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Comments: Dear Mr. Williams,

We are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed "Willow Creek Land Exchange".

We are a homeowner on a property immediately bordering on the federal parcel that is at the base of the Mary Jane ski area. We purchased this property in large measure due to its proximity to natural habitat. The proposed development will have an adverse impact not only on my family, but on all who come to this part of the mountains to enjoy the natural beauty and participate in outdoor activities on the land.

From our analysis of what we can understand of the presented plan, it appears this area will be fairly densely populated with homes/condos, which would again take away from the natural raw beauty of the mountain area. The area also overlooks the Fraser River Valley and will be visible from long distances through the valley; again making the Winter Park Ski area appear to be very commercialized and not maintain the raw and natural beauty of the area. Our Base Camp 9200 complex was developed with idea of maintaining the natural undisturbed beauty of the area, and one would not know there is a development in the area, unless they drive right up on it.

The transferring of this federal parcel to a private party for development erodes trust in our system. We purchased our property with the understanding that Federal Land is protected from development.

Finally, we question the proposition that the land in the Willow Creek area has a value equal to that of this unique parcel of federal land that sits at such a desirable area. The federal parcel contains a healthy stand of mature forest that has not been subject to the level of 'beetle kill' in the surrounding area. This valuable resource is seen and enjoyed by all who visit the area - a reminder of what treasured natural habitat the mountains can provide.

We do intend to file an objection under 36 CFR § 218.8

Regards,

Don & Donna Jermain