

Curt Moore

From: Mary [marycrafter@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 10:00 AM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Proposed Jeff Naylor Permit

Teton Planning and Building,

Thank you for sending me a notice regarding Jeff Naylor application for a conditional use permit.

As a close by landowner, I respectfully have very strong opposition to his proposal to have helicopter frequently coming and going on adjacent property. We bought our property in Teton Springs based on it's protective covenants to insure our way of life. There are several reasons that I can't imagine allowing helicopters to land in a highly populated residential area. #1. There is the safety factor: helicopters crash the same as airplanes do. #2. Helicopters are extremely loud. I know, we live under life flights path to Island Park, you can hear them for a mile away. #3. In my opinion this would surely affect the value of my property. In one of the top notch developments in the Teton Valley, I can't imagine allowing a helicopter operation being granted. There are very restricted speed limits, knoxious weed control, excessive noise, litter and other measures in place to protect our investments. What's next? Allowing helicopter rides in the summertime from said location?

We didn't invest our money to live next to an airport (helicopters). How often are there crashes near airports? Worse case scenerio: helicopter crashes into adjacent homes. What then would you feel about your actions on this matter? I feel we have very legitimate and justifiable concerns opposing granting Jeff Naylor a conditional use permit. I would hope that nearby landowners would consider taking legal action to protect our properties.

Thank You,

Russell Dee Eldridge

Lot 4, Block 19, Teton Springs

Curt Moore

From: Mary [marycrafter@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 9:47 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Helicopters

Mr. Moore,

We never purchased our property until mid-Oct. of 2010. It probably took awhile to get our name in the county records. It was owned by the bank and in foreclosure. I still strongly oppose granting this to continue (helicopter flights). I strongly feel it will devalue my property. I do not see any reason why the people that are interested in skiing can't drive to the Driggs airport. For those of us that don't ski, we are suppose to put up with the noise, poor air quality at timesand possible safety issues and the disturbing of a normal atmosphere of a quality sub-division. I bet it is a small percentage of the people in Teton Springs that uses this helicopter service.

Thank you,

Russell Dee Eldridge

Curt Moore

From: Jim Morgan [jim.morgan@subsurfaceconstructors.com]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2011 12:07 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: conditional use permit - Teton Springs Helipad Operation

Greetings:

I write on behalf of Roll Cast Properties in regards to the conditional use permit for the Teton Springs Helipad Operation. Roll Cast Properties owns #2 Hastings in Teton Springs. We are in support of granting the permit to allow High Mountain Helicopter Skiing to land and fuel at the location shown in the letter sent to us. We feel this vendor adds to the value of Teton Springs and it's property owners by helping make Teton Springs a unique resort destination. I can be contacted with any questions at 314.420.7514.

Thanks,

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Curt Moore

From: Bob Ward [bw61@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 9:37 AM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: comment, supporting helicopter pad at teton springs

I support the conditional use permit to land helicopters on Tract 8C at Teton Springs for helicopter skiing. I own 8 Enclave Lane (Block 6A, Lot 8)

Robert Ward
8 Enclave Lane (Block 6A, Lot 8)

Curt Moore

From: hopitrout@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 12:03 PM
To: Curt Moore
Cc: ksalomon@postregister.com
Subject: Conditional Use Permit: High-Mountain Helicopter Skiing use of Tract 8C at Teton Springs Golf & Casting, LLC

We are home owners in the Teton Springs subdivision in Teton County, Idaho. Our general address is 49 Moulton, Victor Idaho 83455. We want to comment on the Conditional Use Permit: High-Mountain Helicopter Skiing use of Tract 8C at Teton Springs Golf & Casting, LLC.

We have no issues/objections with the described use (Helipad Operation) adjacent to the resort. We think it will be a nice addition/item of interest to the resort and subdivision.

Sincerely,

Hopi and Kate Salomon
49 Moulton

Curt Moore

From: Tony Vest [tvest@tetonsprings.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 21, 2011 8:56 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Helipad Use Permitt

Mr. Moore:

I own a home at Enclave 2, very near the Helipad at Teton Springs. It's use last winter by High Mountain Helicopter Skiing in no way detracted from the enjoyment of my property. In fact the helicopter was less intrusive than a snowmobile (nothing against snow mobiles, I own two). While I have never been heli skiing, I appreciate the additional recreational opportunities the operation provides.

