

ATTACHMENT 2

Letters of Support for Development of Snodgrass Mountain

June 12, 2008

Charles Richmond
Forest Supervisor, GMUG
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Delta, CO 81416

Dear Charles,

Crested Butte Mountain Resort (CBMR) representatives presented information on their Snodgrass Proposal to Gunnison City Council at our June 10th regular meeting. We have followed the progress of the review for the past few years and understand the scope of the proposal and potential importance of this project to their operations.

After hearing from the CBMR staff on the current status we would like to encourage the United States Forest Service to continue moving the review process forward. If, after analyzing the geological reports, it is determined that those issues are resolved, we feel it is important that the full National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review be commenced. The NEPA process requires federal agencies to integrate environmental values into their decision making processes by considering the impacts of their proposed actions and reasonable alternatives to those actions.

The City of Gunnison agrees that this next step is critical in understanding the merit of the proposal in relation to the requirements of the NEPA. An open and public review is appropriate and backed by the City of Gunnison. Please consider our support to initiate the steps necessary in moving to a complete review of this significant project.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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July 1, 2008

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Mr. Richmond,

The Board of Directors for the Crested Butte South Property Owners Association, on June 18, 2008, met and unanimously passed a motion to encourage the Forest Service to begin the NEPA process for the ski area expansion of lift-served skiing on Snodgrass Mountain, at the request of Crested Butte Mountain Resort.

The Crested Butte South Board of Directors are the elected representatives of approximately 1,500 residents and property owners of the Crested Butte South Subdivision, located approximately 8 miles south of the Town of Crested Butte. The Board of Directors is, among its other duties, charged with doing such other things as will tend toward the welfare and benefit of Crested Butte South and the landowners therein. Given that authority, they authorized me to write this letter to the Forest Service supporting the going forward with the NEPA process to determine what are the economic, environmental and other benefits and detriments of the proposed expansion of the ski area to the welfare of the community.

Thanks you for your consideration.

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To: The Town of Crested Butte and U.S. Forest Service

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We urge the U.S. Forest Service and CBMR to enter into the NEPA process as soon as practically possible. We respect everyone's opinion on this important issue and want to be sure that all views are heard.

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From: Curtis H Wilker [mailto:chwilker@westelk.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2008 12:10 PM
To: Charlie Richmond; Jim Dawson
Cc: John Norton; Diane Mueller; Tim Mueller
Subject: Snodgrass

As president of the HOA, I have been asked by the residents and lot owners of Meridian Lake Meadows to write to the Forest Service with regard to lift accessed skiing on Snodgrass Mountain, Crested Butte.

The HOA circulated a questionnaire (attached) with several pertinent questions regarding the issue of permitting lift accessed winter sports on Snodgrass Mountain.

Meridian Lake Meadows (MLM) subdivision contains 56 homes/lots located on Washington Gulch Road. (CR 811). The subdivision is bounded to the north and east by National Forest and Allen Ranch property. Snodgrass is immediately to the North of MLM. With this close proximity and direct connection to the mountain, our owners are directly impacted by any development on Snodgrass. Our survey prompted 70% of the owner's to respond. Of those responding, 80% voted for the proposal to provide lift accessed skiing on Snodgrass Mountain; 15% were against; and 5% were undecided. The board members and our operating managers support the issue 100%.

The board believes that the results of the survey underscore the support for growing our winter business. Our owners believe that the increase in intermediate skiing that Snodgrass will supply will be important to growing the economic prosperity of the Gunnison Valley.

The Board and the greater majority of our owners encourage the Forest Service to begin the NEPA process on Snodgrass.

Thank you for taking care of our National Forests and know that we treasure where we live and the access we have to such natural beauty. We also treasure the opportunity to be able to make use of mechanical aids to enjoy the skiing and snowboarding provided by CBMR under a USFS permit.

