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Comments on Case#U\_2022-0001

Owner: T.H. Shamrock, LLC

Request: Major Use Permit for installation of a shotgun, rifle and pistol firearms range on the existing Shamrock Ranch.

There appears to be some trepidation amongst the other Cherry Creek Ranch owners about the Shamrock Ranch permit to construct a firearms range on their property. After reading the major use permit, #U\_2022-001, it appears that the construction of this firing range will have virtually no effect on the Cherry Creek Ranches.

I make this statement as a veteran of 21 years in law enforcement and 26 years in the military. I have extensive knowledge and experience with firearms of all types and have functioned as a military range master.

The permit is asking to construct a firing range for rifles, shotguns and pistols. The range will not be opened to the public and will only be used by Shamrock Ranch guests to make sure that the weapons they are using are safe and functional and that they are correctly sighted. This will happen, at most, around 12 times a year.

The range is located two-and-one-quarter miles north of the property line between Shamrock Ranch and the Cherry Creek Ranches. The firing will be directed to the north and contained on the Shamrock Ranch. Since the weapons will be fired to the north, the sounds to the south will be greatly reduced.

The area around the range will have wildfire mitigation for a 300-foot area around the ranges, they will not allow any tracer or incendiary rounds to be used and the ranges will not be used during hot, dry weather with low humidity as requested by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire).

Based on the distance from Cherry Creek Ranches and the wildfire mitigation required by CalFire, I don't see how this will affect the owners on Cherry Creek Ranches.

Respectfully,

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