no posted speed limit and is relatively quiet. Livestock graze across and on this road and are moved down this road for pasture and livestock maintenance. The road crosses open range, where livestock are routinely killed each year by the little traffic that already accesses CR 80. This open range has a conservation easement owned by The Nature Conservancy which allows for no foot or vehicle traffic. There are no fences to prevent this people from trespassing.
2. There is no cell phone service within 2 miles of the event.
3. Impact on livestock and people due to lights, traffic and noise. Water (Park Creek Reservoir) is known as a great vehicle for the movement of sound.
4. The risk of range fires is high and the Livermore Fire Protection District is not on your list of reviewing agencies. Response time is at least 30 minutes from any of the local fire protection districts. This area is known for wind moving fire quickly.
5. This area is known for the confluence and migration of wildlife due to the source of waster. They move from the plains to the high country.
6. How will the use of drones be controlled?

Link to application:

https://apps.larimer.org/specialevent/application_detail.cfm?id=5720

Contact Details

Name: Cheryl W. Rennels

Email: cwr@frii.com

Phone: 970-222-5184

The email was submitted on **Tuesday, February 18, 2020 - 2:09pm**, logged in as: **Anonymous**



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Proposed Arise Music Festival

Conrad Swanson <conrad.swanson@gmail.com>

Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 1:46 PM

To: specialevents@larimer.org

February 19, 2020

Larimer County Special Events Coordinator

RE: Arise Music Festival – July 30-August 3, 2020

I write to voice opposition to granting a special event permit for the Arise Music Festival proposed for July 30 - August 3, 2020.

Based on my review of Arise's website and some on-line reviews, some of my initial concerns were—somewhat—alleviated. Arise appears to have experience successfully putting on a large festival near Loveland and appears to claim a commitment to adequate security, medical care, safety, and environmental friendliness. Nonetheless, I believe the festival proposed for 2020 is in the wrong place.

The area proposed for 2020—north of Park Creek Reservoir—is relatively rural and remote, with access provided by county roads, some of which are unpaved. This raises a number of concerns.

The traffic involved in a festival of this size—for building and setting up, supplying, bringing participants, providing water, food, and sanitation during the festival, and for cleaning up afterward, will be extremely disruptive to the surrounding community. The traffic could also be damaging to some of the roads.

Although Arise's website addresses its medical tent and security at previous festivals, I think it likely with a festival this size that there could be a need for emergency response. I suspect that when the festival was held in Loveland the possibility of emergency response was not a major concern. However, this festival is quite a distance from the Wellington Fire Department and would require emergency responders to travel over a winding gravel road that can become treacherous after a significant rain.

Similarly, normally grasses have dried significantly by late July and the danger of grass fire—whether human caused or due to lightening—increases. A gathering such as this, regardless of security, is likely to increase the risk of fire. The WFD, which already is quite busy, may find it difficult to respond in a timely fashion.

Arise strives to present itself as environmentally friendly and the County indicates it would require revegetation and restoration of the landscape. I do not know what Arise's previous venue was like, but the proposed area is short-grass prairie. Native short-grass prairie is not easy to revegetate or restore. By way of example—in the 1990's we owned a ranch in northeaster Colorado. A small portion of the ranch had been homesteaded and farmed, but then abandoned in the 1930's. Sixty years after "returning" the land to grass it still was easy to see where farming had occurred—more bare ground, more weeds, and mostly non-native grasses with only a few areas of native grasses starting to return. If this festival takes place I believe there will be, for years to come, acres and acres producing nothing but dust and weeds.

Finally, it seems a gathering such as this is simply in the wrong place. The nearby community is generally relatively rural and quiet. The area of the festival is near the Roberts' Ranch, which has been conserved and is intended to represent a relatively unspoiled and unchanged environment, albeit used for cattle. The construction, maintenance, and then de-construction of a 15,000 person town dedicated to noise, lights, and activity for five days seems inconsistent with the surrounding area.

Conrad T Swanson
701 E County Rd 76
Wellington, CO 80549

BCC 03/09/2020**ATTACHMENT C****ARISE MUSIC FESTIVAL
SPECIAL EVENTS**

C.T. Swanson
Sent from my iPad

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Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise Music Festival

Jon <js.philic@gmail.com>
To: specialevents@larimer.org

Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 1:49 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

I was surprised to hear about the Arise Music Festival being located in Northern Larimer County. It is hard for me to believe that with a quality event center in the Budweiser/Larimer County Event Center that the County would, without community input, even think of allowing such an event. I thought that was what our tax dollars were for, a venue?

Open Zoning DOES not allow for a gathering of 13,000 PLUS, PLUS people to gather without running water, toilets, fire suppression, police presence or traffic control. Whomever is approving this event should be held personally accountable for the enormous liability caused should a neighbor or area person be hurt/effected during this event. Drinking, drugging while driving, trespassing, bathroom pit stops, ECT!!

How will the County keep the citizens and property owners of this area safe?

Who will count heads and ensure that 13000 people are there and not more?

Who will clean up the water discharged into the North Poudre Irrigation canals from feces, urine and trash?

How will the County direct traffic?

How will the County fix the roads, mostly dirt, from the effected traffic?

There is no cell service at this location, how will the County Police the event, and help when help will be needed?

No Cell service means those participants will be traveling to a spot with service, how will that traffic be accommodated?

Fire suppression is required at all venues, wedding, ceremony ECT, why is the vent different?

How will the County handle traffic control?

I could go on and on... Larimer County is the worst county around when home owners need a little assistance with variances, or building permits, yet you are turning your backs and "bemding" the rules for this event. Time to vote out our commissioners...AGAIN

LAND OWNER

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Proposed Arise Music Festival

bobwest@whiskeybelleranch.com <bobwest@whiskeybelleranch.com>
To: specialevents@larimer.org

Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 2:26 PM

To the Larimer County Commissioners: A swell of opposition appears to be gaining momentum to the proposed Arise Music Festival slated for July and August near our residences and businesses in nearby Livermore.

I have researched the event special review permit process (ongoing) and previous events put on by this group in other communities.

While it appears that the group puts on a very organized event for the large number of people that attend it, I would offer these comments.

I think that in order for the County Commissioners to approve an event of this size (15,000 people) and its impact on the surrounding neighbors and citizens of the surrounding area, there should be a clear and verifiable benefit to the Citizens of Larimer County. I don't see that here unless I am missing something. The people seem to be "contained" for three days by camping, liquor, and food in their 200 acres within their scheduled activities. So no real economic benefit is filtered off to Larimer County businesses, while the County still has to provide services, like fire, police, emergency services, and others.

Self containment has its benefits, but what about noise and other issues for the immediate neighbors,(after watching the video of last years event). It will be a hell hole for them for three days. My specific concerns are "what happens if it pours rain for three days?" is this festival going to look like a miniature Woodstock? with major environmental damage (I do understand it is private property) and a break down of organizational control do to upset and cold concert goers?

