

## Participate

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**From:** H Boyle <Boylehp@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2024 1:08 PM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Housing Department.

I'm all for a deed restriction program.

That being said, is the Council aware of the conflict of interest between BCHA and the residents of Ketchum given the dual staffing model? Who command the legal duty of loyalty for the Houaong Director, who is simultaneously a Ketchum employee and a BCHA employee?

For evidence of the irreconcilable conflict of interest, I refer you to the last page of the recent grant application. You really must read this to understand how this is working against the interests of locals.

Please fix this and run Ketchum for the benefit of its residents.

Thank you,

Perry Boyle  
Ketchum

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** City of Ketchum <housing@ketchumidaho.org>  
**Date:** January 24, 2024 at 12:30:18 PM MST  
**To:** Boylehp@yahoo.com  
**Subject: Announcing the Ownership and Preservation Program!**  
**Reply-To:** City of Ketchum <housing@ketchumidaho.org>

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# ANNOUNCING KETCHUM'S OWNERSHIP AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

## HELPING MAKE LOCAL HOMEOWNERSHIP POSSIBLE...



The City of Ketchum, with administrative support from Blaine County Housing Authority, is launching a new initiative entitled the Ownership and Preservation Program to help preserve local

ownership and occupancy of residences in the city. The program begins immediately and will help to make homeownership possible for those who work and live in the community. Through the program, the city will pay cash incentives (up to 15–30% of a home’s value) to current qualified Ketchum homeowners, or those purchasing a home in Ketchum, in exchange for recording a deed restriction on their property.

[Read the full press release](#)

*“While Category Local households earn too much for other programs, they struggle to attain ownership and housing stability through market-rate housing. This program is a proven tool that supports higher income levels, above 140% area median income, and complements the other programs and efforts in the Housing Action Plan.”*

**—Carissa Connely, Ketchum Housing Director**

Currently, 60% of Ketchum’s housing stock is vacant, being primarily used as vacation homes or short-term rentals. Participation in the Ownership and Preservation Program helps ensure that property is preserved for housing local residents year-round, instead of sitting vacant.

[Click here to learn more about the program or apply](#)



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**From:** Bruce Hinckley <bdh@alchemiesites.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, January 21, 2024 1:01 PM

**To:** Neil Bradshaw <NBradshaw@ketchumidaho.org>; Participate <participate@ketchumidaho.org>; Amanda Breen <ABreen@ketchumidaho.org>; Michael David <mdavid@ketchumidaho.org>; Jim Slanetz <jslanetz@ketchumidaho.org>

**Cc:** Bruce Hinckley <bdh@alchemiesites.com>

**Subject:** Ketchum Streetscapes

Mister Mayor and Council Members,

I find it curious that though several of you mention the importance of maintaining Ketchum's history, heritage, and authenticity in your mission statements and campaign materials, and two of your current Main Street Art & History Goals are to "Stimulate Learning & Understanding of Ketchum's History" and to "Maintain Historical Relevance & Sensitivity", that you would choose to ignore the dozens of citizens, artists, and craftsmen in the Ketchum area, who spent hundreds of hours in developing Ketchum's original Streetscape Standards between 1988 and 1992.

These efforts were the result of the first and so far the only juried competition to be held in Ketchum for the purpose of preserving and improving the character of Ketchum's downtown. Some of you may remember the original Ketchum Town Square on Fourth and Main Street (shown below), and there are remnants of this work at each entrance to town, at the Warm Springs Base, at the two Town Parking Lots, at the approach to River Run, and elsewhere.

All of this material was developed after extensive research into the history and heritage of Ketchum's unique trapping-sheep herding & shipping-mining-railroad- and winter sports heritage. Recognizing that few of us would be here without the creation of the Sun Valley Resort by the Union Pacific Railroad, it was decided to use that iconography for Brand Ketchum, throughout the City.

Sign Posts, Lamp Posts, and a complement of Street Furniture were developed to display important information to locals and tourists, using a deliberately chronologically ambiguous design which would look good in front of both historic and contemporary buildings.

What has happened to this work, and why haven't you heard about it before now?  
It all comes down to jealousy and self interest really (see Shakespeare/Othello/Iago).

