



**Sand Flats Recreation Area  
Stewardship Committee  
125 East Center Street  
Moab, Utah 84532**

Grand County Planning Commission and Grand County Council  
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June 5, 2012

Dear Commission and Council Members,

The Sand Flats Recreation Area operates under a Cooperative Management Agreement between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Grand County “providing for public safety, resource protection and recreation management and maintenance in the Sand Flats Recreation Area. The Sand Flats Stewardship Committee is an advisory committee which counsels the Cooperative Management Team-Sand Flats/ Grand County on operations at the Sand Flats Recreation Area.

This letter is submitted regarding the application for the Moab Zip line Adventure to be constructed on private land controlled by the Steen family in section 36, T 25 S, R 21 E, S.L.B.M. in Grand County. The zip line course is proposed to be located adjacent to the Slickrock Bike Trail with one line crossing over the Slickrock Bike Trail. The proposed zip line course is also located near sections of the Hells Revenge Trail that crosses the above described property.

The Sand Flats Stewardship Committee has reviewed the site map and Recommendation from the Grand County Planning Staff, dated May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and agrees with the requests.

Additionally the Sand Flats Stewardship Committee has current concerns:

1. How will the tower guy wires be marked for the safety of bicycles and motorcycles? What is their distance from the trail, especially for zip lines labeled B2, C1 and D2 on the site map? **The distances are 52', 46' and 34' respectively from the trail. Refer to enclosed “Guy Wire Distances.pdf” The wires will be marked with oblong reflectors (4-3/8” x 1-7/8”) with sealed plastic backing and 3/16” mounting holes, which will be attached to the guy wires.**
2. Has Grand County Search and Rescue been involved in discussions concerning the possibility of using the proposed ATV trail as an access point for responding to incidents both on the Steen property and in the Sand Flats Recreation Area? **Yes, we have been in contact with Jim Webster. There were discussions of walking the completed trail in the future.**

3. The Sand Flats Stewardship Committee suggests that along with signs being installed on both sides of the overhead crossing alerting bicyclists to the overhead zip line (at zip line G), a message be added that states that the trail now enters private property and that users need to respect this privilege. The committee also suggests that a similar sign be placed on the other end of the property and on the Hell's Revenge Trail so users coming from the other direction are also aware that they are on private land.

**Suggested signs will be added.**

4. The BLM and Grand County are inviting recreational users onto a portion of the Slickrock Bike Trail that run through private property. If someone is injured, by any of the zip line equipment, or if the zip line equipment is damaged by unauthorized use or vandalism what is the liability for the BLM and Grand County? **MZA carries full insurance.**

5. The Sand Flats Stewardship Committee would like the landowner/ developer to reconsider an easement for the Slickrock Bike Trail dotted routes near the Hell's Revenge Trail. The current solution is to have bikes use the Hell's Revenge Trail instead, but due to the terrain they will not be able to pick up this trail unless they travel some portion through private property. Unless an easement is agreed upon the Slickrock Bike Trail dotted route portion that goes to Mountain View Cave will be closed both on private and public land. **This is to be resolved between Sand Flats and the property owner. It's unreasonable that this affect the approval process for MZA.**

6. The Sand Flats Stewardship Committee requests that Sand Flats Recreation Area management be made aware of the Moab Zip Line Adventure construction schedule when it will affect Sand Flats operations and/or users of the Slickrock Bike Trail and Hell's Revenge Trail. **SFSC will be notified of MZA's construction schedule. Andrea Brand will be our contact.**

7. If the details of the current proposal change then the Sand Flats Stewardship Committee would like to be able to make comments on the changes. **Agreed.**

8. The Sand Flats Stewardship Committee requests that Sand Flats management be notified whenever the Conditional Use Permit is renewed or changed so that unforeseen or on-going issues can be handled. **Action by County.**

9. It is hoped that the county will take action if needed to ensure that all conditions are followed by the applicant and that appropriate measures are in place if violations are noted.