There needs to be a public County Commissioners meeting on this one before they make up their minds, the Citizens of Larimer County deserve it, let the County Staff and the Concert Promoter and Land Owner answer questions from the neighbors. If the county does not allow this dialogue, if things go wrong, I wouldn't want to be in your shoes.

Thanks for the time and consideration.

Bob West
The Inn at Whiskey Belle Ranch
The Forks Mercantile and Saloon



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Regarding Special Event Number 5720

Larimer.org <noreply@larimer.org>

Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 2:53 PM

Reply-To: "J. Scott Burnworth" <sburn1028@gmail.com>

To: specialevents@larimer.org

A message has been submitted to specialevents@larimer.org from Larimer.org:

I am objecting to the above referenced Special Event. I am the owner and resident of the land located at 7911 West CR 80, Livermore, CO 80536. Anyone going to and from the event via US 287 will go directly pass my house and property. My objections to this include:

- 1) The additional traffic will create much greater safety concerns. CR 80 is not constructed to carry large volumes of traffic--there are many blind hills and corners on this more narrow county road that create enhanced chances of head-on crashes and other types of collisions.
- 2) Trespassing will increase. Given the remoteness of this area and the lack of services and facilities nearby, it is highly likely people will be going on other people's property without permission for any given number of reasons including being lost, going to the bathroom, or unauthorized sightseeing.
- 3) Littering will increase. Increased traffic by recreational users results in higher levels of illegal littering. This happens every summer when traffic increases and the residents have to deal with it and pick it up since the County makes no effort to do so.
- 4) Wild Fire risks will increase. The requested camping and overnight use will result in much higher risks of fire. The end of July can be especially dry and fires are easily started even in the face of open fire bans given the numbers of people who will be burning candles, lanterns, cook stoves, cigarettes, and marijuana. This is a remote area very far from established fire stations and fire spreads very quickly here as has been quite recently seen.
- 5) Limited cell phone coverage. Many cell carriers--including AT&T--have no coverage in this area. This increases the chances of health and safety problems as well as trespass and fire issues.
- 6) Illegal drones usage at the event would be a problem. As seen in NE Colorado, the governing authorities are at a loss to control such abuse. Allowing large numbers of people into a scenic and remote area would increase the chances of that problem occurring and thereby violating the property rights of the nearby residents.
- 7) Sound and Light pollution will increase. Since this permit would allow music and nighttime activities, it is a given that the current pristine low levels of noise and ambient light pollution will be drastically degraded.
- 8) Wildlife and livestock will be dramatically adversely affected by increased traffic and concentrations of people during this event. (I trust this point is self explanatory and doesn't need further explanation.)
- 9) This event would be an unreasonable nuisance. The people requesting this permit are having to move from their existing location because it is a highly objectionable event. Moving it to the proposed area does not make it any less objectionable or any less of an unreasonable nuisance. The problems do not disappear by moving it to a different location.
- 10) This event is inconsistent with established Land Use practices in this area. The Roberts Ranch is immediately adjacent to the area and is covered by a conservation easement which limits use to agricultural purposes. Historically, this area is only agricultural with limited residential uses. Red Mountain and Soapstone Natural Areas are very close by. Allowing this type of special event would markedly deviate from the established uses and be entirely inconsistent with the overall cultural and esthetic long term goals and visions for northern Larimer County.

Contact Details

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Name: J. Scott Burnworth

Email: sburn1028@gmail.com

Phone: 970-217-2054

The email was submitted on **Tuesday, February 18, 2020 - 2:53pm**, logged in as: **Anonymous**



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Regarding Special Event Number 5720

Larimer.org <noreply@larimer.org>
Reply-To: Natalie Hunter <njpars0n@aol.com>
To: specialevents@larimer.org

Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 4:05 PM

A message has been submitted to specialevents@larimer.org from Larimer.org:

This communication is in opposition to Special Event #5720, the Arise Music Festival. We, Travis and Natalie Hunter, live at [15225 N County Rd 17, Wellington, CO](#), 80525, approximately four miles from the event site and along proposed travel route to the festival location. The gravel roads and infrastructure of our community (Buckeye) is inept for traffic accommodating 15,000 attendees (current speed limits and stop signs are rarely acknowledged as they are now, heavy agricultural equipment traffic, open range livestock, cyclists, etc). The risk of human and/or automobile caused wildfire in addition to our standard dry conditions and distance from fire protection services is also a concern. High winds would destroy tents, stages, etc. and blow trash and debris. As with all public festivals there is risk for invasion of public property, higher crime incidence, drug and alcohol abuse. Please do not approve this permit at this location. Your consideration is appreciated.

Contact Details

Name: Natalie Hunter

Email: njpars0n@aol.com

Phone: 970-223-7726

The email was submitted on **Tuesday, February 18, 2020 - 4:05pm**, logged in as: **Anonymous**



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Planning Services, 200 West Oak Street, Suite 3100, PO Box 1190, Fort Collins, Colorado 80522-1190, 970.498.7683, Larimer.org/Planning

Neighbor Notification - Special Event

Date: February 04, 2020

You are receiving this letter because your property is located in the vicinity of a proposed Special Event application. Neighborhood input is important in determining if such event will be approved or denied. We are asking neighbors to respond with comments about the application no later than **February 19, 2020**. All comments received by the specified date will be provided to the Community Development Director for her determination on to whether the event will be permitted.

To view details on the proposed Special Event please go to our web page, Upcoming Special Events at https://apps.larimer.org/specialevent/upcoming_events.cfm

Please send your written comments to:

Email: specialevents@larimer.org

Mail: Larimer County Planning Department, PO Box 1190, Fort Collins, CO 80522

Description of the Special Event:

Event Name: Arise Music Festival

Proposed Event Date(s): July 30, 2020 – August 03, 2020

Event Location: West of County Road 21, north of County Road 80 abutting to the north side of Park Creek Reservoir on parcels 9006000016, 9007000030, 9006000017.

Event Number: 5720

Event Description: The eighth annual ARISE Music Festival is slated for July 30 to August 3, 2020 at the picturesque No Name property near Buckeye, Colorado. The festival will again feature a diverse line-up of musicians, yogis, artists, and visual performances, alongside workshops, seminars, films, and guest speakers. There will be one main stage with a smaller "tweener" stage and two additional performance areas situated on the approximate two hundred acre festival site. The event will also include a solutions village, visionary art installations, theme camps, local craft and food vendors, a kids' village, yoga tent and a community organization plaza. Most attendees camp for the duration of the event.

Type of event: Private Land

Estimated Participants: 15,000

My Name (Optional):

My Address (Optional):

Your comments:

*Sounds like it can be alot of fun -
I see little problems with the event.*



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Regarding Special Event Number 5720

Larimer.org <noreply@larimer.org>

Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 5:25 PM

Reply-To: Danna Varnell <dannadvarell@gmail.com>

To: specialevents@larimer.org

A message has been submitted to specialevents@larimer.org from Larimer.org:

I do NOT approve of this event! The residents of this area of Larimer County moved to the country for less traffic, tranquility and quiet living. Please do not allow this! Move it to your fairgrounds and leave our country living alone!

