



Board Agenda Background

Date: 3/17/2026
To: Board of County Commissioners
Through: Colton Rohloff, County Manager
Alexis Sohlden, Public Lands Manager
From: Lisa Leben, Special Projects and Water Resources Manager
Subject: Consideration of Approval of the Clear Creek County Sport Shooting Park Lease between the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Clear Creek, Colorado and the Clear Creek Metropolitan Recreation District

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Clear Creek County Sport Shooting Park Lease between the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Clear Creek, Colorado and the Clear Creek Metropolitan Recreation District (CCMRD).

BACKGROUND

In 2022, Clear Creek County published a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to lease, manage, and operate the new Sport Shooting Park that was under construction. The CCMRD submitted the only response. Discussions were held and it was determined that it was too early to enter specific Lease negotiations. With construction moving forward over the past year, staff have been working with CCMRD on the lease, which is now ready for final consideration.

ANALYSIS

Established in 1979, the CCMRD is a park and recreation special district, and the organization has earned credibility as a successful operator and manager of recreational facilities throughout Clear Creek County. CCMRD has designated Jesse Peros to be the Manager of the shooting range. He's currently the CCMRD Director of Facility, he is a former police officer, and a lifelong hunter who has expertise with firearms and is familiar with shooting range operations. The lease terms were developed to facilitate a successful business plan for CCMRD to operate the new facility, which will provide a recreational benefit to the community.

CONCLUSION

The primary goal, behind this 6+ year effort, to build a shooting range in Clear Creek County is to provide a developed, designated public range that offers an alternative to dispersed shooting in the National Forest where it often occurs in unsafe or unsuitable locations. As stated in the 2019 U.S. Forest Service Recreational Sport Shooting Management Decision Notice, when the new Sport Shooting Park is open to the public, the Forest Service will close the areas north of I-70 in Clear Creek and Gilpin Counties that have been designated unsafe for recreational shooting.

Recreational shooting is a sport in which people of all ages can participate. This range will afford the increasing number of legal firearms owners the opportunity to practice in a location that is safe for everyone. In addition, the new facility will offer hunter sight-in days, education and safety training, fun competitions, archery, and shooting events.



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FISCAL IMPACT

The lease is designed to allow the CCMRD to operate profitably while establishing an accounting methodology by which net profit will be calculated with a portion of net profits to be paid to the County.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Shooting Range Lease