

City of Ketchum
P.O. Box 2315
Ketchum, ID 83340

Re: Support for Proposed Parking Expansions – Saddle & Stirrup Roads

Dear City of Ketchum,

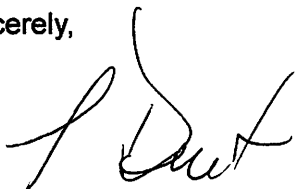
On behalf of the Saddleview Condominiums Homeowners Association, I would like to express our support for the City's proposed additional parking areas presented at your August 14, 2025, meeting. In particular, we appreciate the initiative to expand organized parking along Saddle and Stirrup Roads.

As you know, parking in this area is consistently tight for residents, golfers, and Zenergy members alike. The proposed improvements would relieve existing pressures, improve safety and access, and benefit both homeowners and visitors. We believe these steps represent a thoughtful, balanced approach to supporting the needs of the neighborhood and the broader community.

More broadly, we want to acknowledge the important role that Bigwood Golf and Zenergy play in Ketchum and the Valley as a whole. Both organizations have repeatedly opened their doors to the City and to non-profit groups, hosting events and maintaining public access that enrich our community. Enhancing parking and access in this area directly supports that positive impact and helps sustain these community-minded efforts.

Thank you for your work and for considering the needs of local residents and organizations as you move forward. We look forward to supporting the City as these plans develop.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Dent". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeff" and last name "Dent" clearly distinguishable.

Jeff Dent
President, Saddleview Condominiums Homeowners Association

WOOD RIVER HIGH SCHOOL

1250 Fox Acres Road, Hailey, Idaho 83333 208.578.5020



September 15, 2025

Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission
191 5th St W,
Ketchum, ID 83340

RE: Support for Proposed Parking Lot Expansion

Dear Commissioners,

We are expressing our strong support for the proposed parking lot expansion at Zenergy and Big Wood Golf Club. This project is crucial for our local high school athletic programs, specifically the golf and swimming teams, and I urge you to approve it.

For years, our student-athletes have been incredibly fortunate to benefit from the generous community partnerships with Big Wood Golf Club and Zenergy. These businesses have provided our golf and swimming teams with exceptional facilities, allowing our students to train and compete at a high level. Without their goodwill and support, we simply wouldn't be able to offer these programs in the way that we do.

The current parking situation presents a significant challenge. The proposed expansion would provide the necessary space to accommodate our athletes and coaches, ensuring that our teams can continue to utilize these invaluable resources. This is not just a matter of convenience; it is a matter of continuing the successful, long-standing relationship that allows our student-athletes to thrive.

Approving this expansion will directly benefit the youth in our community and reinforce the vital partnerships that make our athletic programs possible. Thank you for considering our request and for your commitment to supporting the students of Hailey.

Sincerely,

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Kevin Stilling
Athletic Director
Wood River High School

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julia Grafft'. The signature is cursive and elegant, with a large initial 'J'.

Julia Grafft
Principal
Wood River High School



Date: September 16, 2025
To: City of Ketchum
From: Mark Davidson, Executive Director Blaine County Recreation District
Re: Parking Proposal on Saddle Road

I am writing on behalf of the Blaine County Recreation District (BCRD). BCRD provides healthy, active, and diverse recreational opportunities for our community and the area's many visitors. Over the past year BCRD has been in discussion with the owners of the Big Wood Golf Course to increase winter recreation opportunities in the Ketchum community.

I am writing to express BCRD's support for the proposed development of parking facilities near the Big Wood Golf Course in Ketchum. BCRD supports recreation and access to recreation throughout our community, I believe this project will improve access to existing and future recreation opportunities for both residents and visitors.

