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Comments: Mt Rose Ski Tahoe - Atoma Area Project

To Whom It May Concern,

I support Alternative 1 - No Action. The north side of the Mt Rose Highway should be kept free of commercial development, including a ski area

My parents are residents of Incline Village, Nevada and I am an avid backcountry snowboarder. Most weekends I visit them and I spend wonderful time split boarding in the backcountry trails on Mount Rose every other weekend of the winter season, and sometime mid-week, if scheduling permits. This is one of the few areas that I feel comfortable heading out on my

I am DEVASTATED by the news that this lovely area on Mount Rose might be destroyed for development for commercial use. There are already TONS of commercial ski areas in Lake Tahoe. This area that is proposed for takeover for commercial use is actively serving a large population of backcountry skiers who are having more and more difficulty finding places to go that are easy to access, but beautiful and high quality. We need to keep some of these pristine areas that can be easily accessed by back country skiers. As John Muir said, "Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul alike. "

Furthermore, and perhaps even more importantly, although I am not an expert on the local flora and fauna, there is no doubt that this will impact environment health and integrity and also the dwindling habitat for the wild creatures that live in the area.

Please, please, please do not let this project proceed. I am happy to provide further input, comments, or to work on the behalf of saving this beautiful wild area.

Most sincerely yours,

With all my passion for the natural world,

Karen Zito