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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this application regarding the Hummingbird Ranch & Sonic Bloom Festival. The Hummingbird ranch is located in a geographical area that houses a healthy black bear population and experiences annual black bear activity. Based on the application, there is potential to have approximately 2,000 individuals camping on the landscape for an additional day. Even for a limited time, this will lengthen the exposure of attractants to black bears. The goal is to have those camping on the ranch to be bear aware to ensure human/bear safety.

To eliminate this concern, I recommend using bear proof trashcans/dumpsters at the campsites as well as throughout the festival. It is crucial to convey to campers that they need to store attractants safely. Attractants include food, beverages & toiletries. Safe storage includes airtight containers locked inside the trunk of a vehicle. Campers need to keep their camp clean and avoid placing attractants inside their tent. Advise campers not to leave coolers or boxes of food outside & unattended. Last of all, instruct campers to always lock their vehicle and close all the windows.

I also recommend posting signs throughout the venue including the camping areas that highlight tips to reduce bear conflict and successfully camp in bear country. Colorado Parks & Wildlife have sufficient signage that can be provided with advanced notice. This will help those attending the festival to reduce black bear attractants and potential conflict.

If you have any questions, or I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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