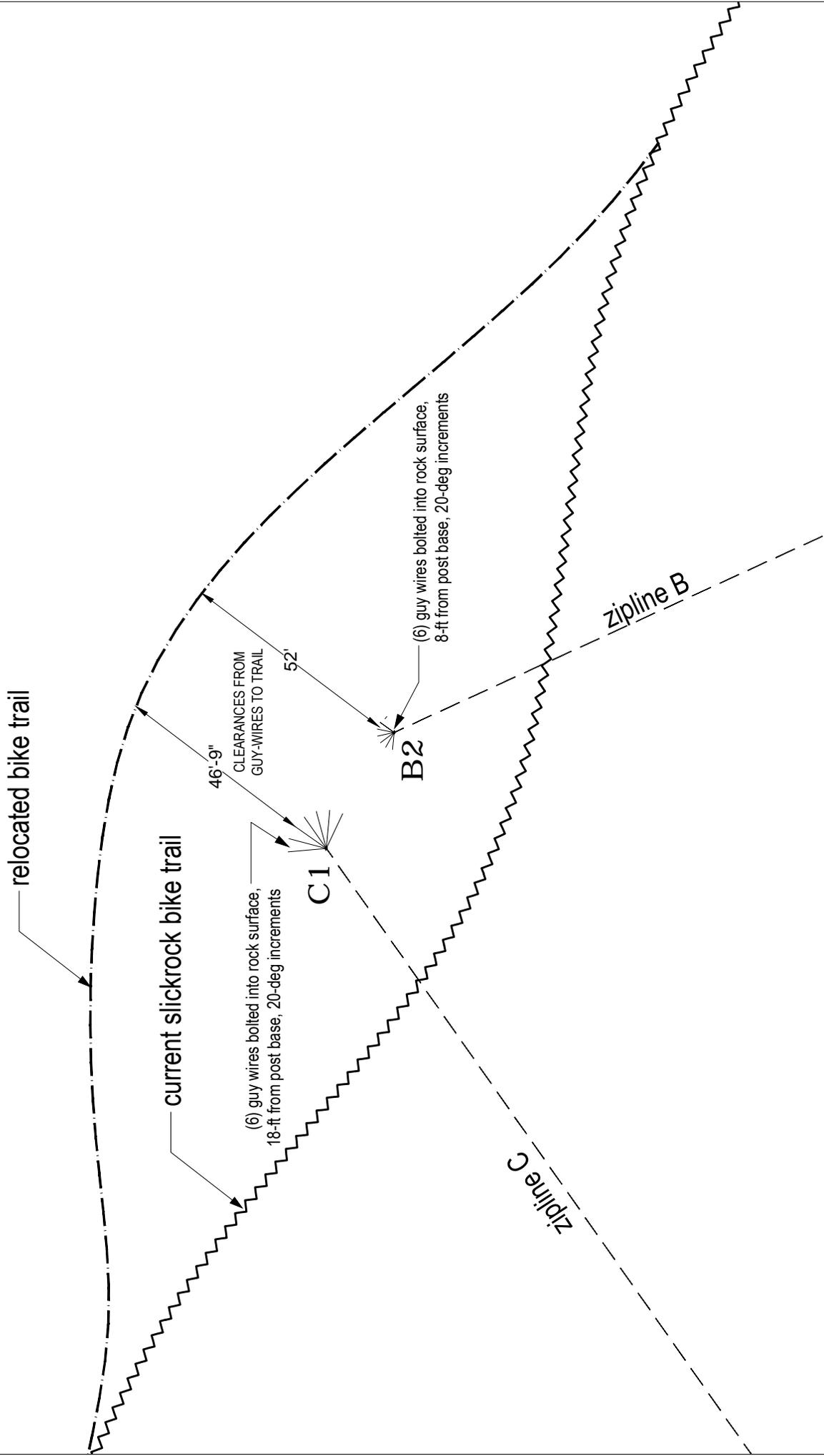
The Stewardship Committee values this opportunity to provide information during the planning process and looks forward to working with the Grand County Planning Commission, Grand County Council and the developer.

