

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF BASALT, COLORADO,
FORWARDING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COLORADO DIVISION OF WILDLIFE
REGARDING ENHANCEMENTS TO THE LAKE CHRISTINE SHOOTING RANGE**

**TOWN OF BASALT, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 10
SERIES OF 2010**

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Lake Christine Shooting Range ("Shooting Range") has been operated by the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) in its current location in Eagle County and near Basalt's town boundary for over 35 years; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Basalt acknowledges that the Shooting Range supports the Colorado Wildlife Commissions policy of providing a hunter education program through the CDOW with the mission to produce safe, knowledgeable, responsible and ethical hunters; and

WHEREAS, the Roaring Fork Valley Sportsman's Association (RFVSA) oversees the trap and skeet shooting operations of the Shooting Range, the Town of Basalt views their involvement in the facility as instrumental in furthering the goals of the CDOW.

WHEREAS, there has been growing concern expressed about noise and environmental impacts generated from the Shooting Range as well as the safety and operations of the facility; and

WHEREAS, despite the fact that the CDOW shooting range is outside the boundaries of the Town of Basalt, the Basalt Town Council believes that establishing a baseline of information regarding health and environmental impacts of the Shooting Range is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of Basalt's residents; and the Town Council believed it to be beneficial and prudent to seek assistance from the community to help them address and find solutions for these important and critical issues; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Basalt established the Shooting Range Advisory Committee (SRAC) by appointing seven Basalt residents on September 8, 2009 with the following mission:

To gather information about noise and environmental impacts of the Colorado Division of Wildlife's Lake Christine Shooting Range on the Town of Basalt and surrounding environs and to make recommendations about any actions the town may undertake to address issues in cooperation with the Colorado Division of Wildlife and other partners as deemed necessary.

WHEREAS, the SRAC has conducted several meetings at which information was obtained from noise and environmental experts. Comments from the general public were considered at a public meeting held on April 27, 2010; and

WHEREAS, the SRAC, in cooperation with the CDOW, contracted with Noise Solutions Inc. to conduct a Noise Impact Assessment which provided information on the type of noise mitigation measures that should be considered to minimize the noise being generated from the Shooting Range.

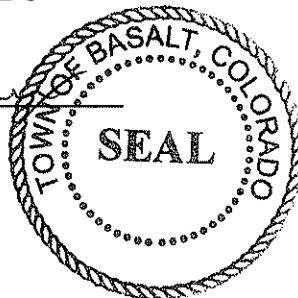
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Basalt, Colorado, that the CDOW should consider the following recommendations with regard to the Lake Christine Shooting Range:

- 1) The CDOW, RFVSA, and the Town of Basalt should work cooperatively to construct appropriate sound barriers around the rifle and pistol shooting platforms pursuant to the design recommendations from Noise Solutions Inc.
- 2) The CDOW should place signage at the shooting range discouraging the use of fast-trigger firearms or mechanisms at the Shooting Range and encouraging behavior that is respectful of the community and other users of the shooting range.
- 3) The CDOW, RFVSA, and the Town of Basalt should work cooperatively to determine ways to fund a full-time "safety officer" to enforce the rules, regulations and hours of operations at the Shooting Range daily. The CDOW should collect a modest fee from users of the shooting range to support full-time safety officer position.
- 4) The Shooting Range should be closed on Sundays to allow Basalt residents at least one day a week when there is no noise generated from the facility.
- 5) The CDOW should conduct a full environmental study to determine whether there is contamination of heavy metals or other toxic materials in the soils, groundwater, or surface water within (or surrounding) the property. The DOW should use an independent contractor to conduct a complete environmental study and shall make the results available to the Town of Basalt and Eagle County. The purpose of this investigation will be to determine if environmental mitigation is necessary.
- 6) The CDOW should conduct studies to determine whether the trap and skeet shooting platforms can be reoriented northward to direct sound away from downtown Basalt. If it is determined that this is a feasible option, the DOW should partner with the RFVSA and the Town of Basalt to identify funding (i.e. grant) opportunities to facilitate the re-design and reconstruction of the skeet shooting facility.
- 7) The CDOW, Eagle County, and the Town of Basalt should enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to assure that the recommendations contained herein are mutually pursued and ultimately accomplished.

RESOLVED this 11th day of May, by a vote of 6 to 0.

TOWN OF BASALT, COLORADO

By: Leroy Duroux
Leroy Duroux, Mayor



ATTEST:

Pamela K. Schilling
Pamela K. Schilling, Clerk