Contact Details

Name: Danna Varnell**Email:** dannadvarell@gmail.com**Phone:** 970-988-5743The email was submitted on **Tuesday, February 18, 2020 - 5:25pm**, logged in as: **Anonymous**



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Regarding Special Event Number 5720

Larimer.org <noreply@larimer.org>

Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 5:24 PM

Reply-To: "Lynn St.Peter" <lynn.tpeter@gmail.com>

To: specialevents@larimer.org

A message has been submitted to specialevents@larimer.org from Larimer.org:

We have a Sheriff friend who worked this venue last year. He said it was a disaster with all of the illegal drugs. We live in the area and do not want to see the environment spoiled by this event. 15 K people are expected. The traffic will be horrendous, wildlife will be disturbed and drug use and abuse will be rampant.

Please reject the permit.

Sincerely, Blaine and Lynn St. Peter

Contact Details

Name: Lynn St.Peter

Email: lynn.tpeter@gmail.com

Phone: 9704205497

The email was submitted on **Tuesday, February 18, 2020 - 5:24pm**, logged in as: **Anonymous**



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Comments to DECLINE proposed Special Event Number 5720; Arise Music Festival

Mile Cikara <milecikara@gmail.com>

Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 6:03 PM

To: specialevents@larimer.org, jkefalas@larimer.org, Alison Gocke <amgockara@icloud.com>

Cc: Brian Boyes <brian@bordeauxandboyes.com>, beilbykm@larimer.org, Denise Ruybal <ruybal@co.larimer.co.us>

Hello County Administration, County Commissioner (D1) John Kefalas and Neighbors - Please see the attached PDF file and copy/pasted letter here below (in the event that PDF/technology renders the attachment unreadable).

We reside and own property immediately across the street from this proposed event and will be severely and acutely impacted personally. However, that matters least to us as our neighbors will suffer quite significantly and the landscape which will suffer the greatest extent of injury, lasting decades, and as science provides evidence of injury lasting centuries in this very rural and sensitive rangeland. For example, you can still see the wagon tracks of the 1800s, in the pasture directly next to this one. Take the impact that wagon had from the pioneers tracks, and now think of what thousands of cars, trucks, SUV, drugs, waste, human impact will do let alone the heavy-equipment needed to set-up and take down!

February 18, 2020

Lesli Ellis

Community Development Director Larimer County Planning Department PO Box 1190

Fort Collins, CO 80522

Via email to: specialevents@larimer.org

Mile Cikara and Alison Gocke 3903 W County Rd. 80 Buckeye, CO 80549

Re: Comments regarding proposed Special Event Number 5720; Arise Music Festival

Dear Ms. Ellis:

We are concerned local residents who, with our young children, live in close proximity to the proposed special event #5720 called "Arise Music Festival." Along with our neighbors, we have the following concerns regarding the proposed special event:

1. Lack of Notice and Opportunity for Comment from Neighboring Residents. Despite living in the area, Larimer County did not send me a copy of the letter dated February 4, 2020, titled "Neighbor Notification – Special Event." I received notice of such letter from a neighbor. Upon conversation with multiple other neighbors of ours, they also did not receive the notification letter. This is very concerning from both a notification standpoint, and from a community participation and comment standpoint. You have not adequately noticed the nearby residents and landowners, and therefore, it is likely that you will not receive comment that adequately reflects the volume of concerns of the local community.

2. Lack of Cell Phone Coverage. The location of the proposed special event is a rural property that we believe to be at least 2 miles from the nearest cell phone reception. This is very concerning from the aspect of health and safety, whether attendees are able to call/access emergency services, and more concerning to local residents, whether emergency services can adequately access the area in times of high-volume usage. The Applicant proposes that, in the event of emergency, calling 9-1-1 is a viable option. Applicant has a clear misunderstanding and underestimation of cell coverage at the proposed special event location.

3. Incongruent Use. The location of the proposed special event is surrounded by rural agricultural area. Typical use of properties in the area is farming, including livestock. The area is also rich with wildlife. The potential for loud noise, litter, trespassing, and other crime and issues that come about from bringing 15,000+ people into a quiet undeveloped rural area is extremely concerning for the livelihood of local farmers and their livestock as well as the wellbeing of local residents and wildlife. It can be reasonably expected that the festival noise, light, litter, potential

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trespassing and other pollution will have direct negative impacts on the local livestock, wildlife, residents and landowners beyond mere inconvenience.

4. Incongruent/Destructive Use. Areas near the location of the proposed special event are of cultural significance to Native Americans. The directly connected pasture to this property of (confidential) Ranch and nearby neighbors recently held a private event for aboriginal peoples to rebury remains that settlers had disturbed in this area in the past. There are historical fire and teepee rings in the area that are hundreds of years old. The historical significance of these cultural treasures is very likely to be negatively impacted by the proposed special event. Additionally, there are known to be fossils in the area. Lastly, there are sensitive plant and animal species that also use this area as habitat. The location of the proposed special event is prime habitat for endangered species including the mountain plover, burrowing owl, golden and bald eagles, and the black-footed ferret. It is also home to numerous other species of birds, rodents, elk, deer, insects and many others who depend on this area for habitat. The risk of disturbing the natural habitats of any plants and animals, but especially those on the endangered species list, is not worth it, not for any price. Applicant intends on disturbing at least 200 acres of this natural habitat. Applicant intends on parking upwards of 6,000 vehicles, in addition to heavy duty trucks and semi's, in this natural habitat, of which at least a few, but potentially hundreds or more can be expected to leak toxic fluids onto the land. There is very little doubt that the proposed special event would have an extremely disparate impact on the local and surrounding lands and to the flora and fauna that depend on them for habitat. Applicant's application does not even consider the risks to the local flora and fauna, including those on the endangered species list, let alone having a plan in place for mitigation.

5. Conflicting Use. The undersigned local residents will be running cattle between pastures, using CR 80 as a link between them, during the exact same weekend as the proposed special event. This is expected to involve several hundred head of cattle, with riders on horseback, including children. According to Applicant's application, many thousands of cars are expected to be driving on CR 80 over the course of the weekend. Moving cattle will necessitate a disruption of traffic as CR 80 is crossed at multiple locations. There are at least 3 blind corners when traveling CR 80 in a westerly and then northerly direction, escalating the danger for all involved. Additionally, Colorado is an open-range state and this is a rural area. Weary attendees are likely not to fully appreciate the open-range concept and the associated risks and dangers of driving in the area. Unfortunately, CR 80 is the only thoroughfare between pastures.

6. Safety/Security. There are concerns of local residents for the potential for a mass shooting or other mass casualty or criminal event(s) causing harm to attendees, nearby persons and/or property. The location of the proposed special event is relative low ground in an area surrounded by high ground. There is only one way in and one way out. There is an inherent, severe, and acute risk posed simply by this remote, rural location.