I am further aware that Teton Springs Lodge cannot exist on summer business alone and needs to find a way to attract guests in the winter season. The heli skiing in conjunction with Targhee Cat Skiing offers guests something unique. In these difficult times we need to save the jobs we have and hopefully add more.

I urge the commission to approve the request.

Tony Vest
Teton Springs
www.tetonsprings.com

Curt Moore

From: h.feder@roadrunner.com
Sent: Monday, August 22, 2011 10:44 AM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Teton Sprinds Helicopter Landing

Dear Mr Moore,

I am writing in response to a notice of a helicopter landing site close to property we own at Teton Springs. We are opposed to this project and are baffled why such a concept made it this far. There are noise and safety concerns. While I haven't checked the potential uses of property at Teton Pines, it is hard to imagine that landing helicopters is an included use or that this is an appropriate use in reference to the zoning laws. Finally, this proposed use will adversely effect the already depressed value of our property

Thank you.

Harold Feder and Gloria Sandvik

Curt Moore

From: Richard Weinbrandt [weinbrandt@onewest.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2011 11:05 AM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Helipad

Curt,
As the property owner of 89 Moulton in Mountain Meadows at Teton Springs I'm writing to express my opposition to the placement of a helipad in Teton Springs. In my opinion the noise associated with the heli operation is inappropriate in a residential area.
Best Regards,

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Curt Moore

From: Nancy Dunlap [ngdunlap@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2011 12:38 PM
To: Curt Moore
Cc: 'David Dunlap'; skiwyo58@aol.com; 'LaFon'; julieinid@silverstar.com
Subject: Conditional Use for High Mountain Helicopter Skiing

To Whom It May Concern,

My husband and I (David and Nancy Dunlap, PO Box 6765, Jackson, WY 83001) own two undeveloped lots on Winger Circle in Teton Springs.

We are writing to say that we are not in favor of granting the Conditional Use Permit that would allow High Mountain Helicopter to fly into and out of Teton Springs in the winter season. Although we do not oppose the concept of heli-skiing, we feel that a residential neighborhood is not the place for a helicopter landing and take-off.

Thank you, Nancy Dunlap

Nancy Dunlap

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Curt Moore

From: Kate Ewald [kate@blueangeldesign.com]
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2011 1:57 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: High Mountain Heli-Skiing

To Curt Moore,

I am both an employee of High Mountain Heli-Skiing and a home owner/ resident of Victor just a half mile from Teton Springs. I would like to share my support for continuing the use of the heli-pad in Teton Springs. Not only, obviously, has it created a job for me during the winter as well as for all of my co-workers, but it has generated A LOT of business in Teton Valley. I am the one who takes reservations for the heli-skiing. I constantly rave about what Teton Valley has to offer for its visitors. I always recommend that they stay either at Teton Springs or if they want something more economical - I mention the Pines Motel. I am always recommending restaurants such as Spoons and Scratch and bars like the Knotty Pine and huckleberry shakes at the Emporium. Tom at the Victor Valley Market is very grateful for the upscale clients that we send there to buy their groceries as well as the sandwiches that we order from the there for our clients on the days that we fly. We are also always getting gas at the Victor Gateway. The summers here in the valley pick up with tourists, but the winters can be horribly dead. We have already brought a considerable amount of tourists to the valley last winter and it should only increase as the years go on. The clients that have decided to stay in the valley have been pleasantly surprised by what this place has to offer and they plan on returning. I just feel it's a no-brainer that having an upscale successful business such as heli-skiing can only bring good and rewarding things to this valley. Not to mention, we go out of our way to be accommodating and respectful to the neighbors. We avoid nesting eagles. We try to avoid flying over private houses.

