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Scotts Bluff County Board of Commissioners 1825 10th Street Gering, NE 69341

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing as a resident of Scotts Bluff County regarding the proposed venue on County Road U and 19 in Gering, Nebraska. This proposal has raised significant concerns among residents, and I hope the Board will take these concerns into serious consideration before moving forward.

Many of us who live in the surrounding area are worried about the potential impacts this venue may have on traffic, noise levels, safety, property values, and the overall rural character of our community. County Road U and 19 is not designed to handle large event traffic, and increased congestion could create hazards for residents, agricultural operations, and emergency access. Additionally, the noise and activity associated with a venue of this nature may disrupt the quiet environment that many families rely on.

Many of us value the peace and quiet that comes with country life. Living in the country has its own challenges and hardships, but it also offers wildlife, tranquility, and the ability to step away from traffic, noise, excessive music, and crowds. We live out here for those very reasons, and we do not wish to bring those disturbances closer to our homes and daily lives.

Many of the residents in this area have been here for years, often decades—and have enjoyed the peaceful, beautiful scenery of the hills. It is our deep concern that this will all be destroyed should this venue be allowed to proceed. There appears to be little consideration for the people who already reside here and have for many, many years. If a venue is truly desired, perhaps it would be more appropriate within city limits, where such activities are customary and expected, rather than in the peaceful setting we have all grown to love.

Farm equipment is also a major concern. Many people do not understand that farmers cannot simply move large equipment over at a moment's notice, and increased traffic could create serious safety issues. I also see that the plan includes a small parking lot at the end of the property. If that lot is full—or if patrons do not wish to be blocked in—will they begin parking along the road? That would be extremely dangerous. There is also a tree row at that location; will all traffic be entering through that single entrance, or will they be using the main driveway as well?

At present, there is a large pile of rubbish on the property, and burning has occurred there previously. Is this where people are expected to park? This raises additional concerns about safety and site readiness. Furthermore, during wet seasons or heavy snow, the road becomes difficult to navigate. While those of us who live here have learned how to manage these conditions, many visitors will not have that experience. Who will be responsible for pulling vehicles out of ditches or assisting when they become stuck in the middle of the road? In reality, this burden will fall on the farmers and local residents who must access their own properties to

feed cattle and manage daily operations. Will the venue be providing services to assist their patrons so that responsibility does not fall on the community?

Alcohol is also going to be a serious issue. Will alcohol be permitted, served, or brought in? Even slight intoxication can impair driving, and with deer, coyotes, and other wildlife frequently crossing these roads, the risk of accidents increases dramatically. Farmers often work well into the evening hours and after dark, and impaired drivers meeting farm machinery on narrow rural roads could lead to devastating outcomes. Who is going to police this area? There is potential for fighting, drinking and driving, wandering onto other people's property, or running off the road into ditches. The Gering-Ft. Laramie main supply ditch runs directly along Peaceful Valley Road, and combining alcohol with snow, mud, or unfamiliarity with the area does not make for a good outcome. I do not feel this proposal has been fully thought through, nor does it reflect an understanding of how significantly it could disrupt the lives of the people who live here.

I respectfully ask the Board to reconsider or deny approval of this proposed venue until a thorough evaluation is completed, including traffic studies, environmental impact assessments, and meaningful community input. Taking this action would help ensure that any development in this area aligns with the long-term well-being, safety, and character of our county.

Thank you for your leadership and for considering this request. I appreciate your time and dedication to serving the people of Scotts Bluff County.

