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Comments: As a hang glider pilot my annual trip to fly at the King Mountain launch is always the highlight of my year. I did my initial hang gliding training near King Mountain and my first mountain launch and soaring flights were from there. These moments are seared into a hang glider pilot's mind forever. Having the opportunity to return to King Mountain to fly as I advance as a pilot is an extremely important part of my flying life.

Many hang glider pilots, along with their families, support the local economy by staying at the local hotels, eating at the local restaurants and shopping at the local stores. In addition to the hang gliding that is enjoyed by so many at the King Mountain site visiting pilots also buy Idaho fishing licenses and take part in the myriad of other outdoor activities that the area provides.

King Mountain is so much more than a hang gliding site to the hang gliding world. It is, quite simply, one of the very best flying sites in the country. Anyone who flies hang gliders has heard of and dreams of flying at King Mountain. The loss of this site will have a very serious and negative impact on the hang gliding community.

This is a site that the best pilots in the world come to fly. We spend our time there, we support the local economy and we make King Mountain a world renowned destination for all that fly hang gliders.

I refuse to "beg" any government official to allow me and others to continue to enjoy what belongs to all of us. So, I will not "beg". However, I (we) want you to know that this site belongs to all of us and you have no right to take it away from us.