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JHMR 2023

Jackson Hole Mountain Resort Recreational Enhancement
Project 2023

Bridger-Teton National Forest
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Re: JHMR Recreation Enhancement 2023

Dear Reader:

I write to offer my support for the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort (JHMR) Recreation Enhancement application. I visited JHMR some 40 years ago. In 2008, I became a part-time resident at my home in Indian Springs Ranch and a full-time resident in 2018 at my residence on The Ridge at Spring Creek Ranch. I ski 40-60 days a year at JHMR, frequent the resort in the summer and am an original member of Caldera House.

I strongly believe the Kemmerer family are the best stewards of any ski resort in the world.

Safety

The Kemmerer family created Solitude Station Learning Center in a discrete isolated area of JHMR to protect children from out of control "hot dog skiers" as access from the rest of the mountain is limited to narrow trails through dense forest.

New lifts such as "Big Red" the tram, Teton Quad Chair, and Thunder Quad Chair all provide skiers and visitors with the safest state-of-the-art mountain experience. Each of these new lifts incorporate important ski patrol and avalanche features to protect visitors and employees alike.

Stewardship

The Solitude Station Learning Center provides ski instructors with a state-of-the-art locker room with many "above the top" amenities such as boot dryers. I doubt any mountain in the world has so much respect for its ski professionals. Additionally, Solitude Station has a wonderful parent/grandparent restaurant and fire pit patio so all may experience the sheer joy of watching children learn to ski.

Connie Kemmerer in the past few years introduced JHMR visitors to Via Ferreta. This safe climbing experience not only exposes people to the fun of mountain climbing but exposes them to the story of how European alpinists helped defeat the Nazis.

Community

Every two years I give my very expensive gear to the adaptive ski center. Why? Because the Kemmerer family and their management team are dedicated to helping this community and physically challenged skiers and veterans nationwide, enjoy our mountain.

I cannot begin to list the programs Jim Kercher and the management team at JHMR have created to nurture and support disadvantaged children and physically challenged people.

My Story

On February 23, 2019, I was buried in Rock Springs Bowl/Canyon in a freak accident. I was buried upside down with my head and helmet under a pre-historic boulder. My breathing space was no bigger than a basketball. For over an hour and fifteen minutes the men and women of the JHMR ski patrol located me and my guide and rescued me. This was no small feat as 20 to 30 tons of snow would enter my small breathing zone had they made one small mistake.

I understand all enhancement projects have environmental impacts. I have never spent a day, winter, spring, summer or fall without encountering the abundant and magnificent wildlife of our mountain.

I have no doubt that the Kemmerers will bend over backwards to protect one of the most beautiful places on earth. Afterall, how many ski resorts can boast their lifts are all wind or solar powered?

I am willing to answer any follow-up questions you may have by phone or in person.

Sincerely,

S&D ADVOCATES, LLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SSS' with a stylized flourish.

Scott S. Segal

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cc: Jay Kemmerer
Connie Kemmerer
Jim Kercher

Disclosure: I am not an employee or agent of JHMR, nor do my law firms or any of my employees represent JHMR. I have not received any compensation, gratuity or benefits from JHMR. I do have the benefit of skiing and enjoying one of the most beautiful places on the planet but do so at my own expense.