Respectfully, **Bonnie Krause, Ed Krause**

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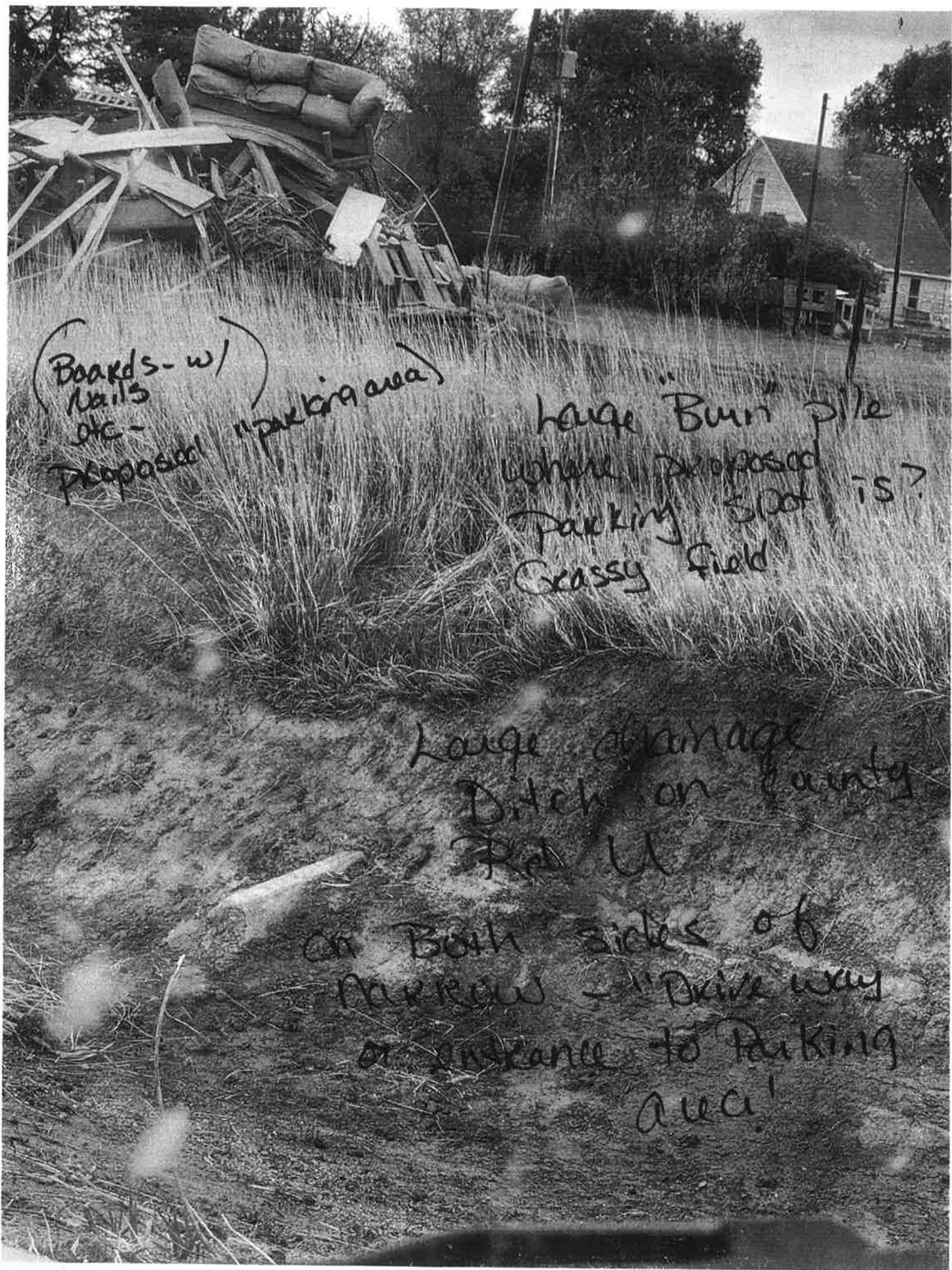
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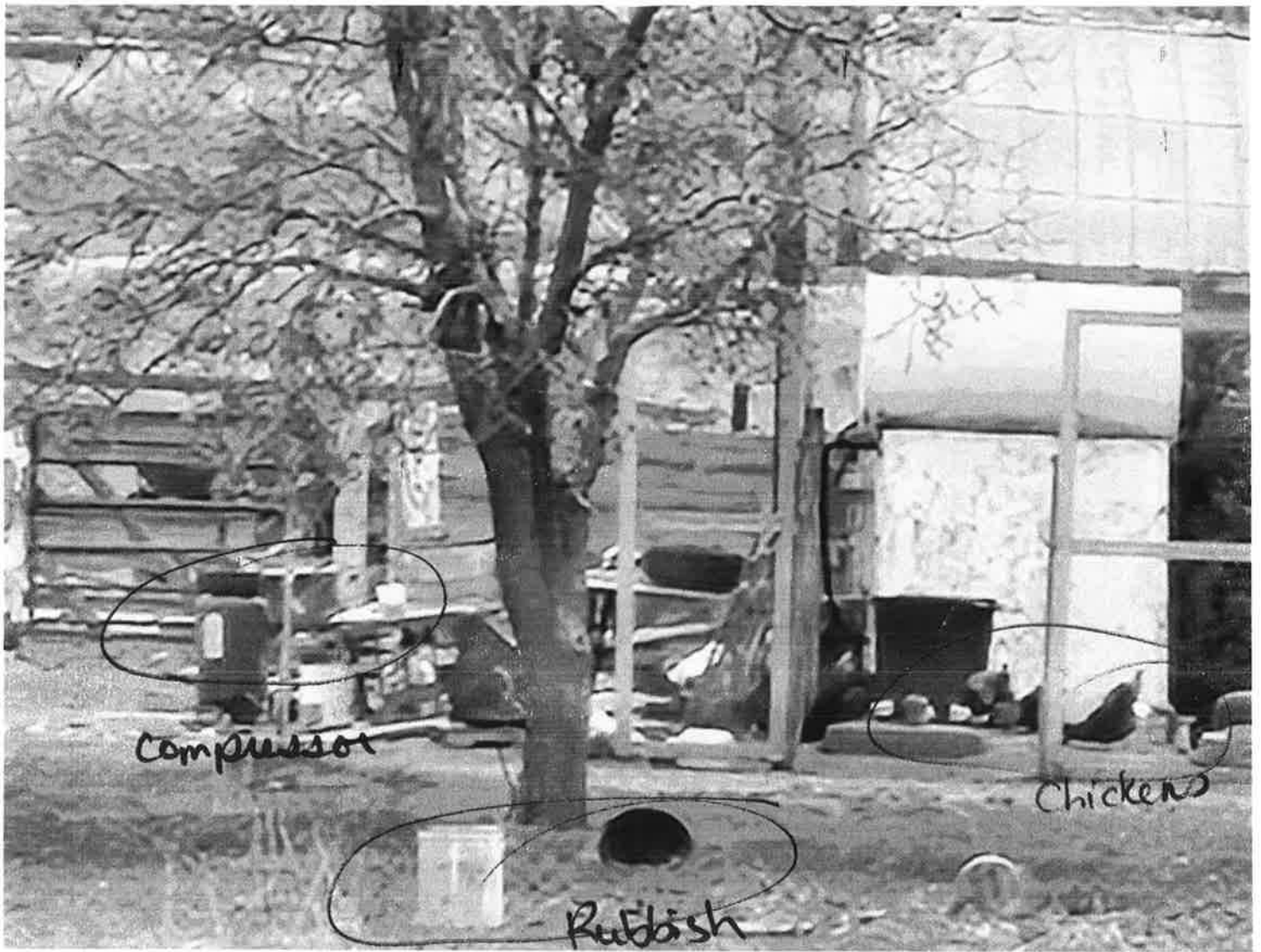
Proposed

parking area)

Large "Burn" pile
where proposed
parking spot is?
Grassy field

Large drainage
Ditch on County
Rd U

On Both sides of
Highway - "Drive way
or entrance to parking
area"



Next to / and on part of proposed
"Drive way"

**SLOW
DOWN**

**DOG RUNS
IN FRONT
OF CARS**

Can you
Control Rations if
You can't control your
Dog!

Sign in front of
house!