



MEMORANDUM

Date: March 14, 2019

To: The Honorable Chairman and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: ***Sports Destination Management Article Regarding the Kino Sports Complex***

Attached is a short article regarding several sports complexes being developed in the United States, including the Kino Sports Complex.

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Attachment

c: Jan Leshar, Chief Deputy County Administrator
Maureen Ochoa, Director, Stadium District

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DESTINATION MANAGEMENT

Essential Planning & Location Strategies for Sports Event Organizers

SQUAD GOALS

GREAT SOCCER VENUES

CLIMBING INTO THE OLYMPICS

THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF GOLF

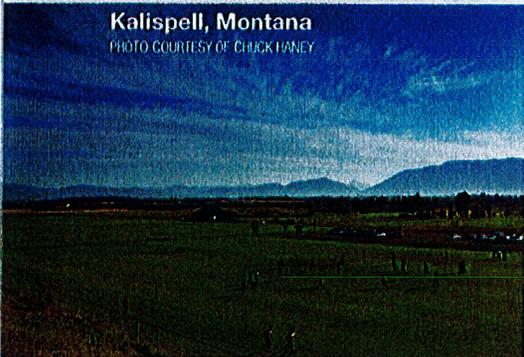
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Kalispell, Montana

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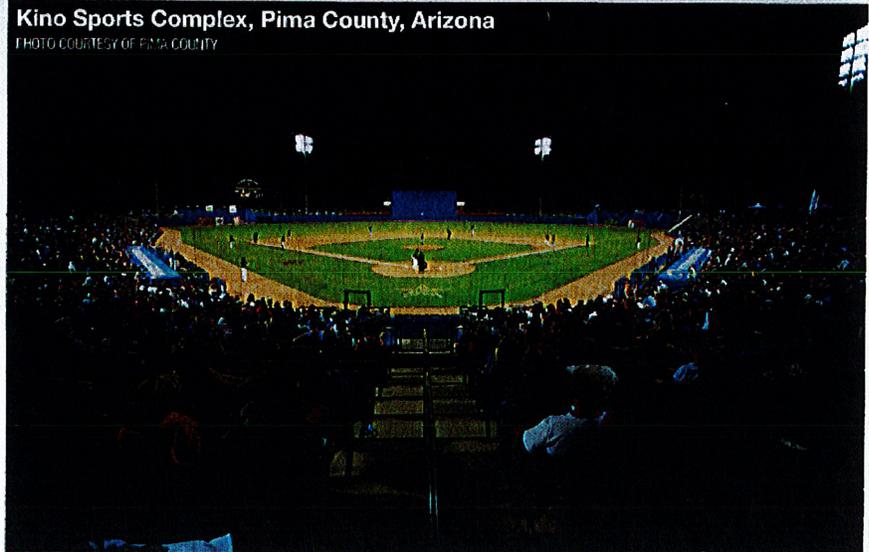
unique eateries, craft breweries, local wineries and adventure activities.

Kalispell, Montana

Kalispell is home to the Kidsports complex, a 126-acre complex with 30 fields set against a dramatic backdrop of mountains. The complex is popular with regional, statewide and Canadian teams, particularly for soccer and baseball.

Kino Sports Complex, Pima County, Arizona

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There is also Miracle Field, an athletic facility designed for adaptive sports. Kalispell is home to the Northwest

Montana Fairgrounds, which offers space for indoor events, most notably the Montana Indoor Soccer Championship.

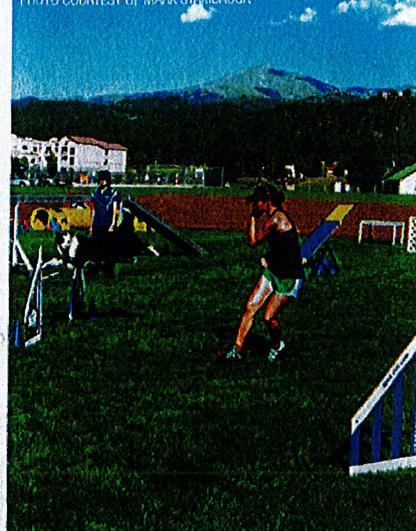
Kino Sports Complex, Pima County, Arizona

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Ruidoso, New Mexico

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Nearby is Legends Field, hosting football games and track meets. Kalispell also has the Event at Rebecca Farm, home to the largest eventing equestrian competition in the country.

