To Mr. Legg
Lairmer Co. Special Review
Lairmer County Commissioners,
* The application fee at this current time is 5800.00 (Special Review
The Drake campground can't afford that much at this time, we are asking you for a waiver on this review - and or a reduced fee, the county has talked to us about the options, along with make 10% then a monthly payment, what will that be?
* Also the flood plain special review is 400.00, for RV park + campground just for application

* Fire-protection plan-200.00 (ok.) would like to waiver Wild Land fires-200.00 fee. Our water source would be the North fork that runs through the property, In case of a fire - the fire Dept. would pump out of the north Fork and/or the Big Thompson across Hwy 34, The campground is a green belt. I feel Loveland Fire would agree, The chance of a fire at Drake campground is slim to none.

★ Floodplain special review - application is 400^{00}. Then how much for all the engineering? I truly believe the campground is in a safe location. we are located at 1601 Big T. cyn, and County Rd 43, across from Hwy 34 and lies along Co. Rd. 43. on the Northfork. There are no drainages feeding the north Fork, also our river banks are good = never had a problem in 30 yrs. There is ampell room for high water if that were to happen

unlike some places in the Big T. Cyn. This would be the place to be for the next 1000 years, if that were to happen. Also you could climb to safety easy if a flood were to happen, unlike 90% of the Big T Cyn. - nowhere to climb - just cliffs. Studies show it's a 1000 yr flood - probably not going to happen. Not to mention all the new alarm systems put in. - Dam control - The Big T. Cyn. Hwy 34 has been redone - I think we all feel safe.

* The Shaffers have no plans and will not change anything about the campground. We have kept it like it was since 1927. We as well as others, like it just like it is. This is a 1 or 2 mabe 3 day stay. 1/3 tent - 1/3 Truck camper 1/3 RV. Drake campground offers most everything that State & County Parks do.

* The Entrance into the Campground has a turn Lane and is a Large area at crossing Hwy 34 - Co Rd 43

★ The water in the campground comes from a well-n-spring that has been tested and is just fine.

★ The secptic & Trash are serviced by Wastemgnt

No Dump station Vaulted Outhouse + Porta-potties

★ Why the Drake Campground should remaine open - and all it serves.

★ The Good Sams

★ Boy Scouts - Girl Scouts

★ The FCRV

★ Grandpa - Grandma

★ The 4 generations

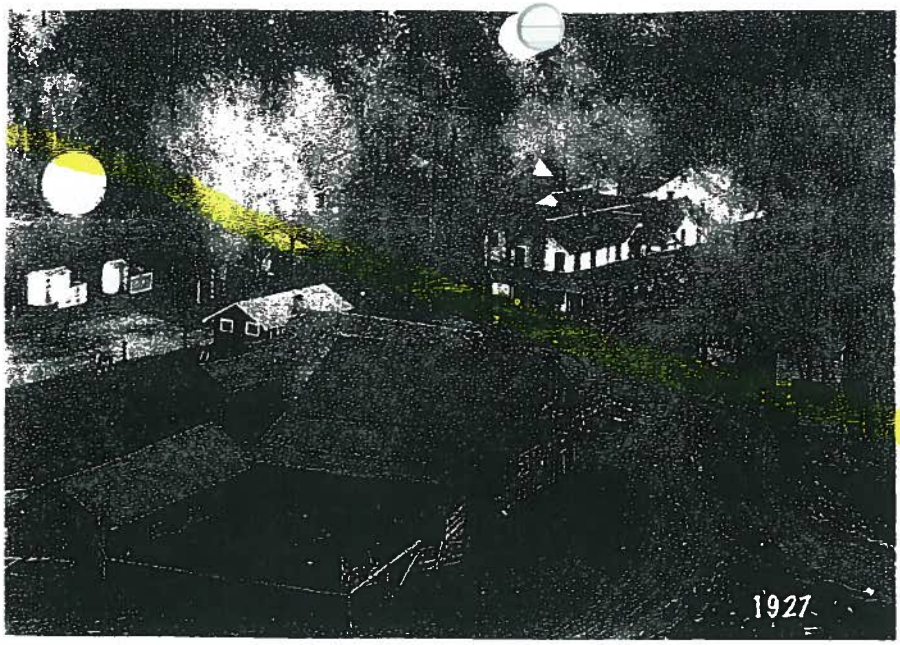
* all the families from all over the states as well as other countries.
* all the Locals in the state of Colorado.
* Marys Lake campground
* Rocky Mt. Nat. Park
* Visitor Centers
* We need a place for tourism.
* we truley feel that this is a much needed campground It is very passionate to so many Families. We feel that we "should be" or thought we were "grandfathered in."

Running the campground has brought a lot of joy for the last 30 yrs. The public would not make Drake campground their destanatoin Not only out of state, but Loveland, Greely, Eaton, Devne Fort collins, If this were unsafe + unhappy they would not keep comming for all these family gatherings + all the groups.

☆ The campground has not changed or expanded its orginal location since it was est. in 1927

* The city of Loveland has a easment for the power lines in the upper medow where there is no Camping The Shaffers are asking Larimer Co. to wave or reduce the Fees on the reviews that were up against, Once again we have no plans to Change or expand. The Camp Season was slow due to 9 months of closer along with all the fire in the State of Colorado

Jeff + Lori Shaffer



Parcel B

Property Line
Campground is
on Parcel A

y 1927, the property of the hotel and campground had enlarged to become a
irtual comfort station.

Eventually gas motor cars began to make the trip to Estes Park by way
f Big Thompson canyon. Faster travel made it possible for more tourists to
njoy the canyon and as a result a number of businesses sprouted up along
he new road. The Mont Rose Inn was very popular. It was located in Cedar
Cove at the junction of the Dickson gulch road. It was built by Monte and
Rose Tucker.

The large touring cars brought out-of-staters to the area for the summer.
For [illegible]mple, the Brunner family enjoyed stopping at Forks Inn each
un[illegible]. They made the trip in their 1915 Buick touring car. Julian M.
Brunner described her experience, " We stayed first in South Platt Canyon
t Park Siding, but after a week there we moved north and took rooms at
he Forks Hotel in the Big Thompson canyon. We stayed there a month or
o. Meredith and I had a wonderful time exploring the nearby mountain
streams, especially the North Thompson. I went with drivers of Stanley
Steamers (who stopped at Forks Hotel for lunch) to Estes Park. They were
delivering trunks."

In 1915, Frank Alderdyce returned to the position of postmaster at Drake
nd he ran the hotel until 1918, when Almon D. Galloway took it over. He ran
he post office and hotel until 1919. At that time, Mrs. Lena Salisbury became
postmistress in the hotel. Then again in 1920, Frank Alderdyce returned to
un the hotel and post office until 1927. A succession of postmasters held the

BACKGROUND INFORMATION RELATED TO THE
1976 BIG THOMPSON FLOOD AND THE
SHAFFER CAMPGROUND

There is scientific belief that this was the biggest flood since the melting of the glaciers 10,000 years ago. It is believed to be 1.066 times a 1,000 year flood. In spite of this, water in the campground was only approximately 2' deep on each stream bank, nearly level and, apparently relatively slow moving. This ponding was apparently caused by the Big Thompson flowing faster and higher and accounted for the limited damage to the Stage Stop building.

In the test period, at this location, 1947 - 1976:
the maximum flow during the flood of 1965 - 1298 CFS
the maximum flow during the flood of 1976 - 8710 CFS.

The above information was obtained from USGS and the Colorado Water Conservation Commission.