A new City Council commissioned and installed the first phases of this work, in what was intended to be a long term plan to strengthen and maintain Brand Ketchum. But (there is too often a but), the owner and editor of the local paper was furious that her husband, the previous mayor, had been defeated (after accomplishing very little in 12 years), and she set about attacking all of this collective effort.

She was assisted in this effort by the City Administrator who had been hired by her husband and continued to serve this and many (too many) subsequent administrations.

When a new City Mayor and Council were voted into office, this City Administrator ceased all maintenance of these publicly funded streetscape improvements, and began lobbying to have them removed. Many intersection planters, lighting and signage elements were destroyed and the original Town Square, located on Main Street (where it belongs), was also destroyed, all of this without public hearings or input.

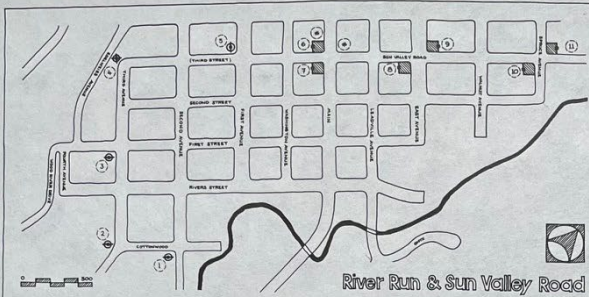
In subsequent years a new signage, lighting, and street furniture package was installed, without public hearings or input, and elements of this package continue to be displayed along Fourth Street and around town. Some of this material was even mounted on the original Ketchum Streetscape poles, too high to be legible, graphically clumsy (note the giant K, the silly poly-chrome arrows, too much information to read at a glance). None of the streetscape elements of this era (early 2000) relate in any way to the history, heritage, and authenticity of Ketchum.

Which brings us to your proposal for Ketchum Streetscape improvements. The signage, lighting, planters, benches, and other street furniture elements in this current plan bear no relationship whatsoever to the history, heritage, and authenticity of our town. They are generic and banal, and could be seen anywhere from Sacramento to Singapore.

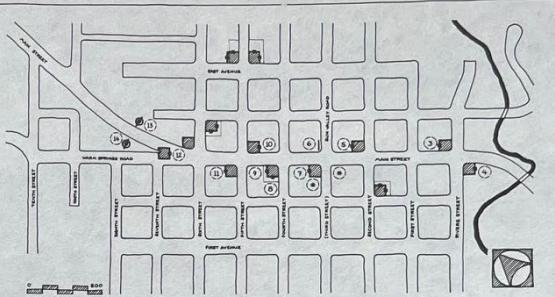
Why? The current City Administrator, during the most recent Public Hearing on this subject, said in effect that “cities typically change their streetscape standards every 15 to 20 years”. What a very foolish and dangerous way to compromise Brand Ketchum. People, both locals and tourists alike, are looking for something that they can be proud of, something which respects their heritage, something of quality, which lasts. Something unique and timeless.

Do you really want to saddle us with another twenty or thirty years of generic, banal street improvements? Or are you willing to provide some genuine leadership by doing this the right way; respecting and building upon what others have done before you?

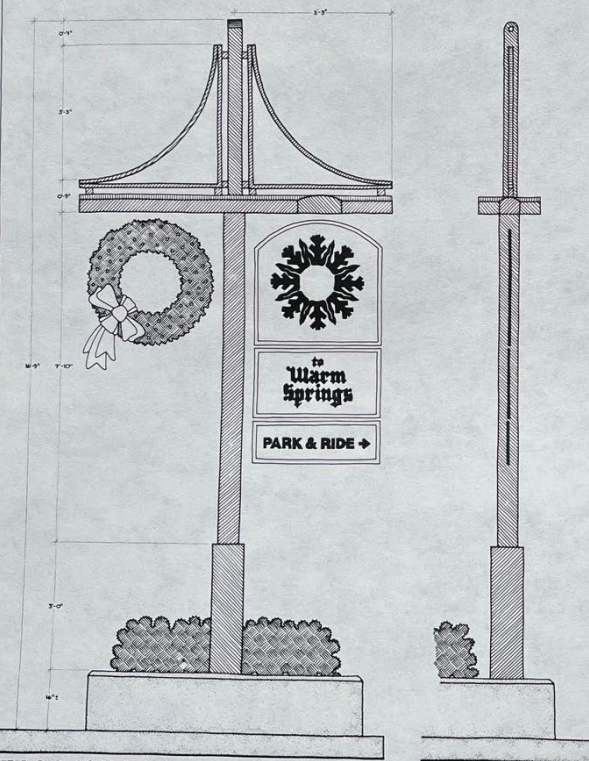
Thank you for listening, and I look forward to hearing from you,  
Respectfully,



