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September 11, 2009

Ms. Vicki Fisher Rapid City Growth Management Department 300 6th Street Rapid City, SD 57701

RE:

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Outdoor Campus West

Rezoning Request and Comprehensive Plan Amendment Applications

Dear Vicki:

Please find attached four (4) applications for the rezoning request and five (5) applications for comprehensive plan amendment. Each of the rezone and comprehensive plan applications include metes and bounds descriptions. We have also included a figure that provides a general site concept and is provided only for reference.

As you know, in early 2009, the State of South Dakota purchased approximately 33 acres that extends from Wilderness Park to Sturgis Road. This property is now home to the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Outdoor Campus West. The site will serve as the SDGFP Region I headquarters and Outdoor Education Center, where education will take place both inside the new facility and outside across the campus. As Figure 1 shows, only the east third of the site will be developed into office/education center and support facilities, leaving the west two-thirds for outdoor activities.

One of the primary functions of the Region office portion of the facilities is wildlife management, which includes law enforcement. The other is outdoor education. The support facilities include a shop/laboratory and storage facilities for equipment, educational material and evidence. The anticipated activities associated with new Regional office do not differ from those currently performed at the West South Street facilities. The only difference in overall use is the education program.

It should be noted that the office/education center facilities, excluding the shop and storage areas, will be LEED-certified Silver, as stipulated by state law. The facilities that will be constructed will be a valuable addition to the City of Rapid City.

Please review the enclosed information. If you have questions or comments, please call.

Sincerely,

FERBER ENGINEERING COMPANY, INC.

Dave Muck, PE/LS

Principal

Enclosures. as noted

Cc: Mr Steve Ellingson, SDGFP

Mr. Donovan Broberg, ARC International

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