7. Safety/Security. Alcohol, Marijuana, Illegal Drugs, Etc. It is also anticipated that alcohol will be widely available and used. It can also be expected that other intoxicants, including illegal drugs, will be prevalent at the event. The Applicant makes no mention of marijuana prohibition, security, related safety measures or enforcement. The application specifically prohibits outside alcohol, but is silent with regard to marijuana, THC, related products, and illegal drugs and paraphernalia. It is expected that attendees of the proposed special event will indulge in usage of marijuana and other THC products without any structure or plan in place to mitigate or otherwise deal with it.

8. Safety/Security. Fire potential. The Applicant's application makes almost no mention of the potential for a brush fire or wildfire. Brush fires and wildfires are very real and scary concerns of local

residents. The location of the proposed special event is a very windy and dry area. The proposed dates of the special event are possibly the driest time of year in this area. It is expected that most vegetation and grasses will be extremely dry. A range fire could spread very fast. It is expected that most attendees of the event will not be from this area, and that they will not have a fully appreciated understanding of the risk of fire. This is not a matter of using a propane stove vs. an open campfire. This is a matter of one single errant ember, including from a cigarette, causing a devastating wildfire and significant public emergency. There is one way in and one way out to this location. In this rural area, a fire could mean mass loss of life and property.

9. Safety/Security. Natural Disasters, Bad Weather. The proposed event takes place during the middle of the summer. There is potential risk of fire, flood, lightning, high wind events, insects, wildlife (bears, mountain lions, vermin), and others. The health of the local residents would be unnecessarily jeopardized and potentially compromised in the event of any natural disaster, with over 15,000 people in low lying ground with only one way in and one way out.

10. Safety/Security. Trespassing. Local residents are concerned that attendees and/or their pets may trespass onto their land, camp, and/or cause damage to surrounding private property. This is an area rich in livestock farming, which portends the risk of off leash dogs or other pet animals trespassing and harassing local residents or livestock or damaging property. It is a likely consequence that attendees, without cell service, may attempt to hike on private property seeking cell service or just for leisure, exploring, camping, etc. This is a significant concern of local residents who raise their families in this rural area and are not used to dealing with these types of dangers.

11. Safety/Security. Drone flight. Applicant's application is silent as to usage/permission of drones. Local residents fear that attendees of the proposed special event will attempt to fly drones in the area. This jeopardizes the safety, security and privacy of local residents and landowners. There is also concern that attendees may fly drones in violation of local, state, or federal laws, knowingly or unknowingly. The risk of amateur or disrespectful drone pilots at the proposed special event is a real and significant concern for safety, security and privacy of the local residents and landowners.

12. General Lack of Infrastructure. This is a very rural, quiet area. Plots of land are measured in tens and hundreds of acres out here. Population density in the area is low, but the safety, security and rights of the local residents and landowners must still be respected and prioritized. A special event of any type should not serve as justification to disregard the safety, security, privacy, and other rights of local residents and landowners. The impact on the local area, including roads, shoulders, ditches, etc. will be disproportionate to the intended volume of usage of infrastructure in the area. These roads are dirt. CR 80 does not have a posted speed limit. Local residents are fully apprised and understand the risk and dangers associated with rural roads, speeds, and open-range livestock, but attendees of the proposed special event likely will not. The roads leading to the proposed special event location are not meant to handle over 10,000 vehicles in just a few days, especially when the volume is concentrated on certain days, let alone the additional burden of the heavy-duty traffic associated to the build-up and tear down of the special event.

In conclusion, Larimer County should not grant this permit because the applicant has not demonstrated that the special event will result in no substantial adverse impact on other properties in the vicinity, nor that the special event can be compatible with existing and allowed uses in the surrounding area. The proposed special event jeopardizes the health, safety and welfare of the local residents and surrounding properties and uses.

Sincerely,

Mile Cikara & Alison Gocke

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Vaquero Ranch Stock (our family ranch) - supporting this argument -

Vuk Cikara-Gocke (10-yrs old) - kids rodeo participant, rode 2 bucking horses! Top ranch-hand and creative

and

2-TIME standing Larimer County Grand Champion (2018-2019), CO_State Grand Champion (2018) and AKC National Grand Champion - Anja Cikara-Gocke (12-yrs old) - kids rodeo participant & Moves over several hundred cattle several miles, sometimes by herself!

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Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

No Arise Festival

'Macy Grieser' via Larimer County Special Events <specialevents@co.larimer.co.us>

Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 8:52 PM

Reply-To: Macy Grieser <macyg90@yahoo.com>

To: specialevents@larimer.org

We don't want the Arise Festival in Buckeye!!!! Absolutely terrible idea!!! Keep it in Loveland
Sent from my iPhone



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Please deny special permit for Arise Musical Festival

'Anabella Montgomery' via Larimer County Special Events

Tue, Feb 18, 2020 at 9:47

<specialevents@co.larimer.co.us>

PM

Reply-To: Anabella Montgomery <anabellamontgomery@yahoo.com>

To: specialevents@larimer.org

To whom it may concern:

I appreciate the opportunity to communicate with the committee in charge of reviewing applications for special permits. It has come to my attention that the Arise Music festival is trying to secure a new area in northern Colorado to host their 2020 event. The parcel they are considering to use near the Buckeye agricultural area is definitely not well suited for an event this size. I have been visiting this area for the past 12 years of my life and holding a 15,000 people event is a complete disruption of the rural community. There are no businesses in this area that could benefit from this event, thus the only people enjoying the lucrative funds after an event this size will be the land owner and the out of county promoters of the event. I am concerned for the safety of this community as well as the participants of this event. This area is extremely dry and delicate, also filled with rattlesnakes and the nearest hospital is 40 minutes away. A music festival this size will severely increase the chances of fire due to an accidental ignition. Hosting thousands of people camping and partying during 4 hot summer days will put the area in danger of a wild fire. The nearest fire station is located in Waverly, another small agricultural community. This fire station relies on volunteers and it is not well suited to respond to an emergency in an event this size. Can you imagine 15,000 people traveling to this precious virgin prairie and setting up camp for 4 days plus the previous days of setting up and following days of take down? Picture beautiful cattle graze land being invaded by stages, tents, thousands of cars, vendors, loud music etc. The carbon footprint derived from a festival this size is significant enough to now add extra traveling traffic to a quiet rural area. There are plenty of places between Fort Collins and Boulder that can be better suited for a festival like Arise.

Hoping you consider this points while making your decision,

kind regards,

Anabella Montgomery



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Comments regarding proposed Special Event Number 5720; Arise Music Festival

'crosscreekrancher@yahoo.com' via Larimer County Special Events

Wed, Feb 19, 2020 at 2:12

<specialevents@co.larimer.co.us>

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Reply-To: "crosscreekrancher@yahoo.com" <crosscreekrancher@yahoo.com>

To: specialevents@larimer.org

Cc: Art Advocate <castranova@yahoo.com>, Mile Cikara <milecikara@gmail.com>

Dear Ms. Ellis:

Maybe this is a situation about which it has all been said, but not everyone has said it. So I am writing to repeat the comments of other neighbors who oppose the proposed music festival near Park Creek Reservoir.

Until last summer, I served for several years on the Rural Land Use Advisory Board. I mention that only to show my interest in land use issues and to also claim that my experience on the RLUAB gave me some knowledge about stewardship of Larimer County.