River Run & Sun Valley Road

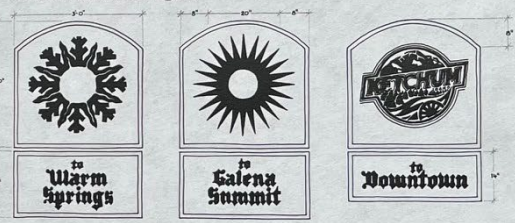


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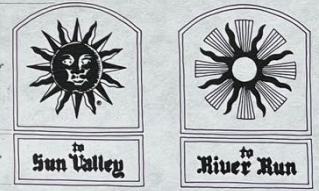


STREET POST, SIGN & PLANTER INSTALLATION with WINTER SEASON DISPLAY

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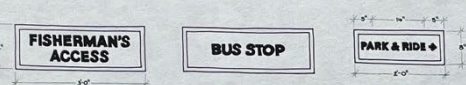
LOGO SIGNS



wall-mounted pedestrian scale signs:



ROUTE SIGNS



INFORMATION SIGNS

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- TOWN OF SPACES
- PUBLIC RESTROOMS
- PUBLIC TELEPHONE
- PUBLIC BATHS
- PUBLIC TOILETS
- BUS STOP
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# KETCHUM STREETS: 1988-1992

A CITY-WIDE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PROVIDING A CONTEXT for the CITY of KETCHUM, IDAHO