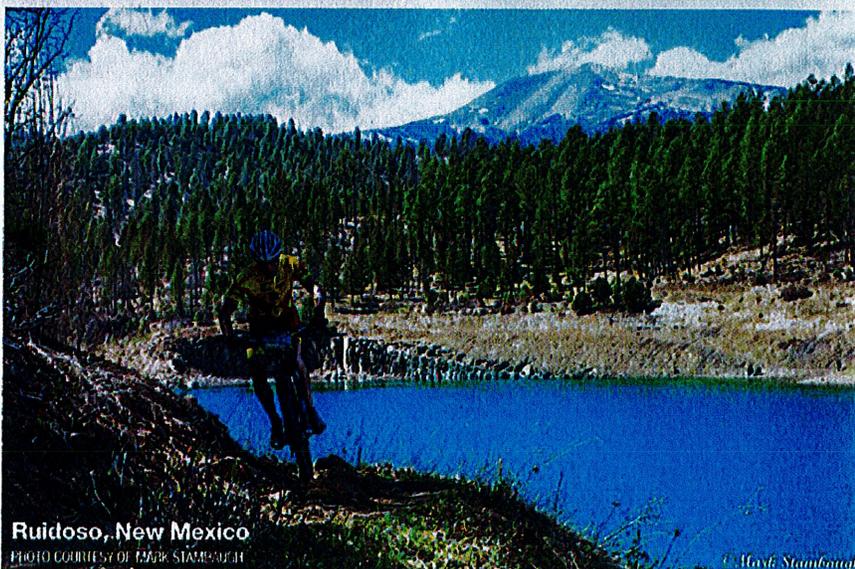
“Eventing is an equestrian event where a single horse and rider combination competes against other combinations across the three disciplines of dressage, cross-country and show jumping,” said Diane Medler of Discover Kalispell.

Kalispell’s location just outside Glacier National Park is ideal for outdoor sports. Flathead Lake is home to the Montana Dragon Boat festival. There are also two hockey facilities for tournaments: one indoor and one outdoor. It features 20 hotels for different budgets and a downtown area with restaurants and shopping.

Kino Sports Complex, Pima County, Arizona

Kino Sports Complex covers 155 acres in Tucson and is the largest professional sports and entertainment venue in Pima County. With a view of the Santa Catalina Mountains, it’s a natural fit for amateur and professional events. The facility is available for leagues, clinics and tournaments. While soccer, baseball and football are the primary sports, rugby and softball are close seconds.

“The current Kino Sports Complex was a former Major League Baseball spring training facility for the Chicago White Sox and the Arizona Diamond-



Ruidoso, New Mexico

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backs,” said Reenie Ochoa of the Pima County Stadium District/Kino Sports Complex.

The complex includes Veterans Memorial Stadium, an 11,000-plus-seat stadium with four clubhouses, concessions, a press box and other amenities. Adjacent to the stadium are four lighted and three additional full-size fields, two half-fields, batting cages and pitching practice areas.

The Kino North Complex consists of a lighted soccer stadium with seating for 3,500, a lighted grandstand field, four additional fields, clubhouse space, a gym, meeting rooms and concessions. Within five miles are restaurants, movie theaters,

golf courses, malls, museums and casinos.

Ruidoso, New Mexico

Ruidoso Village in the Sacramento Mountains offers a variety of activities from skiing (Ski Apache) to horse racing at the Ruidoso Downs Racetrack. For team sports, the village has three lighted multi-use softball/baseball fields, two high school baseball fields and a tee-ball/softball/baseball field. Ruidoso currently hosts 13 tournaments from May through October. USSSA events include men’s and women’s slow-pitch, a senior tournament, youth baseball, youth fastpitch and co-ed slowpitch. (CONTINUED ON PAGE 98)