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From: Yahoo plus <sweetleaf777@yahoo.com> **Planning & Building Services**
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 1:43 PM
To: pbscommissions
Subject: Firing range permit requested by Shamrock ranch in Laytonville Ca,

To Whom This May Concern,

I am one of almost 60 landowners bordering one side of the Shamrock Ranch, known as Cherry Creek Ranches. Both of these ranches are zoned as "High Fire Hazard Areas" according to CalFire. There have been several fires on the highway side of Shamrock that have blown quickly out of control, putting the Cherry Creek residents in evacuation notice. This permit being accepted by the county would be very concerning if the range was to be in use during the summer months in which we are in severe risk of fire potential. The permit request does not specify when the range would be in use during the year, as well it states the range would be used approximately 12 times a year, but does not say for what length of time each use would be. It would be appropriate for the neighbors (us) to know how many days the range would be used per time of use and what times of year this would occur. To add to the concern about fires, many of us homeowners here on Cherry Creek Ranches just lost our PG&E, due to the original land developer deciding not to properly maintain the private power lines anymore, so that PG&E was unable to serve us power as of 5/17/23. Given the lack of financial ability, most of us are now powering our homes on generators, which does not allow for having full water tanks at our disposal in case of a fire. So, we are in an even more precarious situation going into this fire season.

One other aspect that I feel that I should mention is the fact that Cherry Creek Ranches is a wildlife refuge and our bylaws on this ranch state there is to be absolutely no firing of guns, we do hear the gun use from Shamrock due to the hunting. To increase the amount of gunfire noise in any significant amount, would destroy the serenity of the wildlife that we are attempting to protect. I think the permit if given, needs to specify the number of days included in the 12 times per year as well as the time of year that it would be safe for fire hazard reasons. Given our local fires in the last 10 years many people have suffered the loss of their homes, and this is having a huge impact on our area and its residents. Please consider all the points of concern that we as a community have to endure with our current fire hazards.

Sincerely, Sarah Anderson
Cherry Creek Ranch
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