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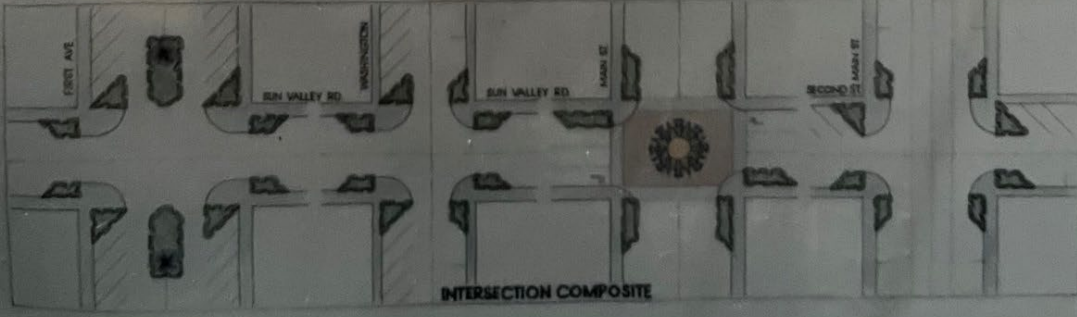
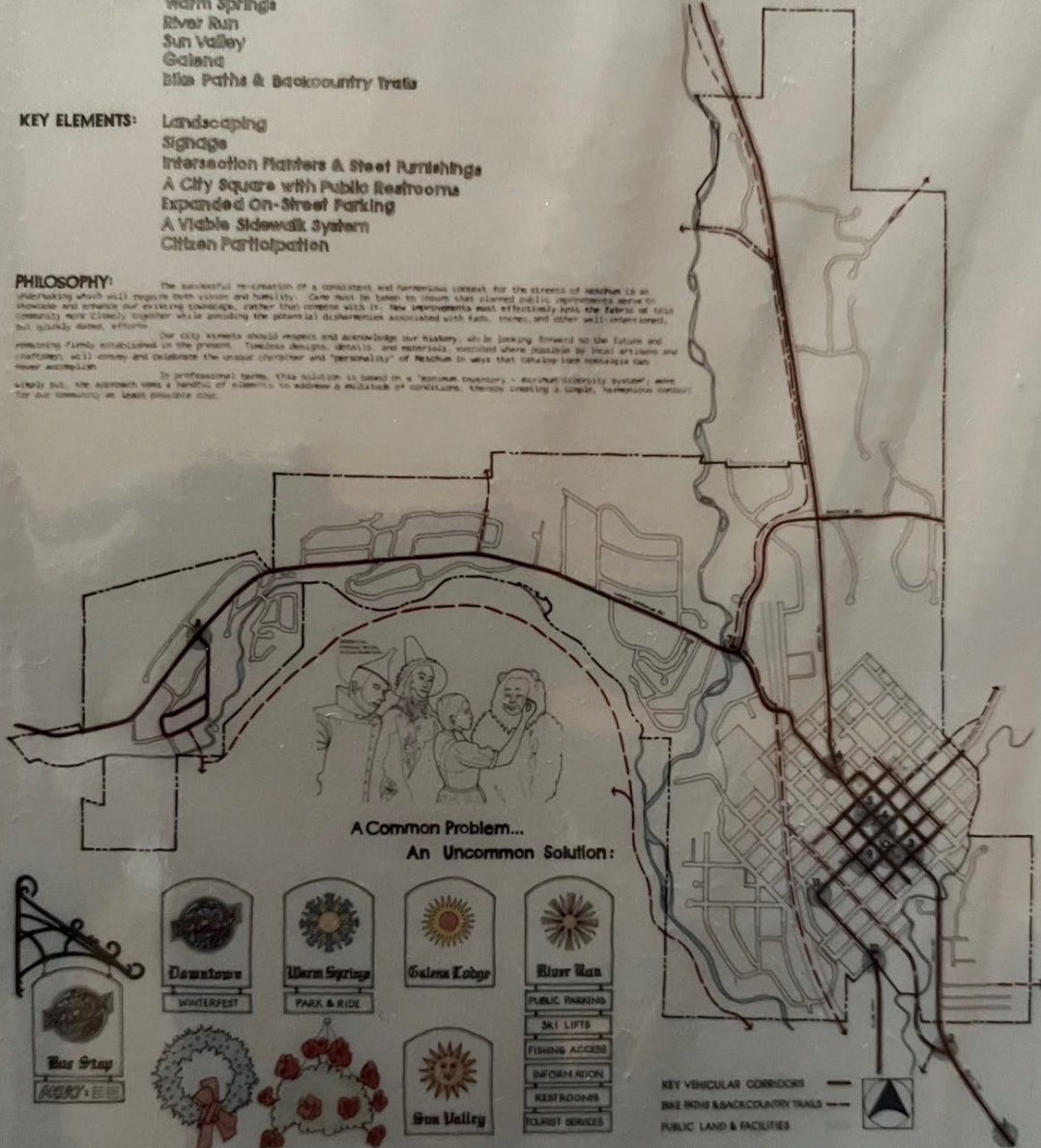
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Warm Springs  
River Run  
Sun Valley  
Galena  
Bike Paths & Backcountry Trails

**KEY ELEMENTS:** Landscaping  
Signage  
Intersection Planners & Street Furnishings  
A City Square with Public Restrooms  
Expanded On-Street Parking  
A Viable Sidewalk System  
Citizen Participation

**PHILOSOPHY:** The successful re-creation of a consistent and harmonious context for the streets of Ketchum is an undertaking which will require both vision and humility. Care must be taken to insure that planned public improvements serve to showcase and enhance our existing landscape, rather than compete with it. New improvements must, effectively, join the fabric of our community more closely together while avoiding the potential disturbances associated with falls, trees, and other well-considered, but quickly dated, options.

Our city streets should respect and acknowledge our history, while looking forward to the future and providing family amenities in the present. Timely design, details, and materials, installed where possible by local artisans and craftsmen, will convey and celebrate the unique character and "personality" of Ketchum in ways that celebrate our heritage and never diminish.

