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John has been an Estes Park resident since 2008, and has been a vocal advocate for making the Estes Park hospital a private entity since that time. Rather than affiliate with (meaning "be rescued by") some larger, more powerful Colorado not-for-profit entity while maintaining a figurehead board who will only be kept alive for rubber stamping outside decisions and local fundraising, John would prefer Estes Park Health become a private local hospital, perhaps physician owned, with equal emphasis on achieving profit through care options tailored to community need, restoration of a skilled nursing facility, and a foundation dedicated entirely to raising money for subsidizing free or low-cost indigent care, not acquiring cost prohibitive and non-price competitive radiologic equipment expensive to obtain and repair.

The in name only "urgent care" facility should be closed or converted strictly to outpatient therapy, the Emergency Room should be enhanced with maintenance of Level III trauma status the goal, the orthopedic surgery department eliminated if it cannot show a profit, conflicts of interest (where board members serve on newspaper editorial boards providing candidate endorsement while local newspaper publishers serve on hospital foundation boards, as one example) and expenditures on publicity eliminated, as Estes Park currently has no competing hospitals. Google can adequately provide free information on available services, location, and operating hours.