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Comments: Dear Mr. Joshua Milligan

My name is Joey Villaflor. I'm a Hang Glider pilot. I'd like to keep this short and sweet as I know you're a busy man.

Hang gliding King Mountain is a dream many pilots aspire to become skilled enough to fly. That being said to be skilled enough you'd have to have many years of flying. Skilled pilots usually mature and have spectacular safety records. These pilots respect the land, people and environment. You might already know how Hang Gliding works, but in case...

We drive up a mountain. Most cases 1 vehicle for as many as it can hold plus gliders and gear, I'd say about 5 pilots crammed into a car because were cheap. We setup our gliders. We run off a side of a hill, and in just a few steps, We're off! That's it! Hopefully a few hours in the air and wishfully hundreds of miles away!

My point being, hang gliding in King Mountain should not be eliminated. We pilots as it is now are actually a dying sport. The few sites in the United States are closing to us for various reasons. Mostly development and preservation, as we are in support of preservation and not development, we have minimal impact on environment.

Please please reconsider the closure of Hang Gliding at King Mountain, and save countless of dreams to fly one of the most cherished and revered hang gliding sites in the world.

with humble gratitude

Joey Villaflor