In professional terms, this solution is based on a "minimum inventory - maximum flexibility" system, which simply put, the approach uses a handful of elements to address a multitude of conditions, thereby creating a simple, harmonious context for our community at least possible cost.





Bruce D Hinckley  
Landscape Architect  
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**From:** Maggie Rudigoz <maggierudigoz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 18, 2024 12:46 PM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** USPS - home delivery

At the instruction of Mike Simpson's office I am writing to request that the City work with USPS to arrange for home mail delivery in Ketchum.

Thank you.

Maggie

Maggie Rudigoz Goldberg  
P.O. Box 2554  
Ketchum, ID 83340

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**From:** biche Rudigoz <bicherudy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 18, 2024 11:50 AM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** P.O.BOX

To whom it may concern I am writing this email in regards to the price of our PO boxes. Why is the city of Ketchum people paying \$200 for a PO Box in the town south of us there is home delivery for free. I would like to see this change I know that it was Over to box's in the early 90s! I just don't understand why 12 miles south is free and we're paying \$200 for Postal Service that can't even be filled. Thank you.

Biche

Sent from my iPhone

-----Original Message-----

From: Maggie Rudigoz <maggierudigoz@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2024 10:47 AM

To: Participate <participate@ketchumidaho.org>

Subject: Re: USPS - home delivery

Thank you for responding.

Further on this subject, there is some verbiage I've seen somewhere (on USPS website maybe) that says if USPS cannot deliver mail they must provide a free post office box. Do you know anything about this?

If seems if mail delivery is not possible a free box should be the alternative.

Thanks again,

Maggie

**From:** Info <[info@visitsunvalley.com](mailto:info@visitsunvalley.com)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, January 28, 2024 7:45 AM  
**To:** Info <[info@visitsunvalley.com](mailto:info@visitsunvalley.com)>  
**Subject:** New General Inquiry from Ryan Gray

Hi there, I'm hoping this message can find its way to the right people, or that you can let me know who I should be in contact with.

I've been coming to Sun valley (from Boise) for decades with my family. We ski, fly fish, hike, etc - all the normal Sun Valley stuff.

We were excited to take our shiny new EV on our most recent trip to Ketchum. But it was a really bad experience. There is not a single working fast charger in the area. The closest ones are mountain home and twin falls. This makes it impossible to make a round trip in most EVs. **It seems that many of the overnight chargers are out of order, including the ones at the lodge.**

This all means we won't be coming back to Sun Valley until the infrastructure improves. Instead we'll head to Jackson WY (lots of fast charging reasonably close by) and McCall (fast chargers coming soon).

Hoping this is a temporary problem,  
Ryan Gray

-Ryan Gray ( [ryangray0@gmail.com](mailto:ryangray0@gmail.com) )

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**From:** Amanda DeHaas <dehaasamanda@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2024 10:45 AM  
**To:** Participate  
**Subject:** Urgent: Transforming Fourth Street into a Dedicated Space for Bikes and Pedestrians during Main street reconstruction project

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing as a concerned resident in light of the ongoing Main Street re-do project, seeking to provide input on the need for improved bike and pedestrian infrastructure in our city, particularly on Fourth Street.

The absence of north-to-south bike routes and the current lack of dedicated spaces for non-motorized transportation pose significant challenges for residents, especially for children commuting between Hemingway Elementary School, Montessori, and the Community Library.

One of the major obstacles children face is the necessity to share the road with cars that are too tall to see them below their dash view. This creates a hazardous situation, particularly considering the small size of children compared to cars. I strongly advocate for the transformation of Fourth Street into a dedicated space for bikes and pedestrians to ensure the safety of our younger community members.

In addition to addressing safety concerns, I am in favor of a comprehensive approach to improving our city's infrastructure. This includes supporting a reduction in parking spaces. Currently, our city has an excessive number of parking spaces, surpassing those of any ski town by about 80%. By reclaiming some of these spaces, we can prioritize alternative modes of transportation, contributing to a more sustainable and pedestrian-friendly urban environment.

I understand the complexities involved in urban planning, and I believe these proposed changes align with our city's commitment to creating a safe, accessible, and environmentally conscious community. I urge you to consider these suggestions as essential steps in enhancing the well-being and safety of our residents.

