

STARS CUP # PL20220007 AMENDMENT NARRATIVE

Description of Use: Steamboat Adaptive Recreational Sports (STARS) is a 501(c)3 non-profit whose mission is to empower and enrich lives through adaptive recreational activities. STARS is applying for a Conditional Use Permit for the existing ranch/arena(s) located at 30100 CR 14E, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487 (PIN: 947293006) to provide Therapeutic Equine Riding lessons & programming for youth, adults, and veterans with cognitive or physical disabilities.

A physical, cognitive, or emotional special need does not limit a person from interacting with horses. In fact, such interactions have proven to have major physical and emotional impacts. Individuals with disabilities of all ages who participate in Therapeutic Equine Riding can experience physical and emotional rewards.

STARS hopes to provide its participants with the ability to learn basic horsemanship, riding, grooming, tacking, and horse health and behavior. Interacting with horses, whether mounted or from the ground, has a positive impact in the lives of people with cognitive and physical disabilities. In addition, horseback riding can improve core strength, balance, gross and fine motor skills, and self-esteem. STARS is a member of the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH). Our instructors help participants meet their equestrian goals through group and private lessons.

In addition to previously approved CUP use of the indoor and outdoor riding arenas (PL20220007), **STARS is applying for a CUP amendment to provide trail riding of Therapeutic Horses in a structured manner in the pastures located at 30100 CR 14E, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487.** Participant trail riding in the pasture areas would be limited to participants who have demonstrated the skill and ability to ride outside of the indoor/outdoor arena areas with supervision provided by STARS instructors and volunteers.

Hours of Operation: Premises hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, May – September each year. STARS proposed programming calendar and use dates/hours:

Volunteer Training Dates

- May: four mornings a week to be determined 9am – 12 pm noon

Summer Client Sessions

- May – September: Monday – Friday 8 am – 4 pm

Anticipated number of employees/volunteers: STARS anticipates having 2 – 7 employees/volunteers on-site daily during summer client sessions running weekdays May to September depending on the number of participants each day.

Anticipated number of client participants: STARS anticipates having 40 – 60 total participants annually participating in the indoor and outdoor arenas. Class sizes will vary from single-person private lessons to group lessons up to a maximum of 10 participants. This number will primarily be local youth and adults although we do anticipate having a small number of clients from outside the Yampa valley participate in Therapeutic Equine Riding.

Amendment numbers will be 10 – 20 total participants annually trail riding in the pasture lands who have demonstrated additional skill and ability to ride outside of the indoor/outdoor arenas with supervision provided by STARS instructors and volunteers.

Anticipated traffic: Vehicle traffic will generally run May – September during hours of 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Friday. We anticipate staff/volunteer passenger vehicles to be 1 – 7 automobiles depending on participant lesson levels for the day. Individual participants will be dropped off by private passenger vehicles primarily at lesson start time of 9 am & picked up at 12 noon. Carpooling is encouraged. Limited afternoon participant private lessons may result in additional drop-off/pick-up at 12 noon and again at 4 pm. We estimate a maximum of 10 participant passenger vehicles per day. Group lessons will be transported in a STARS passenger van during normal operating times.

Access to the property: Access to 30100 CR 14E, Steamboat Springs, CO 80487 will be via US Hwy 131 and County Road 14E to the existing gravel driveway to the ranch.

Type of equipment and vehicles: The equipment for Therapeutic Equine Riding lessons & programming will be minimal with tack for horses primarily being used. Horse trailers will be used to bring up animals to the ranch for seasonal boarding. STARS may store some equipment trailers on-site when not in normal use. Normal use of the ranch equipment (tractors, 4x4, snowplows) for snow-removal, haying, or harrowing is expected and will be the responsibility of the landowner.

Restrooms: A fully appointed restroom (toilet, shower, commode, laundry) is currently installed in the 'caretakers' unit' on the first floor of the structure adjacent to the horse stall area.

Meals: While the caretakers' unit has a full kitchen, STARS will not be providing meals to any participants during programming.