Thanks

Curt Wilker

President MLM



April 7, 2008

Dear Members of the Crested Butte Town Council,

In response to the public hearing held on Monday, April 24th, the Chamber received calls from several business owners, concerned that the opinions heard at the public hearing did not equally represent their views, or the view of the business community. In addition to some businesses being unable to attend public meetings, due to their business operating hours, there were several who expressed concern sharing their opinion on Snodgrass due to fear of reprisal to their business.

In response to these concerns, the Chamber sent a survey to our members, gauging their opinions on Snodgrass. The survey was sent to 307 members of the Chamber, representing a wide range of business categories. We received 134 responses, representing a 44% response rate, quite high when you consider that industry standard is 20-30%.

The mission of the Crested Butte/Mt Crested Butte Chamber of Commerce is to encourage economic prosperity by promoting and protecting the business interests of the community. Ultimately, the Chamber exists to represent our members. At this stage in the process, we can support our mission by sharing the thoughts of our members, and encouraging the opportunity for all information to be available, so that the best decision can be made for the community.

It is my understanding that the town council is considering a draft letter to the US Forest Service regarding proposed ski area expansion onto Snodgrass Mountain, and the Chamber feels it is important, prior to submitting any correspondence representing the Town of Crested Butte, that you consider the input of local businesses.

The primary survey question was, "Based on information currently available, what is your feeling, insofar as your business is concerned, about lift served skiing on Snodgrass Mountain?". With 134 businesses responding, 60% are in support of lift served skiing, 31% are opposed, and 9% are unsure. In relation to businesses located within the Town of Crested Butte, there were 82 respondents, with 56% in support of, 36% opposed to, and 7% unsure. Please refer to attachments for detailed response data.

At this point in the process, the question on the table is whether to allow the NEPA process to take place, which will provide additional information to either validate or disprove the viability of Snodgrass development.

In addition to those who are in support, there is another segment of the business community who is unsure, and feels that there is not enough information to decide. A NEPA process will help provide that additional information.

It is clear that the community is not in harmony with what they would like to see for development of Snodgrass, however it does appear that there is significant interest on behalf of the business community in the project, and it would be shortsighted of the town to encourage the forest service to not enter the NEPA process. At the Chamber, we would encourage the town council to consider the opinions of everyone it serves, including residents and business owners.

It is also clear from several responses in our survey, that businesses struggle to survive in our community, and it seems the support for Snodgrass development by business owners is greatly tied into economic growth and vitality. Separate of the Snodgrass issue, The Chamber would urge the Town of Crested Butte to make the state of our economy an urgent issue, and apply as many, if not more resources to developing economic opportunity as you have to considering the issue of Snodgrass and many others. Perhaps this would be something everyone in the community could get behind.

As indicated by the survey results, and the many comments received in general on this issue, it is clear that regardless of peoples individual opinions on Snodgrass, business owners and residents are united in their love of this community, and their passion for the ability to raise families here and provide a wonderful experience to our residents and visitors.

It would seem, from the results of our survey, that business owners within the Town of Crested Butte are interested in exploring development on Snodgrass. While this may represent a difference of opinion to some residents within the community, considering that 64% of the general fund, which provides for basic services to the community, is funded through sale tax, I think it is important for the council to consider before sending any correspondence that represents the community.

It appears that the businesses are looking for the town to engage in the business of supporting businesses, which ultimately means supporting the community at large. With over 50% of the town general funding being provided by sales tax, and the business community, it is essential that we work together to resolve the bigger picture at hand.

This is a key area where the town council can provide assistance, and we would urge you to do so. Review the suggestions of the Community Assessment Process, develop a vision for the future of the community, and outline action steps that the town can undertake to assist all its constituents with a viable economic future.

The Chamber is working this issue, including spearheading a task force resulting from the Community Assessment Process, and is happy to extend our offer of assistance to work with the town to place the development and support of our local businesses at the forefront of issues.

We acknowledge that the town is dealing with many issues critical to its future, and would like to assure that the support and development of our business community, in a proactive way, is on the top of the list.

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, our board and our members, I would like to thank you for taking the time to review the input of your business community, and for your consideration of their thoughts.