Thank you for your time and dedication to our community. I am hopeful that these initiatives will be seriously considered and integrated into the ongoing planning efforts for our city.

Amanda DeHaas



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**From:** James Hungelmann <jim.hungelmann@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 29, 2024 1:59 PM  
**To:** Neil Bradshaw  
**Cc:** Amanda Breen; Courtney Hamilton; Tripp Hutchinson; Spencer Cordovano; Participate  
**Subject:** Re: PUBLIC COMMENT/ KCC MEETING/ FEB 5 2024: "CLOUD SEEDING" TOXICITIES

Thanks, Neil.

At the end of that Jan 2023 letter I made suggestions; I will give some further thought on what might be practical and revert shortly.

Jim

El lun, 29 ene 2024 a las 13:27, Neil Bradshaw (<[NBradshaw@ketchumidaho.org](mailto:NBradshaw@ketchumidaho.org)>) escribió:

Thanks for your email Jim

I would be interested in the suggested policy for the Ketchum council to adopt

As you know, we have no jurisdiction over this matter

I am sympathetic to your claims but am not sure what action we could possibly take

Happy to discuss further

Cheers

Neil

**NEIL BRADSHAW | CITY OF KETCHUM**

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On Jan 29, 2024, at 11:27 AM, James Hungelmann <[jim.hungelmann@gmail.com](mailto:jim.hungelmann@gmail.com)> wrote:

**Mayor Bradshaw and City Councilors**

**City of Ketchum**

**Ketchum City Council Meeting of february 5, 2024, 2023**

**GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT / "CLOUD SEEDING" TOXICITIES**

**Dear Mayor and Councilors,**

**It has been over one year since my letter to you on this subject; see copy below.**

**The response from you so far has been Dead Silence.**

**Will this Council continue to duck and deny legitimate public inquiry on the ongoing blitzkrieg in our skies, or will you responsibly address this important matter of health and safety?**

**And what is up with the "seeding" this year? - Lots of aerial spraying and yet a horse-laughable dud of a snow year. 🙄 What then is that filthy mist coming down on our children's heads? Pow pow? Is it safe for them to keep eating the white "snow" when on recess at school?**

**Thank you in advance for your kind and thorough reply.**

**Jim**

January 16, 2023

Mayor Bradshaw and City Councilors

City of Ketchum

Ketchum City Council Meeting of January 17, 2023

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Re:

***Health and Safety concern about Contaminants in Cloud Seeding:  
Pay for Snow – At what cost?***

Dear Mayor and Councilors:

**REQUEST IS HEREBY MADE TO YOU**, in the interest of protecting public health and safety, to test the level of contamination appearing in our snowfall and rains; to evaluate and publicly communicate any risks to health and the environment so indicated; and to force by process of law the shutdown of any cloud seeding activities assessed to be unreasonably dangerous.

### **Background**

How nice it has been to see the snow coming - and coming and coming. A banner year, some say. We have our Pray for Snow parties, but as it turns out, there is no need. We have Pay for Snow - and have had for quite some time, they now say. After many years of silence, distraction, and denial, suddenly the mainstream reporting is telling us all about cloud seeding

and how it has been going on for decades, including locally. See, for example, “*Cloud Seeding: Will science be the answer to our snow prayers?*” Sun Valley Magazine (Winter 2022/23).

## **What is Cloud Seeding?**

Cloud seeding is a weather modification technique that involves introducing chemical substances into clouds to convert a greater percent of the moisture available in clouds into precipitation that reaches the earth’s surface. According to the mainstream depiction, cloud seeding involves the release of silver iodide (AgI) vapors into the atmosphere using ground-based propane generators or dropping it from aircraft amid storms. The silver iodide particles serve as a nucleating agent for the formation of ice crystals. Mentioned also by some mainstreamers to be in the chemical mix are potassium iodide, dry ice, and even compressed liquid propane.

