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Dear Mr. Fitzwilliams and Klein,

The following are some concerns and comments on the Berlaimont Estates Project.

1. We would like to see the developer provide information about alternate routes. Here's one - Red Canyon Creek Rd to FSR 780 to FSR 783(Thames Creek Road). This route would give them access to the northwest corner of their property. The proposed route would have significant impacts on the creek and wetlands just east of FSR 774. How will the creek be protected during the massive excavation? Will someone inspect the process and test the water? Another significant impact would be to the wildlife population. Once the gate is closed for the winter, we have many deer come down and bed in our yard. It's my understanding that the gate is closed for the winter for the deer and elk. How will they be protected with a road open year round? This is a very popular recreational area for the people of Eagle County. People are out walking their dogs, hiking, mountain biking everyday. The one thing you do not see is vehicle traffic. Having this area paved would completely change the dynamic of this area and its use. Also, it's my understanding under ANILCA that a developer does not have a right to any particular route.

2. I find their potential alternative road (leaves their property, goes on Power Rd and heads north) utterly ridiculous. This is a road to nowhere that can only be used by residents. If they want another access point, Power Rd heading west goes very close to their property line and they could access it there.

3. Having a 26 foot wide paved road will completely ruin the character and charm of this area. This would almost double in size the current road foot print. How long is this project going to take? Will the road be done in sections? Will the public have any access to public land while this road improvement is going on? Will this be year round access? If yes, how will the vehicle traffic impact the wildlife? Will you limit the amount of cars on the road in the winter?

4. ANILCA states an inholding must be provided adequate access, but it does not guarantee a paved road. Section 1323(a). Land speculation and development are an incompatible use of an inholding. Nowhere, does ANILCA say you must provide the developer with the most cost effective access, it just need to be feasible.

Thank you for your time.

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