Teton Springs fortunately is located right next to the mountains that we are skiing in - so the valley flight is minimal. Also, we are not flying early in the morning or even late in the afternoon/evening. I can't even hear the helicopter when i am home, and my house is in the Edgewood subdivision looking right over teton springs. I also cross- country ski in Teton Springs during the time when the helicopter is coming and going and I don't find it disruptive at all. But we have been respectful of the course and we did not fly on the days that there was a competition last March.

I really do hope that the county can appreciate what an asset High Mountain Heli-Skiing is to the community and I do hope I still have my job this winter.

Sincerely,

Kate Stitt
Po Box 942
Victor, ID 83455

I support this in its entirety as a property owner on BT #30!

In fact I believe this is good for Victor Idaho, Teton Springs and the economy with only goodness for fuel conservation and forest service improvement.

I also have 40 people coming into Teton Springs for incentive trips for this use as opposed to Colorado or Utah for prime helicopter / backcountry skiing.

Any questions, contact me below.

Best

Mike

Mike Potts
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Curt Moore

From: Lydia Griffin Hudacsko [lghudacsko@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2011 5:53 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: support for HMH

Dear Curt-

I am Victor resident (live off of Pole Canyon road), and I was a part-time employee for High Mountain Heli last season. Though I will not be able to work for HMH again this year, I loved the job and especially the interaction I had with locals, second-home owners (Teton Springs and Valley alike), and guests of HMH and Teton Springs Lodge and Spa. My duties included answering phones, completing reservations, and greeting guests before and after their heli trip. Every interaction I had while working with HMH was positive. It was such fun to witness skiers and snowboards realize dreams, go heli-skiing, and enjoy the incredible recreational opportunities that are literally right out my front door. Everyone was always HAPPY! As mentioned, it made the job so much fun! Consistently, Teton Springs homeowners and guests would come into our office to watch the heli land, inquire about the snow conditions, and relish in excitement of our skiers and boards. It disappoints me to read about the Teton Springs homeowner opposition when I did not have ONE interaction with someone questioning the value of HMH at Teton Springs last year. I wish those opponents would have had the courage to come into our office and speak with us directly or at least come check out the business.

HMH's operation out of Teton Springs is such a great asset. While HMH can only fly in optimal conditions (unfortunately for their bottom line)—it is fair to mention that Teton Valley weather in the winter is unpredictable, usually windy, and often very snowy. That being said, the helicopter is not running daily, nor is it running early in the morning or late at night. I find the incessant hum of dirt bikes, four wheelers, and snowmobiles much more bothersome.

If there were multiple heli companies running or if it was a year-long operation, I might be able to understand the opposition. But HMH is not any of those things. Operation starts in late December and usually concludes in late March. What is the occupancy at Teton Springs at that time? As a nearby resident, I would guess that it is not very high (though I am sure those numbers are easily accessible). And as a former hotel manager, I would image that it behooves the Lodge (and all of its employees who most likely live locally—massage therapists, housekeepers, receptionists, bookkeepers, sales staff, etc.) to sell heli-ski packages that will increase nightly occupancy during the slowest time of year.

I certainly hope that our community will see the value of HMH and approve the CUP.

Good luck with this process.

Thanks,
Lydia

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Curt Moore

From: jstewint@gmail.com on behalf of Judith Stewart [jstewint@ix.netcom.com]
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2011 5:57 PM
To: Curt Moore
Cc: Stewart, Ralph
Subject: Heli-pad

Dear Curt,

My name is Ralph Stewart and I own property at Block B6, Lot L8 (45 Rammell Road) in Victor, ID.

I am opposed to the granting of a use permit for this purpose. Although our lot is vacant at the time, we have plans to build there and, based upon past experience, helicopters make a great deal of noise.

We live near the Stanford University Hospital in Palo Alto, CA, and when medical missions are conducted every one near the hospital is very aware of the helicopter traffic. The copters don't just drop down; they tend to circle the area both coming in and departing. I truly feel approving this type of activity, especially for the pure luxury of skiers, would affect the quality of life not just for me and my family, but for the Teton Springs community in general.

I trust this view will be presented at the County Planning and Zoning Commission hearing next month.

