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To whom it may concern:

Our office was contacted by Mr. Mike Derby regarding a proposed re-purposing of the Canyon Lake Chophouse to a 22 bed reunion cabin facility. Mr. Derby was interested in soliciting the opinion of emergency management in regards to any challenges that such a business might pose to the emergency management processes involving the surrounding community. After meeting with Mr. Derby and discussing his vision and plans for the property, Rapid City / Pennington County Emergency Management has no objections or concerns regarding the proposed facility.

While emergency response and simultaneous public evacuation vehicle traffic flow for the Chapel Valley community presents some planning challenges due to a single ingress/egress point, it is the opinion of our office that the impact to traffic flow from Mr. Derby's proposed business under such conditions would be negligible and could be easily mitigated through proactive emergency planning.

In addition, having such a facility on the neighborhood/residential side of the single ingress and egress point is viewed by our office as a potential asset during a large scale emergency or disaster rather than as a liability.

Mr. Derby indicated he is committed to developing a robust emergency plan for the facility and is willing to engage and integrate with the emergency plans and citizen groups already developed within the Chapel Valley community.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Respectfully,

Dustin Willett, Director
Rapid City / Pennington County Emergency Management

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