I also would be affected by the proposed event because my wife and I live on County Road 80, which would get a lot of traffic from 15,000 people traveling from Highway 287 towards Park Creek Reservoir.

As you know, the elevation in the area which would be affected by the event is around 6,000 feet. Grass is more fragile at higher elevations. Just driving across our pasture leaves a track that takes a long time to go away. The trail to Signature Rock on Roberts Ranch has deep ruts and is blocked off to prevent vehicles from driving there.

This area of ranches also provides wildlife habitat which would be disturbed by 15,000 people spending a few days camping at the same place. Sanitation is a concern, obviously.

I also ask that those who decide about whether to approve the event permit weigh the values we hold about preserving the land which is so beautiful versus the harm which is sure to occur by allowing a music festival. In balancing the competing interests, please consider that there are many places which are available as music venues. For example, Red Rocks was designed for concerts. The Arise promoters have other choices. I wonder where they held previous events and why they can't go back there. The festival does not have to be held in a place with no facilities, but if it is allowed, that place will never be the same.

I am part of the Woodstock generation. Although I did not attend the Woodstock music festival, I saw the movie. The music was good, but it appeared to take a toll on the land where it took place.

Sincerely,

Alan Carlson
970 219-1569



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise Music Festival

Gail Clark <gail@k9shrink.com>
To: specialevents@larimer.org

Wed, Feb 19, 2020 at 7:40 AM

We live in this area to avoid another WOODSTOCK with the traffic, crowds, litter, drugs, abuse of alcohol and the danger of large groups amassing and attracting violence and bringing strangers in our community.

The livestock and animals are in jeopardy from the traffic, litter, and trespassing that typically comes from people who camp out in tight quarters.

There are venues such as Budweiser Event center that are built for special events, why desecrate our open land and the rural community around it.

Wellington/Laporte and the surrounding roads and services are not equipped to hand a potential 15,000 visitors in campers!

How about Boulder!

Gail Clark



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise Music Festival--Neighbor Notification #5720

'Orsa Moldauer' via Larimer County Special Events <specialevents@co.larimer.co.us>

Wed, Feb 19, 2020 at 8:14 AM

Reply-To: Orsa Moldauer <moldauer7@yahoo.com>

To: specialevents@larimer.org

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing in strong support of the approval of the subject application.

I believe that it is the right of property owners, within the rule of law, to use the space that they own and maintain to benefit themselves and the community. Agriculture has been a tenuous financial pursuit always, but especially since the trade war with China, and I see no reasonable quarrel that should prevent the Ackermans from offering their valley to the ARISE Festival to mitigate some of the shortfall, or to otherwise profit themselves.

I have done an internet search and could find no information that I would consider troublesome about ARISE. The company seems to have a very good record of cleaning up after concerts and leaving no trace at facilities that they have utilized. The festival seems to be oriented to families, includes seminars on earth stewardship and green energy, and opportunities for art, sunrise yoga and creativity. It is not what would be described as a rave. Early morning yoga and heavy drug use are not compatible.

Until this year, Ackerman Farms has sublet my north field for 7 years, and has done so without incident. Our properties are adjacent. They have listened and responded to concerns and reasonable requests that I have made. I see no reason why it would be different for other neighboring farms were this application to be permitted.

The Buckeye Community has voiced complaints about what will happen to flora and fauna on the ranch, exposed to the multitudes. I believe that this is still private property, and I support the Ackermans in their use of their property. I also do not believe that the weekend that the ARISE festival is scheduled for is the only possible date to move cows along CR 80. I find the majority of the complaints presented to be spurious, and more indicative of a fear of other people whom they view as cult members. I am appalled that many of my neighbors foresee a crime wave. My daughter has attended many festivals such as this, and conveys to me that ARISE has a good reputation, and is described as being respectful of participants and property. ARISE is offering \$5 bus service from Denver, which will reduce traffic. Yes, it is a lot of people, but ARISE has been holding this festival for 15 years. I think that they have probably garnered some knowledge over that time on how to keep people safe.

Perhaps I am naive, but I believe that all the major obstacles as presented can be surmounted with discussion and planning. This includes road repair, clean up, emergency services, hygienic facilities and fire control. I think, on the other hand, that if Ackerman Farms is not allowed to pursue this, that it may be necessary for them to find another way to raise funds, either through fracking or subdividing. I, personally, would rather have a concert.

Sincerely,

Orsa Moldauer

1586 Williwaw Lane

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co.larimer.co.us Mail - Arise Music Festival--Neighbor Notification #5720

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Wellington, CO 80549
970-218-2689



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Response to Music Festival Neighbor Notification

Lynette4h@basicisp.net <Lynette4h@basicisp.net>
To: specialevents@larimer.org

Wed, Feb 19, 2020 at 9:03 AM

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Larimer County Planning Services

Neighbor Notification #5720

Arise Music Festival - July 30-August 3, 2020

Music Festival Response

Safety of participants

Range Fire: Fire can occur due to lightening strikes, cars on grass, carelessness with campfires, or mishap with central fire pit as noted in 2019 Arise promotional material. How would 15,000 people, not to mention residents of the area, all evacuate?

Hail: Golf ball size hail has occurred here. These participants would have no protection other than automobiles. Hail has been known to break car window glass, enter automobiles and severely injure passengers.

Lightening: Afternoon thunder showers are a daily occurrence in this area in the summer. In recent history, a group of 10 or so farm workers were injured by lightening strike. People have died due to lightening.

Flash floods: Just last year, heavy rainfall filled low-lying areas, crossed roads, and impeded travel.

Tornadoes: Although the festival will not be held during peak tornado-season, tornadoes have occurred during every month of the year in the U.S. Twelve years ago, a tornado struck and caused severe building damage, just eight miles south of the proposed festival location.

Fifteen thousand people is a lot of people to try to manage in the face of **real weather and fire dangers**.

Access

It has been stated that 6,000 vehicles will be required to transport these participants into the area. The average length of a vehicle is approximately 15 feet. With an additional car-length between vehicles, there would be roughly 30 feet per vehicle. Standing still this would create a 34 mile long line of cars. As vehicles travel the primary access route, they will pass three stop signs, backing up traffic. It may not be that all 6,000 vehicles will be in a line standing still, but there could potentially be a **traffic back-up for 10 miles**. This could severely impact emergency support into the

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neighborhood. Participants may also attempt to enter area from the Buckeye Exit off I-25. Suppose an emergency were to occur at Rawhide Power Plant when traffic blocked access? What might be the ramifications of this?

Lack of Infrastructure

The previous location of Arise Festival had built in infrastructure including buildings and paved driveways. The nearest four-lane highway is six miles away, as is the nearest gas station. Here in Buckeye, the nearest highway (I-25) is 16 miles away along two-lane paved, and finally, gravel roads with no shoulder. The nearest gas station is 40 miles round-trip. There are no rest areas along this route. Any time "Junior" needs a "rest" stop traffic will be blocked, and someone's property will be fouled.

