

Michael Draper

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Sent: Friday, January 6, 2023 3:09 PM
To: Michael Draper
Cc: Wendy Sugimura
Subject: 1273 Swall Meadows Rd, Bishop, CA - Expanded Home Occupation Permit

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hi Michael,

I would like to apply for an Expanded Home Occupation Permit simultaneously with my Use Permit. The Expanded Home Occupation Permit would be for Eastside Iron Co. ("Business") of which I am a co-owner. Please see the below details in support of this request:

- 1.) The Business is based Inyo County.
- 2.) We are a Certified Owned Small Business, a Certified Woman owned Business, and both CA and Federally Certified Veteran owned business.
- 3.) All Business equipment is stored in Inyo County.
- 4.) The Business specializes in:
 - a. Emergency response for wildfire suppression and other natural disasters.
 - b. Forest restoration and fuel break construction.
- 5.) Eastside Iron is the only company of its kind in Inyo and Mono Counties. The Business has contracts with CalFire, CalTrans, and the USFS for emergency response and holds the USFS Region 5 BPA contract for forest restoration projects. We also have contracts with BLM and a local fire district for fire fuel break construction starting in 2023. In addition, we are in discussions with Wheeler Crest Fire Department for it to contract our equipment to use on standby for red flag scenarios.
- 6.) Eastside Iron is currently in the process of bidding on projects with the White Bark Institute, National Forest Foundation and the USFS to perform work on the Donut Project in Mono County and other similar projects on the Inyo National Forest.

The nature of the Business dictates that primary operations occur entirely offsite. In a nutshell, the Business is providing equipment and operators to third party agencies to support fire suppression, disaster mitigation, and forest restoration; use of heavy equipment in this capacity will not occur on the property.

To support operations, from time to time, we would like to be able to bring a piece of our equipment into the garage located on our property to perform basic or minor repair work that cannot be done outside such as welding and minor hydraulic repairs. If this happens, the repair work would be fully contained within the garage. The garage is the only building onsite associated with the Business and where any such repair work would be performed. This scenario would be strictly limited to minor repairs as we do not have the capability or tools necessary to perform any complex or major repairs. If any piece of equipment needs major repairs, it is sent to Peterbilt in Bakersfield, CASE & John Deere in Fresno or Reno, or other major repair shops located outside of Inyo and Mono Counties.

Below are further details:

- All of the tools at our residence are personally owned and will be fully contained within the garage.
- No Business equipment will be stored on our property.
- Customers or pedestrians will not be visiting the property.
- We will not be storing or working with any hazardous materials.
- My husband is the only employee of the company that will perform the work onsite and occupies the residence.
- The Business would produce little to no evidence of its existence in the external appearance of the dwelling or premises. The only building associated with operations is the garage, which will be fully enclosed, with no associated signage. All minor repair work will be performed within the four walls of the garage with the door closed. The only potential evidence of business operations would be the sound of back-up monitor alarms while loading or unloading the equipment, which is a safety mechanism required by law. This can be done exceptionally quick and would be similar to that of the trash trucks, large delivery trucks, propane companies etc., all of which are in Swall Meadows on a daily basis at any given time. The number of times this would occur each year would also be extremely minimal as it is not anticipated that repairs would occur with any frequency. **The primary intended use of the space is personal use.**

Please let me know if there is anything else I can provide. This Business is a vital part of our community and has helped fill voids and gaps in crucial services. Per the article [HERE](#) in the Mammoth Times, these types of services are of utmost importance to Mono County and the Inyo National Forest.

Thank you,

Lindsey