## **Pros of Cloud Seeding**

Proponents tout that cloud seeding can increase precipitation and snow falls by up to 15% above what would be available from the normal hydrological cycle, with year-to-year consistency that mitigates increasingly volatile and destructive weather conditions including drought and flood. If true, a consistent 15% increase, without downsides, is an attractive proposition for all parties currently participating in contracted cloud seeding services, including power companies, water boards and districts, agriculturalists, and mountain resorts.

## **Cons**

Opponents insist that cloud seeding as reported is not only expensive, requiring airplanes and chemical supply, but that much of the scientific literature indicates that it fails to achieve any meaningful increase in precipitation in the short-term and could well be disastrously counterproductive long-term as natural weather is derailed; and further, that silver iodide is a highly toxic substance to which chronic exposure is exceptionally damaging for humans and the

environment. They claim that cloud seeding interferes with and sabotages the natural hydrological cycle and alters the amount and distribution of precipitation that falls within a particular region, potentially causing problems such as drought in some areas and flooding in others.

#### **- Human toxicity**

Humans absorb silver iodide through the lungs, nose, skin, and GI tract. Mild exposure can cause GI irritation, renal and pulmonary lesions, and mild argyria (blue or black discoloration of the skin). Severe accumulated exposure can result in hemorrhagic gastroenteritis, shock, enlarged heart, severe argyria, and death by respiratory depression. A key manufacturer of silver iodide for weather modification, Deepwater Chemicals, warns of potential health hazards of silver iodide in its Material Safety Data Sheet as follows:

Chronic Exposure/Target Organs: Chronic ingestion of iodides may produce “iodism”, which may be manifested by skin rash, running nose, headache and irritation of the mucous membranes. Weakness, anemia, loss of weight and general depression may also occur. Chronic inhalation or ingestion may cause argyria characterized by blue-gray discoloration of the eyes, skin and mucous membranes. Chronic skin contact may cause permanent discoloration of the skin.

#### **- Toxicity to Environment including water and food supply**

Environmental agencies rate silver iodide as a non-soluble, inorganic, hazardous chemical that accumulates in and pollutes water and soil and all living things. Silver iodide is classified as an "extremely hazardous substance" by the Environmental Protection Agency. Under the guidelines of the Clean Water Act, silver iodide is considered a “priority” toxic pollutant, considered to be particularly harmful to human health and the environment.

In a 1971 “Freezing Nucleation” patent (US3587966A), the ongoing use of silver iodide is explained as follows:

The early great success with silver iodide as a freezing nucleant for clouds led to the supposition that because silver iodide has a crystal structure somewhat similar to ice, its success in freezing nucleation was entirely due to this fact. *Some fear has recently been*

*expressed about the toxicity of silver iodide. Accordingly, a search has been made for other crystals which would have similar crystalline form, in the hope that they would prove to be freezing nucleants. Limited success has been made in this direction. (Emphasis added.)*

Knowing all this, who wants to take the risk for a possible additional 15% moisture, unless the level of actual contamination can be scientifically shown to be safe?

### **The Rest of the Story**

Evidence-based forensic analysts challenge the mainstream depiction of cloud seeding, of twinengine Pipers flying into clouds with silver iodide-releasing flares attached to the wings, as misleading and not the predominant method of cloud seeding. They point out that in recent years our snow has been exhibiting very bizarre characteristics which cannot be explained by the presence of silver iodide alone. These unusual characteristics include: snow being extremely compacted and slick, making it dangerous for walking and driving; people who work or play in it experiencing disorientation, dizziness, and nausea, as well as difficulty breathing; snow sliding off the tops of cars and roofs in sheets, crashing with a metallic sound and impact; snow charring rather than melting when exposed to flame; having a strange chemical odor; coming down in amorphous globs rather than naturally formed, hexagonal shaped flakes; being exceptionally difficult to push around and damaging heavy-duty snow removal equipment; and shrinking and sublimating directly to gas, bypassing the liquid state and often leaving little trace of melted water behind. Lots of snow maybe, but little to show for it. All of this begs the need for close scrutiny: What is in this stuff coming down?