Environmental impact

An article in the LA Weekly titled, "Trashed: Music Festivals are Environmental Disasters" noted mounds of trash left over after these types of events. Who is going to clean this up? The county, with our tax payer dollars? The residents of the community, with our own hands because it blew onto our yards and fields?

Costs

Who will pay for additional law enforcement required to manage traffic flow and safety at the event? Presumably, the event organizers will cover this cost, but I cannot help but think that taxpayers will get stuck with some of this expense while the landowner pockets the profit.

What is being introduced into our Neighborhood?

Drug Culture Comments regarding drug use were noted extensively on the Arise social media sites. In an article in musicfestnews.com called, "2019 Festivals and Drugs: What you need to know (Part I)" a list of drugs commonly found at festivals includes MDMA (a.k.a. Molly or Ecstasy), LSD, ketamine, cocaine, bath salts, synthetic cathinones, opioids, and mushrooms. This is a neighborhood where children live, and this is not what we want to have around our homes.

Rape Statistics

Music Festivals, as noted in the BBC article, "Shocking Level of Sexual Harassment at Music Festivals," are notoriously dangerous for women and young girls. What about nearby residents? What about other kinds of violence to their fellow festival attendees or folks who live here in the area?

Personal Effects

The organizers of this event may be earning an income during the five days of this event, but I will be unable to earn income, not leaving home to go to work in the medical field with the safety of my home in question with so many additional people driving past for many days (more than the five days of the event, with additional traffic for set-up and take-down). Also, I will not be able to travel to a scheduled event out of state for the same reasons, as my home is in a prominent location along the entrance route to the proposed festival site.

Conclusion

An event of this nature with potential number of participants of this magnitude will change the face and character of this area forever. Not only will this likely become a recurring, annual event, there will be an unspoken invitation for participants to return to this area as on a pilgrimage when they want to relive this event when festival is not actually occurring. This is more than just a business deal with economic benefits for the landowner. PLEASE DO NOT approve the application for the 2020 Arise Music Festival to be held in the Buckeye, Colorado. It will negatively impact residents of Buckeye, Livermore, Wellington, Laporte and areas surrounding these communities.

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Thank you.

Lynette Robinson

(970) 817-1588

approximately two miles south of Park Creek Reservoir



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise Music Festival

barb@rawhideranch.biz <barb@rawhideranch.biz>

Wed, Feb 19, 2020 at 9:04 AM

To: specialevents@larimer.org

Please DENY the request for the Arise Music Festival to be hosted at the Ackerman Ranch in the Cty rd 80 and Cty Rd 15 area. I don't feel the roads can accommodate the increased traffic with out severely impacting the normal local traffic. These roads are used by residents and visitors to Soapstone. A lot of this traffic is from bicycles and trailers on the weekends. This is also when the larimer county fair starts for some projects and youth are trying to get their animals to fair.

My other concern is fire danger. July and August are usually very dry and windy. We have had our share of fires in the area without adding this type of event to the risk. I am aware that open fires will not be allowed however there is still a risk from vehicles, smokers, and electricity etc.

The promoters of this event are from Boulder. Let them host it in Boulder County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Barb Moncrief



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise Music Festival

mmatsuda@digis.net <mmatsuda@digis.net>

Wed, Feb 19, 2020 at 9:30 AM

To: specialevents@larimer.org

I have attached my written comments concerning the Arise Music Festival. I also want to thank Katie Beilby and staff for being so accessible to the community in dealing with this matter.

Sharon Matsuda

**Arise Festival Comments to Larimer County Community Planning Dept.-2-19-2020.docx**

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February 17, 2020
Larimer County Planning Services
Neighbor Notification #5720
Arise Music Festival-July 30-August 3, 2020

I am concerned about the route that such a large group of people will take to attend a music festival north of Park Creek Reservoir. When I first heard of the application, I was weary of the intent of 15,000 people traveling through our rural, quiet community. It's a normal reaction to the fear of the unknown. However, I do respect the rights of the land owner. It is his land. The area in question is remote enough, but the route is not. There are those in the community who will be directly affected. Over time, will these numbers be greater at this annual event?

Is there a compromise in finding a different route?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Sharon Matsuda
514 West County Road 78
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Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Music Festival Protest Letter

G Robinson <gemmamnm@gmail.com>

Wed, Feb 19, 2020 at 9:52 AM

To: "specialevents@larimer.org" <specialevents@larimer.org>, ruybaldm@co.larimer.co.us

February 19, 2020
Larimer County Planning Services
Neighbor Notification #5720
Arise Music Festival – July 30-August 3, 2020

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this email in protest of the proposed location for the Arise Music Festival north of Park Creek Reservoir off of WCR 80 for 15,000 people for five days.

I share many of my neighbors' concerns regarding this festival, specifically regarding the number of people estimated to attend and the impact on the surrounding community. A few of my concerns are as follows:

Wildfires: Sunrise Ranch, the previous location, is on irrigated pastureland. The proposed location is dry range land and any grass that grows in the spring will be scorched and dry by August. This dry grass is the only surface available for driving and parking cars, people will be smoking cigarettes and marijuana joints, and the Arise website even advertises a large communal bonfire. This is a very risky situation for any amount of people, not to mention 15,000 people, particularly since this area is often plagued with strong and erratic wind gusts. Will smoking, open fire cooking, bonfires, and fireworks be banned? How will this be enforced?

Environmental Damage/Trash: Music festivals are notorious for generating enormous amounts of trash and waste, despite many of them focusing on the environment or the climate, as most festival goers just want to get high and have a good time. More trash than necessary is created, stuff does not get properly recycled, and perfectly good equipment is left behind once the party is over. How will the county manage this massive increase in waste for this area of the county? How will litter at the site and on the way to the site be controlled? What happens when the wind blows all of this trash everywhere? And regardless of the trash problem, the ecosystem of open range land is an extremely delicate one and the damage done by this number of people (no matter how careful they are) will most likely be permanent. And what about the wildlife? This area supports a diverse range of wild animals which will be severely impacted by such a large group of people regardless of what steps are taken to attempt to mitigate it.

Access/roads: The roads to the proposed location were not designed to handle 6,000 cars. The dirt road to the reservoir is a narrow, slow, and unpaved road with blind curves and a plunging drop-off. It crosses cattle guards and goes through open range land with cattle grazing on it. Even the paved roads from I-25 were not structured to allow that many cars through in that short of a time frame. What happens to the festival goers and the people who live in the community in an emergency (wildfire, hail, lightning storms, flashfloods, etc.) where an evacuation is necessary? And what about the rare, but ever-increasing occurrence of terrorist attacks happening at music festival type events? The proposed location is a bottleneck.

Other: In the Special Event Submittal and Notes submitted by Arise Music Festival, LLC, there is a letter titled "Dear Larimer County" from Luke Comer which includes the following sentence, "When starting to encounter multiple problems at our prior location, Sunrise Ranch, I decided to start looking for another location." This statement begs the question, what were the multiple problems they were experiencing with the festival being in Loveland? What problems could the city of Loveland not deal with that Buckeye, CO could effectively handle? Loveland has a population of 75,000 people with all of the proper infrastructure needed for that number of people such as local police, a hospital, local lawmakers, grocery stores, and gas stations. Buckeye, CO has none of that. Common sense dictates that Buckeye can not handle what no longer works in Loveland.

