

PRESS RELEASE

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RE: Hoback RV Park Lease Extension and Sewer "Solution"

We have no homeowner's association or official representative to speak on behalf of all 25 residents facing eviction, but several of us (names listed at the bottom of this release) would like to offer the following statement in response to Crowley Capital, LLC's proffered "solution" to extend our leases and coordinate waste removal with Macy's Plumbing.

First, we are disappointed in the lack of integrity in Crowley Capital's management as landlords and communication with us, their tenants. Although the RV Park owners knew for months about their septic violations, they verbally confirmed renewal of our leases, and *then* notified us of the need to vacate. Finding new workforce housing in Teton County on such short notice is already a monumental task - a task further complicated given the complexity of moving RVs that have been stationary for years, winter weather, and a pandemic. Many RV Park residents are low income, elderly, differently abled, and vulnerable to COVID-19.

Second, we are disheartened that many of our attempts to reach Crowley Capital with questions or concerns have been ignored, and that proposed solutions have played out in the newspaper - a move seemingly meant to placate the public rather than help us. They have not asked for our feedback, and they have repeatedly and falsely claimed that December rent will be free, even though they have retained all of our payments for a deposit and first and last month's rent.

We have the following concerns about the solution proposed by Crowley Capital:

- There is no explanation of what "water services" will be provided, such as if we will have access to water from our taps for drinking and full domestic use;
- Many of the trailers cannot hold enough water to meet our needs for a full week, requiring a constant connection, that is not part of the current offer;
- What the increased cost of multiple visits from Macy's to supply individual, smaller holding tanks;
- How this will be managed to ensure we will not have to ration water in order to cook, drink, bathe, and clean;
- How we will prevent tanks and water lines from freezing due to repeated exposure to the elements for servicing;
- How we will maintain adequate temperatures in our RVs since we will be required to move skirting to provide access for Macy's;

- How we will protect the integrity of our skirting and buildouts, which are not designed to be routinely moved;
- Who will pay for the purchase and installation of additional insulation material if needed;
- How burdensome it will be for us to move cars, RVs, or other structures to allow Macy's access to difficult-to-reach tanks;
- Who will pay for snow and ice removal needed to access tanks;
- How we will provide access to our individual tanks when we have work and other responsibilities, all on varying schedules; and
- Who is responsible for removal of existing PVC and plumbing fixtures.

Ultimately, we do not see Crowley Capital's offer to extend leases or its vague arrangement with Macy's a true solution. We also find ourselves ill-equipped to fully understand the legal implications of this offer, and we have no means or opportunity to negotiate on our collective behalf.

We are paying the price for a crime we did not commit. Crowley Capital operated a septic system that polluted this beautiful place we call home - but it was a system that was permitted by and now subject to enforcement action by the County and the State. We are longtime residents and taxpayers who implore the Board of County Commissioners to intervene on our behalf and ensure that we have a viable solution.

We beseech the Board of County Commissioners to require, as part of the settlement for the septic violations, that:

- We have the opportunity to voice our concerns and have our questions answered;
- An extension of our leases to May 31, 2021, as already offered by Crowley Capital;
- Full provision of water to our RVs for drinking and domestic use;
- A contract with Macy's Plumbing - managed by, and paid for by Crowley Capital - to pump the septic and nitrate tanks (as opposed to individual RVs); and
- No increases in our rent.

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Statement prepared by the following Hoback RV Tenants: Cindy Zamora, Jeffrey Meehan, Milton and Catherine Powell, Lance Bauer, Mary Talisman, Patrick Kehoe and Inanna Reistad