These forensic observers maintain that what is called cloud seeding is only part of large-scale operations designed to modify and control the climate, which involve fleets of jet aircraft specially equipped with aerosol spray nozzles releasing heavy loads of a nanoparticulate mix of aluminum, barium, strontium, polymer fibers, and anti-coagulating surfactants, showing up as massive trails drifting across the skies in waves and especially pronounced in advance of storms. They claim that air, soil and water sampling consistently show dangerously high levels of toxicity in the mix. Some experts also suspect that the aerosols contain hazardous biological materials, such as bacteria, viruses, and other natural or modified microorganisms and possibly even vaccines or other so-called “biological therapeutics”.

These same analysts insist that current climate intervention efforts serve to derail atmospheric chemistry and destroy the natural hydrological cycle, which has led to more frequent and more severe weather events like ice storms and flooding. They also maintain that climate intervention is the primary cause of overall climate deterioration today.

To conclude, on multiple occasions in recent years, I and others have urged this Council, on the record, to *Strip Search the Elephant in the Sky*, to investigate the visible geoengineering activities taking place that most people are hesitant or afraid to talk about. Regrettably, the Council's reply has been silence, denial, and even ridicule. This aligns with the ominous observation that "the most grossly obvious facts can be ignored when they are unwelcome."

### **A Call to Action**

I respectfully submit that, given the serious threat represented by "cloud seeding" activities as are now being publicly acknowledged, it is legally and ethically incumbent on the City of Ketchum, with neighboring municipalities, to implement periodic professional testing of toxicities in our snow and rain and to take appropriate action to protect public health, safety and the environment. This is not a costly proposition and by so doing, the Council would be setting an example for future generations on the importance of facing our most significant challenges head-on.

Thank you for taking the time to consider and respond to this matter.

Jim Hungelmann

Ketchum



**From:** JR <[johnryanheatly@gmail.com](mailto:johnryanheatly@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 30, 2024 4:57 PM

**To:** Courtney Hamilton <[CHamilton@ketchumidaho.org](mailto:CHamilton@ketchumidaho.org)>; Amanda Breen <[ABreen@ketchumidaho.org](mailto:ABreen@ketchumidaho.org)>;  
Tripp Hutchinson <[thutchinson@ketchumidaho.org](mailto:thutchinson@ketchumidaho.org)>

**Subject:** Request for Implementation of a Safe Walk to School Program

Dear Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the safety of children walking to school, particularly during the winter months when icy sidewalks pose a significant hazard. As a concerned resident of Ketchum and a parent, I believe it is crucial to address this issue to ensure the well-being of our community's children.

Walking to school is an essential part of many children's daily routine, promoting physical activity and independence. However, the current conditions of the sidewalks, especially during icy weather, make this journey hazardous for our young residents. I have personally observed numerous instances of children slipping and falling on icy sidewalks, putting them at risk of injury. My own child recently slipped and hit his head on the icy sidewalk located in front of 671 1st ave north. The icy sidewalks also cause pedestrians to use the roadway to avoid the hazard which could lead to an accident.

To address this concern, I am kindly requesting the City Council to consider implementing a Safe Walk to School Program along the continuous sidewalk located on the west side of 1st ave. This program could include the following measures:

- **Regular Inspection and Maintenance of Sidewalks:** Schedule routine inspections of sidewalks along popular routes to schools and promptly address any issues such as icy patches or uneven surfaces.
- **Sidewalk De-icing:** Ensure that sidewalks on popular walking routes to schools are regularly treated with de-icing agents during winter months to reduce the risk of slips and falls.
- **Increased Lighting:** Improve street lighting along walking routes to schools to enhance visibility, especially during early morning and late afternoon hours when visibility is limited.
- **Community Education:** Launch a community-wide campaign to educate residents about the importance of maintaining safe sidewalks and encourage them to promptly report any unsafe conditions to the appropriate authorities.

I believe that the implementation of a Safe Walk to School Program will not only address the immediate safety concerns but also contribute to the overall well-being of our community. I kindly request that the City Council reviews and considers the feasibility of these measures to enhance the safety of our children while walking to school.

I appreciate your time and attention to this matter, and I look forward to hearing about any actions or initiatives taken to address this important issue.

Thank you for your dedication to our community's safety.

Sincerely,

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949-280-0795  
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