What about the people who pay thousands of dollars every year for their private membership to camp at the Park Creek Reservoir? Will they be compensated and if so, who will pay for that?

If this festival for August 2020 is approved and deemed a "success," will the Arise Music Festival be returning to Buckeye, CO year after year? What is to keep other festivals from being held in the same place? Will we have a new

music festival every other weekend all through the summer with no end in sight? What about increased trespassing on private land once 15,000 learn about a very remote and unsupervised portion of the county?

As a 24-year-old millennial, I have no illusions as to what this festival entails: it is a five-day cesspool of hardcore drugs, sexual harassment/rape, and trash. While Arise is a self-described "family friendly" festival, any casual social media search shows plainly that "family friendly" means watch out for kids while tripping on drugs. And if social media is too unreliable, a published scientific study titled Drugs of Abuse and Novel Psychoactive Substances at Outdoor Music Festivals in Colorado outlines the illicit drug use at the Sonic Bloom and Arise music festivals in 2015 and 2016. Some of the most common drugs include LDS, MDMA, and Cocaine.

This kind of festival does not belong in Buckeye, CO.

Please do not approve this application.

Gemma Robinson

(approximately 2 miles south of Park Creek Reservoir)

970-286-3417 or gemmamnm@gmail.com



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Fwd: Arise Permit

Lesli Ellis <ellislk@co.larimer.co.us>
Reply-To: ellislk@larimer.org
To: Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Wed, Feb 19, 2020 at 12:39 PM

FYI



Lesli Ellis, AICP CEP
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From: **Zach Thode** <zthode@lehiwater.com>
Date: Wed, Feb 19, 2020 at 11:00 AM
Subject: Arise Permit
To: Lesli Ellis <ellislk@co.larimer.co.us>

Lesli

There is an application for an event near Park Creek Reservoir east of the Roberts Ranch. They are expecting over 15,000 people. The neighborhood is very upset about this, as the roads and emergency services are not at all prepared for this event.

Most of the neighborhood feels like we will have to pay the longterm price, while some guys in Boulder make a quick buck. There will be some major impacts to our community that have not been addressed in their application.

With all of the comments, I think that it would be appropriate to have a public hearing with commissioners and not just let staff rule on this application.

Thanks
Zach Thode



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise Music Festival

RVU RVU <rvuthmann49@gmail.com>

Wed, Feb 19, 2020 at 11:58 AM

To: specialevents@larimer.org

To Whom it may concern,

I am opposed to the proposed Arise Music Festival (July 30 - August 3, 2020) to be held near Park Creek Reservoir with an estimated attendance of 15,000 people.

There are not enough bathroom/fresh-water facilities in the area to serve that many people. There is not a paved parking area nor a designated dirt parking area for that many vehicles that would not be negatively impacted by wet weather conditions.

What about the impact on neighboring ranchers and private property owners? Who will monitor trespassers? Who is responsible for all the clean-up and mending cut fences?

Park Creek Reservoir is not an appropriate venue for this event.

Thank you for your consideration,

Vicki L. Uthmann

[2577 Moen Ranch Rd, Virginia Dale, CO 80536](#)



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Arise event

Marcie.Wells.2 <marcie.wells.2@gmail.com>
Reply-To: Marcie.Wells.2@gmail.com
To: specialevents@larimer.org

Wed, Feb 19, 2020 at 12:09 PM

As usual, local residents are just now hearing about this possible event. This event sounds like it would ruin a beautiful place in our area for decades seeing how fragile the ecosystem is . 15,000 people on 200 acres of property is way too much for the land to support. What are the hygiene facilities for this many people and what about trash pickup? County roads were not built to handle the traffic that would be generated and what about the noise level for this quiet part of the county? We can't go along with this happening and strenuously object to this event being held in our backyard!

Sincerely,

John & Marcia Wells

[13280 Glen Coyote Dr.](#)

Ft. Collins, Co. 80524

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From Marcie.Wells.2 at [gmail.com](#)



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Re: Arise Music Festival application

Erica Glaze <e_gagne@hotmail.com>

Wed, Feb 19, 2020 at 2:02 PM

To: "specialevents@larimer.org" <specialevents@larimer.org>

To Whom it May Concern,

I am a resident of the Buckeye Community and understand there are many concerns and opinions about the proposed festival.

This is an established festival that I feel has the experience in producing events of this size and consciousness about their impact to the environment. It is my hope the producers and ranch can take the communities concerns into account and mitigate them. I would find it hard to support this if it was a daily or weekly increase in traffic, however, a weekend of increased flow and any inconveniences that come with it are minimal and not unacceptable.

I also support our local farmers and ranchers ability to diversify in order to maintain their financial viability and sustainability through events.

As such, I support the application.

Erica Glaze
731 WCR 76, Wellington



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

public comment on ID: 5720 Event: Arise Music Festival

Heather Knight <heatheralknight@gmail.com>
To: specialevents@larimer.org

Wed, Feb 19, 2020 at 3:37 PM

Dear Larimer County Special Events,

We submit the following comments on the proposed Arise Music Festival, ID # 5720.

While we and appreciate the event planners detailed proposal, we have concerns that we list below, and hope that you will require them to be addressed to avoid disruption to people, agriculture, water sources and wildlife. If not, that you will not approve the permit application.

Concerns:

1. Trespassing, what will keep participants from wandering off on a little hike on adjacent private property or going to the reservoir? Specifically we are concerned about:
 - a. People deciding to go for a hike and trespassing on to the surrounding private property
 - b. Dogs off leash, trespassing and chasing wildlife or cattle on adjacent private ranches
 - c. People walking on to adjacent private property to get cell phone service which is very limited in the area
2. Safety
 - a. People going to the reservoir and getting in trouble
 - b. One section of the road is open range, meaning there is potential for vehicle collisions with livestock from private ranches
 - c. Increased traffic on a road with no posted speed limit, resulting in potential for roll over accidents on the narrow, soft gravel road edge
3. Human caused fires Will they have any fire protection available? This time of year the grass is very dry and a range fire can spread very quickly
4. Impacts to livestock and wildlife. The adjacent to lands have been conserved forever for wildlife and agriculture. Impacts will be caused by:
 - a massive number of concentrated people in a place where there are very few people and the surrounding land use is predominantly for agriculture.
 - lights and noise above levels and for extended periods that wildlife and livestock as not used to
 - vehicles off road and potential use of drones and loud noise
 - pollution and trash-toilet paper, food and other trash and human and pet waste

Thank you for addressing our concerns.

