

# Save the "Mouth of the Big Thompson Scenic Corridor" STOP SERENADE PARK

**What is Serenade Park?** A proposed concert venue located at the Mouth of the Big Thompson Canyon on U.S. 34, west of Loveland. The plan calls for summertime weekend concerts and off-season concerts with seating for up to 9,000 people utilizing the amphitheater, and parking for nearly 4,000. The property is currently zoned FA-1 agricultural, and the applicant is asking to up-zone this to a T-Tourist zoning.

**What effect will this amphitheater have on my community and me?** We believe Serenade Park will have a **VERY NEGATIVE** effect on the entire northern Colorado community. Just a few of the reasons are:

- Traffic to accommodate the concerts will add thousands of vehicles to an already overcrowded U.S. 34 on the weekends, reducing the Level of Service to an "F".
- Road rage and drunk drivers traveling on the winding roads before and after concerts will increase accidents and endanger innocent lives.
- The integrity of the Larimer County Open Lands Master Plan, which calls this an "Important Resource Area" will be violated. Viewsheds will be ruined, along with the intent to preserve this critical area. Neighboring properties with conservation easements and adjacent US Forest Land are not compatible with this tourist venue.
- This property has valuable wildlife including raptors, bighorn sheep, deer, elk, and many other small mammals. The impact of thousands of concert-goers will have a very negative effect on these animals. Wetlands on the property are critical to many of these species, all of which deserve to be protected.
- This project will add an unnecessary burden upon the taxpayers. Police, fire protection, and other essential services will be extended far beyond what Larimer County resources can safely handle. On average, there is only 1 sheriff patrol car per shift for this area, and only 5 patrol cars for all 5 areas of the county per shift.
- The tourist up-zoning opens the door for other non-compatible uses including nightclubs, convenience stores, car washes, take-out restaurants, etc...
- We do not need a "Red Rocks of the North." Our quality of life is at stake with increased noise pollution, light pollution, air pollution, trash and litter from concert-goers.

**What is the process for approval of Serenade Park?** This application will be heard in front of the Planning Commission, then it proceeds to the County Commissioners.

## What can I do to stop Serenade Park from becoming a reality?

### Write to the Planning Commission:

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Photo Rendering: Before and After an Estimated 33 Acres of Parking Lots are Added.