Warm Regards,

Christi Matthews
Executive Director

CC: Charlie Richmond, US Forest Service

We would like to share with you some of the comments shared by our survey respondents, as written-

Someone needs to think about business, it doesn't appear as if the council is too concerned with it

The chamber should be looking to develop a business community that is sustainable over the long term in the face of climate change and economic issues

We need support for our business community

A yes, only to ensure that the USFS will carry out the full NEPA process

I believe the statement could be, "should CBMR be allowed to enter the NEPA process so that it can be determined "IF" they can satisfy the state and federal regulations AND come up with an economically viable plan. This is not an unconditional "YES". This is "Let's move forward and investigate if a yes is possible."

Crested Butte/Mt Crested Butte Chamber of Commerce

Snodgrass Survey

April-08

Based on information currently available, what is your feeling, <u>insofar as your business is concerned</u> , about lift served skiing on Snodgrass Mountain?								
	Total*	Where is your business located?						
		Crested Butte	Mt Crested Butte	Crested Butte South	Gunnison	Gunnison County	Outside Gunnison County	Other, please specify
	133	82	19	4	8	8	1	11
Opposed to	30.10%	35.40%	10.50%	75.00%	0.00%	37.50%	0.00%	27.30%
In Support of	58.60%	53.70%	73.70%	0.00%	87.50%	62.50%	100.00%	63.60%
Unsure/Not Enough Information to Decide	7.50%	6.10%	15.80%	25.00%	12.50%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Other, please specify	3.80%	4.90%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.10%

* Total = The number of respondents for the entire survey who answered the Row question and, if a filter is applied, meet the filter criteria.

Crested Butte/Mt Crested Butte Chamber of Commerce

Snodgrass Survey Results

April-08

1. Based on information currently available, what is your feeling, insofar as your business is concerned, about lift served skiing on Snodgrass Mountain?

Opposed to	42	31%
In Support of	80	60%
Unsure/Not Enough Information to Decide	12	9%
Total	134	100%

5. Please evaluate the following statement- As a business owner, I am concerned about sharing my position on Snodgrass for fear of the impact to my business.

Strongly Disagree	31	23%
Disagree	35	26%
No Opinion	31	23%
Agree	20	15%
Strongly Agree	16	12%
Total	133	100%

6. Where is your business located?

Crested Butte	83	62%
Mt Crested Butte	19	14%
Crested Butte South	4	3%
Gunnison	8	6%
Gunnison County	8	6%
Outside Gunnison County	1	1%
Other, please specify	11	8%
Total	134	100%

7. Which of the following best represents your industry?

Activities/Recreation	8	6%
Construction/Building Services	9	7%
Financial/Insurance Services	2	2%
Lodging	12	9%
Medical	0	0%
Non Profit Organization	9	7%
Personal Care/Services	7	5%
Professional Services	16	12%
Real Estate	18	14%
Recreation	0	0%
Restaurant/Food Service	13	10%
Retail	21	16%
Other, please specify	18	14%
Total	133	100%



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April 15, 2008

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Dear Mr. Richmond,

The Town Council of the Town of Mt. Crested Butte met on April 15, 2008 and passed a motion unanimously to encourage the Forest Service to begin the NEPA process for the ski area expansion of lift served skiing on Snodgrass Mountain, as requested by Crested Butte Mountain Resort.

In a survey completed in the spring of 2006, registered voters, property owners and business owners in the Town of Mt. Crested Butte supported the development of ski terrain expansion on Snodgrass Mountain by 68%. The Town's newly adopted (July 5, 2007) Community Plan shows clearly in the section "Land Use, Development & Growth Management" "Objectives/Policies" item number 10; "Support Crested Butte Mountain Resort in its effort to expand ski terrain onto Snodgrass Mountain."

It is for these and several other reasons that the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Mt. Crested Butte urge the United States Forest Service to begin the NEPA process for lift served skiing on Snodgrass Mountain.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William Buck, Mayor

Cc: Jim Dawson, District Ranger
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