Sincerely,

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**ENCLOSED: "GUY WIRE DISTANCES.PDF"**

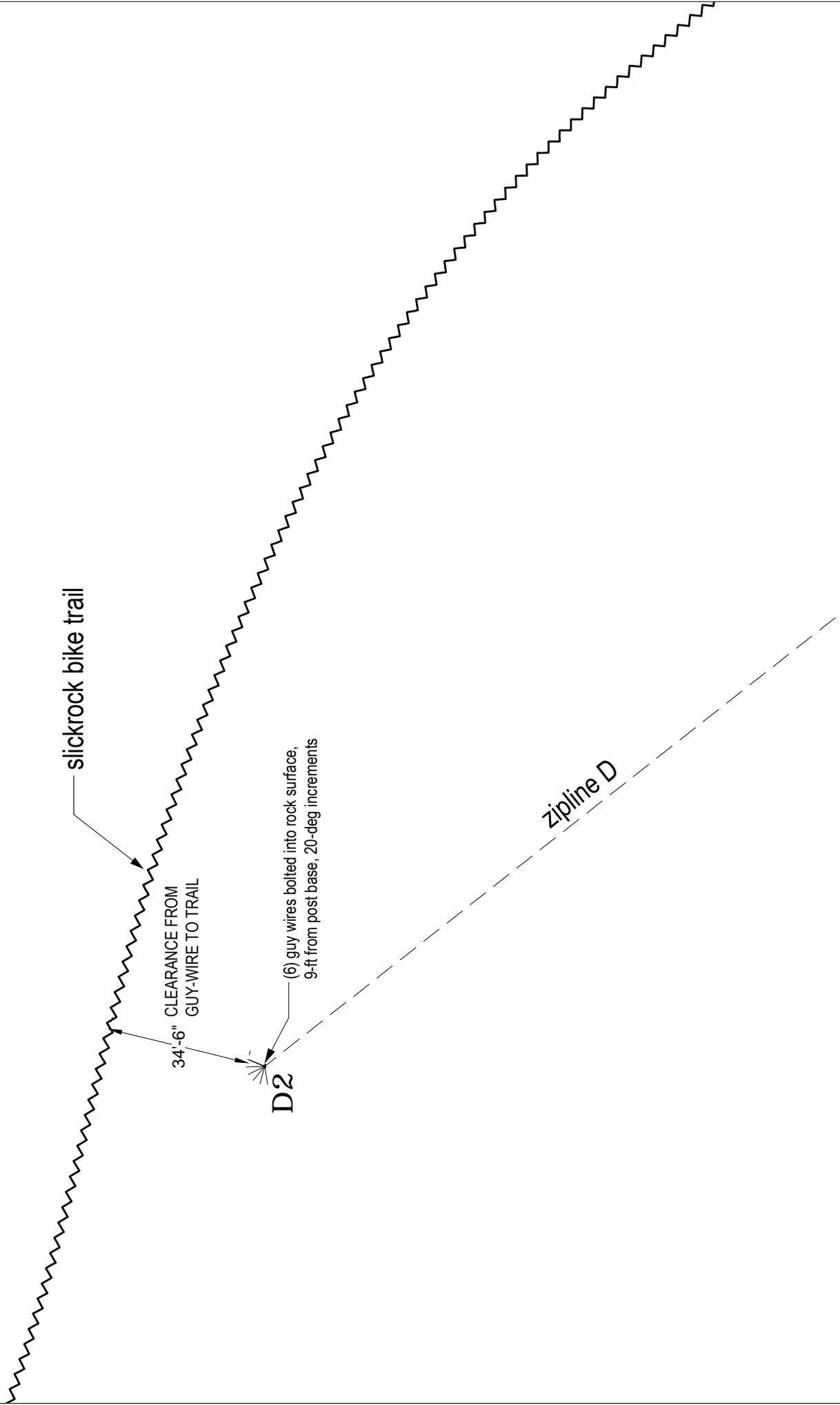


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