

TIFID, special use permit given OK

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ANACONDA — The Anaconda-Deer Lodge County Commission approved a tax increment finance district and two special use permit applications for a corrections facility Tuesday.

The commission approved the formation of the Mill Creek tax increment finance district, which is intended to provide a funding mechanism for infrastructure and help spur development in the Mill Creek area.

Also, the commission approved two special use permits for a 144-bed corrections facility to operate outside of Anaconda.

Community, Counseling and Correctional Services of Butte is planning to build a facility for the START Program, which is currently an 80-bed program on the Montana State Hospital campus at Warm Springs. That building is slated for closure and the state Department of Corrections has asked for bids for a new building.

CCCS is participating in the bid process, and applied for two special use permits: One for land at the intersection of Montana Highways 48 and 287, and another for land near the Sky Haven Lodge property off of Highway 48. The former is the preferred site; the latter is an alternate.

The organization applied for permits for two sites in case there is a problem securing one of them for a new facility.

The START Program houses adult-male offenders who have violated the terms of their probation.