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TO:

Mr. William Dunkelberger, Supervisor

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via email

Dear Mr. Dunkelberger,

I am a frequent user of the Galena Creek backcountry and I would like to express my support for the USFS Preferred Alternative 2 from the Mt Rose draft EIS for the expansion of the Mt. Rose ski area. In particular, I strongly support the amendment of the Forest Plan to prohibit commercial use of the area outside of the proposed ski area expansion into the Atoma area.

I have seen the number of users of the Galena Creek backcountry increase steadily for over 30 years. This location is unique in the Tahoe area for the high-elevation access it provides backcountry skiers and snowshoers, and has become a hugely popular access point for hikers in the summer. I feel it is critical to preserve this area for the non-motorized uses that local residents and area visitors alike have come to appreciate.

Thank you for your consideration,

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