The current parking limitations create several challenges that expanded facilities would address:

- **Improved Access:** Additional parking will make winter recreation opportunities on the golf course more accessible to families, seniors, and individuals with mobility needs.
- **Safety Improvements:** Adequate parking will reduce unsafe roadside parking and traffic congestion on nearby streets, creating safer conditions for pedestrians and individuals accessing the golf course.
- **Community Recreation:** Enhanced access will allow more residents to enjoy this valuable recreational resource, promoting healthy outdoor activities and community engagement.

This project represents a balanced approach to supporting both demand for access to winter recreation and recreational infrastructure. The Big Wood Golf Course is an important community asset, and ensuring adequate parking will help it continue serving residents and visitors for years to come.

I urge you to move forward with this parking expansion proposal and look forward to seeing this improvement benefit our entire community.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued service to Ketchum.

Sincerely,

Mark Davidson
Executive Director



Cole Petrie
Higher Ground USA, Inc.
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208-726-9298

September 16, 2025

City of Ketchum Leadership
P.O. Box 2315
191 5th St. West
Ketchum, ID 83340

Re: Parking Needs to Support Higher Ground Programming

Dear City of Ketchum Leadership,

My name is Cole Petrie, and I serve as Chief Executive Officer of Higher Ground USA, Inc. Our organization is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people of all abilities through adaptive sports, therapeutic recreation, and community-based programming.

As part of our work in Ketchum, we utilize both the Big Wood Golf Course and Zenergy Health Club for program activities. These facilities are not only essential to our mission, but they have also been extraordinary community partners; subsidizing access so that we can continue to provide impactful, affordable programs to local participants.

In recent years, parking has become increasingly limited around both Big Wood Golf Course and Zenergy. This presents a challenge for Higher Ground, as we rely on special accessible vans and buses to transport our participants safely to and from programming. The current limitations make it difficult for our staff and participants, many of whom require additional accessibility considerations, to access these vital community resources.

Additional public parking on Stirrup Lane, as well as consideration of future public parking areas in the surrounding neighborhood, would significantly benefit Higher Ground. Expanded access would directly support our ability to continue serving local residents through these community-based programs and would further strengthen the positive partnership between our nonprofit, Big Wood Golf Course, Zenergy, and the City of Ketchum.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I would be happy to provide further details about our programs or discuss possible ways the City can support expanded parking access.

Sincerely,

Cole Petrie
Chief Executive Officer
Higher Ground USA, Inc.

Dawn Hofheimer

From: Joyce Doughty <chefdoughty@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2025 2:53 PM
To: Participate
Subject: Changes on Stirrup Lane

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My husband and I have lived on Stirrup Lane for 15 years. It has been a charming, quiet place to live during that time. Now everything has changed. We have crowded parking on the street, turn around and golfers galore starting at the corner of Saddleback and Stirrup, lined up to begin at hole number one. It is an unsafe thoroughfare. I can't imagine anyone on the city council wanting that to happen in their neighborhood.

Roger and Joyce Doughty

Dawn Hofheimer

From: Sonya Wilander <swilander@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 15, 2025 10:59 AM
To: Participate
Subject: Parking

I hope you can increase the parking around Bigwood and Zenergy. I believe it is important to make access to physical activities like the gym and golf easy so that people in town do not find it a burden to have to get out and be healthy.

As a non profit working with men in recovery I see the importance of physical health and thankfully so do Bigwood Golf and Zenergy, as they support the work we do.

Sincerely,

Sonya Wilander, ADC
MSCL House Executive Director
208-481-0182c



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Dawn Hofheimer

From: Christine Davis <rbrdavis@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 27, 2025 9:37 AM
To: Participate
Subject: Stirrup Lane

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It continues to be a dumping ground. These areas were once green (as it's supposed to be) but with giant sand dumps, lumber dumps, extensive cars parking daily on the grass.....it's ruined. Safety is surely an issue we've discussed but pure negligence concerning how this land needs to be maintained is apparent.

It's been like this allllll summer. We've notified the city multiple times.

It would be helpful to get that meeting Jade Riley spoke of! When will that happen?