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RE: Comments on Golden Peak Improvements Project DEIS

Dear Supervisor Fitzwilliams:

I am writing to comment on the March 2018 Golden Peak Improvements Draft Environmental Impact Statement. I am a Northwoods homeowner, a member of the Northwoods Board of Directors, and am currently serving as President of the Northwoods Association.

I am writing this letter to you not on behalf of the association but as a concerned home owner and while I am not necessarily trying to stop the project I, along with many others want to be sure the project is undertaken and completed in the correct manner.

Our Association thought it important to see if there would be any negative affect on our properties so the association engaged an engineering firm to review the proposal at the Association's own cost. I have reviewed the report from CTL/Thompson, Inc, to Northwoods regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and wish to incorporate that report and its concerns into your comments while we have the opportunity.

The report shows that no study has been done on what could happen outside of the expansion area and this causes me great concern. The South side of our buildings is already a wet area and with added snow making, storage, and spring runoff above, this could have a disastrous effect on residences North of the expansion area. It appears to me everything has been engineered to get more water up on to the ski area while nothing has been done to take the water in a different direction away from the residential areas below.

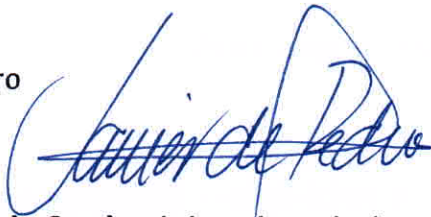
It also seems to me that with an extended ski training season snow would be held on this area as long as possible increasing risk of an unnaturally fast spring melt off, and huge potential for flooding or mudslides below.

I would very much appreciate your consideration of these comments while making your decisions on the expansion area and what the effects of an incomplete engineering analysis being approved could have at any time in the future, when people living in the residences below least expect it. The effect of a mudslide or flood could be disastrous and could put people's lives at risk.

Please also add me to the to the "Interested Publics" list and I would like to be kept abreast of the Forest Service's NEPA analysis and any decisions on the proposed project.

Sincerely,

Javier De Pedro

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Javier De Pedro", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial 'J' and a prominent 'P'.

cc: Northwoods Condominium Association