Regards,

Ralph Stewart

Curt Moore

From: Ray Thompson [rgt@wpnt.local]
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2011 6:19 PM
To: Curt Moore
Cc: Angie Rutherford
Subject: Support for Teton Springs Golf & Casting Club CUP Application -- heli-skiing

Mr. Curt Moore, Planner
Teton County Planning & Zoning Department

I'm writing in support of the Conditional Use Permit requested by Teton Springs to allow for a heli-skiing operation at Teton Springs Lodge.

I'm a homeowner in Teton Springs, and while I may or may not take advantage of heli-skiing I believe it offers a positive economic influence for Victor, the county and Teton Valley. This unique service will further differentiate our region in the crowded market of winter destinations. The direct benefits could be significant as skiers spend on accommodations, meals, other services, etc. The indirect benefits are likely to be significant, too. I suspect that once approved the heli-skiing operation will garner quite a bit of media attention in the consumer and specialty press. This will be good for our area, too.

I respect that some residents may object to the noise. I don't. That noise you may hear on some of our finer powder days is the sound of people enjoying the bounties of this region. I welcome them!

Please vote "YES" on the permit.

With warm regards,

Ray & Jenna Thompson
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Curt Moore

From: Stanley Riemann [jsriemann@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2011 6:37 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Teton Sprgs Golf&Casting Club CUP App./9/13/11 Hearing
Importance: High

Teton County, Idaho Planning & Building Department,

Please be advised, as an owner of property in Teton Springs Golf and Casting Club, we strongly urge a VETO VOTE for the Conditional Use

Permit to allow High Mountain Heli-Skiing or any other such business to build and utilize a helicopter landing pad at Teton Springs Lodge

(Tract 8C). I consider it a threat to property values in addition to liability issues.

Thank you for considerations.

*Jody F Riemann and
Stanley A Riemann, Trustees*

Curt Moore

From: Doug Workman [workmandouglas@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2011 7:40 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: High Mountain Heli/Teton Springs

Dear Curt Moore,

My name is Doug Workman. I have worked for High Mountain Heli Skiing since 2006. It is my primary source of income during the winter months. I am writing in the hopes that the powers that be will recognize that many people's jobs depend on High Mountain Heli's ability to fly out of Teton Springs.

I place great value on open space, quiet space, and wild places---which is why I live in the Tetons and why I have worked year round for over a decade as a mountain guide in the Tetons and the Snake River Range. I am the last person to want to ruin these wild places or infringe on someone's quiet space.

I believe people often band together against heli-skiing out of ignorance. It is an easy assumption that it is destructive and loud. In fact, during a normal day of operations at Teton Springs, HMM makes minimal trips in and out of the mountains and we maintain strict flight paths being sure to avoid nesting birds. Our time in the air, within earshot of anyone in Teton Valley, is minimal--I would have to guess that it adds up to less than 60 minutes on any given day of operations (of which there are less than 4/week.)

It is my hope that the people of Teton Valley will vote in favor of jobs. Not just my job, but those in Victor, Driggs, Grand Targhee, and Jackson that also benefit from the clients we bring into the area. Small business is the cornerstone of the local economy, and last I checked small business is having the hardest time recovering in this time of national economic duress. I believe educated local residents would all favor helping a local small business that leaves little or no mark in the wild lands we all love and creates very little noise pollution.

Thank you for your time working on this issue,

Doug Workman

Curt Moore

From: Mark Cummings [markcmgs367@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2011 9:08 PM
To: Curt Moore
Cc: calfano@tetonspringslodge.com
Subject: Heli Pad at Teton Springs

Hello Curt,

I am an owner with a cabin at 18 Blackfoot Trail in Teton Springs. I support the Heli operation and feel it brings interest and a great service to residents and guests at Teton Springs. Please count me in as a yes vote for allowing the Heli Ski operation to operate out of Teton Springs.

