



**TOWN OF PALMER LAKE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - MEMO SUMMARY**

DATE: April 28, 2022	ITEM NO.	SUBJECT: SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION – Elephant Rock Bicycle Tour – Palmer Lake leg
Presented by: Deputy Clerk Julia Stambaugh		

Recommended Action

To approve the event to take place at the Palmer Lake Recreational Area as presented and endorsed by Staff.

Background

The Elephant Rock Bicycle Tour is seeking the Board’s approval to use the Palmer Lake Recreational Area as part of the cycling festival course through the Rocky Mountain region. The event is scheduled for Sunday, June 5, 2022, with the Palmer Lake leg of the tour being from 8:00am to 3:00pm. Douglas County Events Center is hosting the start and finish line of the tour. The riders will have three courses to choose from 100, 62 or 45 miles. The event coordinators will begin set up at the Pavilion at 5:30am with the first riders expected to arrive around 8:30am. Our Police Dept will work with the event to ensure the riders are able to navigate traffic at the railroad crossing to get safely across to Spruce Mountain Rd. One officer will be assigned to the park and two other officers at the intersection. An aide station will be set up at the Pavilion for the Palmer lake leg of the tour, and there are contingency plans to remove riders from along the route in the event of bad weather. Douglas County and State Patrol are overseeing the event in coordination with other law enforcement agencies from along the front range to include Palmer Lake PD. A command channel, through Douglas Co., will be available to PD and Fire They anticipate up to 2,500 participants, and would ask that no spectators be along the sides of the roads. The event wants to keep the riders as safe as possible, and having people standing along the roadsides can cause accidents There will be a team of rapid response medical personnel to handle any medical emergencies, with AMR being the primary ambulance provider. The event will supply 15-20 porta-lets in the parking area. They will be locked until the morning of the race, and removed on Monday. The Public Works Supervisor requested the volunteers park their vehicles in the south parking lot and use the bridge to reach the Pavilion.

This event has been held for 35 years and is very popular. However, due to the growth along the front range, and the accompanying traffic. The coordinators feel it is too dangerous to continue with the event. This will be the last year. However, they hope to revive the event in some different context that will keep the riders safe.

The event requests the \$100 application fee be waived.