Sincerely

Heather and Rick Knight

970-631-7645

heatheralknight@gmail.com

Natural Conservation Solutions, LLC



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Against Arise Musical Festival in Buckeye

Kristi Dressler <kdressler4@gmail.com>
To: specialevents@larimer.org

Wed, Feb 19, 2020 at 4:55 PM

To whom it may concern,

I would like to state my opposition to the special permit for the Arise Musical Festival northwest of Buckeye, Colorado. The reasons for this are as follows:

- Buckeye is a small farming/ranching community. From an agricultural perspective; trucks, tractors and trailers are moving through this area in late July-early August focusing on crop production. 15,000 people driving through this area will interrupt farming productivity, which will take away from the local residents and their livelihood. In addition, farmers and concertgoers will see an increased risk in accidents on these dirt roads due to farm equipment moving slowly and concertgoers not understanding the need to slow down for the farmers and ranchers who are working in the area.

The dirt roads can be very dangerous and the risk of a concertgoer losing control is high, especially on county road 80 where pavement turns to gravel. People not from this area underestimate the change in driving conditions, whether it be pavement to gravel, washboards/pot holes, animals crossing, cattle guards and horseback riders. There have been many accidents along these dirt roads due to increased speeds, distracted driving and the loose gravel. The road is narrow, steep and slick above the cliffs of Park Creek Reservoir. If people are driving distracted, high or drunk, this area along with the slick gravel can be fatal.

- Late July/early August produces some of the most fierce thunderstorms in Buckeye. We have had MANY lightning strikes, large hail, high winds and grass fires. What will the concertgoers do if an intense afternoon storm rolls through? Weather is very unpredictable this time of year, with afternoon thunderstorms at their peak of the season. With no where to take cover, hail and lightning can certainly be fatal on this wide open prairie land. In addition to thunderstorms, fire is a significant risk this time of year. At Park Creek Reservoir there is always a fire ban at this time of year due to the very dry environment and risk for fire. The response time if a fire breaks out is also a problem with nearby fire stations being manned by volunteers.

- This time of year also produces the highest number of rattlesnake sightings in the area which are abundant in the more populated area of Buckeye. This rural area to the northwest will have even more rattlesnakes due to the prairie land and heat that brings them out all hours of the day. What will concertgoers do if bit by a rattlesnake? There is a HUGE safety concern with no hospital or services nearby.

By moving the concert to this area, it will not only create safety concerns for the attendees as well as interfere with the agriculture community, but it provides NO BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY. The concert is better served closer to a town/city where purchases will be made and businesses will benefit. This location will only hurt the local agricultural business and create risks for families attending the event.

As a mother of two, and a long-time resident of Buckeye, I would hate to see children exposed to the risks that this concert location would present. Rattlesnakes have always been a major threat in the area and I believe this is one of the most dangerous areas (in fact, when Soapstone's parking lot was built, there were hundreds of rattlesnakes in a den underneath). As residents, our children have been educated on what to listen and look for in order to stay safe. The concertgoers and their children do not have this knowledge and it would be heartbreaking for everyone involved if someone were to be bit and killed.

Lastly, the festival location is in an area that should be preserved as natural prairie land. Just a few short miles away, one can find dinosaur tracks (located at Park Creek Reservoir), arrowheads and perhaps many artifacts that have not been discovered. It would be very disheartening and disrespectful to our community, county and country if this area, very close and similar to Soapstone, is trampled on and not preserved for the historic benefit.

If these points can be please be considered before moving forward with the special application, it would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Kristi Dressler

BCC 03/09/2020

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ARISE MUSIC FESTIVAL
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Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Re: proposed Arise Music Festival July 30 to August 3, 2020

Sylvia Garofalo <jimsybb@msn.com>

Fri, Feb 21, 2020 at 2:46 PM

To: "specialevents@larimer.org" <specialevents@larimer.org>

Cc: "ruybald@co.larimer.co.us" <ruybald@co.larimer.co.us>

To whom it may concern,

I have just had back surgery, so was not able to respond to email in regard to this proposed event.

As president of Virginia Dale Community Club and a resident of the area, we would be opposed to hosting such a large event in this placid, peaceful area. Things somehow get out of hand before we know it and untold problems arise, usually unintended and accidentally.

We do not have a police force nor volunteers that could be used at such a large event. Drugs and alcohol always seem to make their way to these events and the results are never good.

Please do not decide to hold this event this event north of Park Creek Reservoir. Thank you for your consideration.

Sylvia A. Garofalo, president

www.viriniadalecommunityclub.org

my mailing address: [303 Towhee Ridge Rd.](#),

Laporte, CO 80535-9733

My home phone: 970 495 1828

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Fwd: Comment Regarding Special Event Permit Application #5720

Karin Madson <madsonkc@co.larimer.co.us>

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 5:48 PM

To: Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>, Lesli Ellis <ellislk@larimer.org>, Denise Ruybal <ruybaldm@co.larimer.co.us>

You might have all received this, but in case you didn't I am forwarding.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: kbackus@skybeam.com**Date:** February 24, 2020 at 5:08:24 PM MST**To:** kmadson@larimer.org**Subject:** Comment Regarding Special Event Permit Application #5720

The following comment has been received from the web regarding the special event: Arise Music Festival.

Name: Kathy Backus

Comments: Good afternoon, I am a resident of Buckeye. I am not in favor of this event being approved due to a multitude of problems it will cause in our community. There were previous problems with exceeding sound decible levels at Sunrise Ranch, many neighbors complained. I do not believe there is any way they will meet code. Also there will be terrible light pollution in the area. Can't imagine how the campers on Park Creek Res and neighboring residences will feel about all of this. I am not in support of approving this event. Thank you.



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Fwd: Comment Regarding Special Event Permit Application #5720

Lea Schneider <schneils@co.larimer.co.us>
To: Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 4:02 PM

Do these comments get sent to all of us?



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From: <kbackus@skybeam.com>
Date: Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 3:47 PM
Subject: Comment Regarding Special Event Permit Application #5720
To: <schneils@co.larimer.co.us>

The following comment has been received from the web regarding the special event: Arise Music Festival.

Name: Kathy Backus

Comments: Good afternoon, I would like to leave a comment regarding this Festival. 15,000 people are expected to attend this. There is no way to prevent putting this community of Buckeye and Festival staff and attendees at risk from such a congregation. I don't know the amount of port-a-johns would be required to handle an event of this magnitude, but it boggles my mind to think of that many port-a-pots getting blown over in the high winds we can have up here. Sanitation will be a disaster. The environment will be harmed, possibly beyond repair. I request this permit be denied as we are not a concert venue, we are a farm and ranching community. Thank you



Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Fwd: Comment Regarding Special Event Permit Application #5720

Bobby Moll <mollbj@co.larimer.co.us>
To: Katie Beilby <beilbykm@co.larimer.co.us>

Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 3:45 PM

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From: <debjon2020@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 7:29 PM
Subject: Comment Regarding Special Event Permit Application #5720
To: <mollbj@co.larimer.co.us>

The following comment has been received from the web regarding the special event: Arise Music Festival.

Name: Deborah Joncas

Comments: Thank you for your response to the application. Please stand strong in your response. This would likely end up being a disaster. Thank you again!

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Lieutenant Bobby Moll

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