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Via Email and U.S. Mail

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RE: Comments on Golden Peak Improvements Project DEIS

Dear Supervisor Fitzwilliams:

I am writing to you as an individual owner of a unit in the Northwoods Condominium project in Vail, Colorado and not on behalf of the Condominium Association as a whole. The Association will be sending a separate comment on its own behalf. I wish to comment on the March 2018 Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Golden Peak Improvement Project. Our partnership bought the ski-in ski-out unit in 1978 from Vail Associates, the developer of the Northwoods Condominium project. I have been a Vice President of the Board of Directors for about 20 years.

I have viewed the recent report of the CTL/Thompson Inc. to the Condo Association regarding the DEIS and I want to incorporate by reference that report in addition to my comments.

My experience is that my company is one of the largest community developers and land developers in the United States operating in 14 states and celebrating 50 years in business.

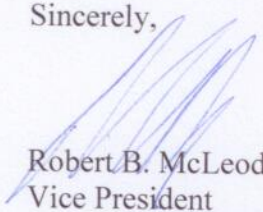
I am not opposed to this project per se. However, a review of the DEIS and the engineering report shows increased risks to Northwoods from potential massive flooding, mudflows and instability of slopes due to the construction and operation of this Golden Peak project above Northwoods.

The mogul course specifically could have adverse effects on Northwoods with the tree clearing, surface grading changes, high-pressure water lines and the increase man-made snow capabilities. The potential of landslide floods, mudslides and mudflow was not evaluated as their effect on the \$250,000,000 worth of homes at Northwoods below this project. Snowmaking and snow stockpiles and the runoff of water in spring and summer months were not considered as an effect on Northwoods.

These issues and many others as listed in the engineering report could be mitigated, with proper design and construction techniques, to stop a catastrophic event at the Northwoods.

I respectfully request to be added to the "Interested Publics" list and to be kept abreast of the Forest Service's NEPA analysis and decision on the proposed project.

Sincerely,



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