Thanks - Mark Cummings

Curt Moore

From: Wildlife Brewing [wildlifebrewing@silverstar.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 27, 2011 10:13 AM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Conditional use permit / Teton Springs Heli Ski Pad

My name is Ric Harmon , Owner Wildlife Brewing , Victor Idaho. I am writing you this email this morning to express my full support for the Conditional Use Permit For the Heli Pad in Teton Springs Resort , Victor Id. Over the last few years times have been exceptionally tough for businesses here in Victor / Teton Valley . We have seen many good small businesses and some larger ones close. It is my sincere opinion that this service is needed to help bring people back into our valley. The type of customers that Heli skiing brings in are great for businesses and the local economy both , because a number of them will be interested in returning and investing in our valley and it's economic re development. I am a former Heli ski guide for Alaska Backcountry Adventures in Valdez Alaska , so I do know quite a bit about this type of customer. If the conditional use permit , which has been granted in years past , is not renewed - Victor / Teton Valley will lose a valuable resource. The last thing this little town needs is to have more of it's appeal removed . As an employer , it has been challenging enough to retain staff. What we need is more businesse Like High Mtn Heli to re - boost the excitement of why this area is so great to visit and live and work in. There are very few Heli ski operations in the Continental , U.S. Please preserve the wonder of one of the finest experiences a skier can have here in one of the best ski locations on earth. Please Keep Heli skiing alive in Teton Valley - Its only for a select number of days each season , and it's no louder than the Harleys that roll down the highway incessantly all summer. Any one who complains simply has never been heli skiing, and owes it to themselves to try it out. Their perspective will instantly be changed to one of excitement and joy. It's such a great thing, lets keep it going. Thanks for your concideration. Ric Harmon / Wildlife Brewing

Curt Moore

From: jfedders@gmail.com on behalf of John Fedders [jfedders@fedderslaw.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 27, 2011 11:31 AM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Teton County--Naylor Application--High Mountail Helicopter Skiing

Mr Moore

I write in support of the Naylor Application and helicopter landing on Tract 8C. Please submit this email to the Planning and Zoning Commission and to the Board of County Commissioners. Thank you.

I own the land and home at 9885 Angler Point, River Rim Ranch, Teton. I am a taxpayer. I am admitted to the Bar of the State of Idaho.

I have studied and discussed the Naylor Application. I believe it is sound and in the best interest of the Valley and its citizens, and I strongly urge that it be favorably acted upon. My several reasons for suport are as follows.

First, the County government officials should support small business ventures.

Second, the proposal is sound and is sponsored and supported by individuals with financial resources and the professional capacity to see it to success.

Third, the venture is likely to provide further economic oppportunities to the Valley, and may attract other business ventures to the Valley. The Valley needs every opportunity to grow economically. Jobs.

Fourth, the project will not jeopardize the safety and welfare of the citizens of the Valley.

Fifth, the project will provided fun and excitement to those young enough to enjoy this type of activity. Let us provide another outlet for enjoyment for our youth. We want our youth to remain in the Valley as they mature. Let us keep them attracted to this Valley.

Sixth, this type of project is likely to attract national publicity to the Valley and encourage families to vacation and recreate here. I believe this is what we all want for the Valley. Vacationers bring money.

I welcome any questions about what I have said here.

This Naylor Application should be approved and applauded.

Thank you for considering what I have said here.

Respectfully submitted, Joihn Fedders

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Curt Moore

From: Kathy Potts [KLPotts@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, August 28, 2011 9:35 AM
To: Curt Moore
Cc: mike_potts@comcast.net
Subject: Approval for Heli-Pad in Victor, ID located at Teton Springs

Dear Mr. Moore,

My family supports the approval of the heli-pad in Teton Springs, located in Victor, Idaho. We purchased a home in Teton Springs in April of 2010; however, my family has been coming to the area for years. My husband has been coming to the area for over 25 years, and I been coming out from Georgia for twelve years. We believe that the heli-pad could have a very positive impact on the local economy, and we are confident that the very controlled and limited winter usage would not negatively impact the area.

We hope you support the heli-pad and the controlled growth/benefits to the area and community.

Sincerely,

Kathy and Michael Potts
30 Blackfoot Trail
Victor, ID

Curt Moore

From: Heather Pfeiffer [heatherpfeiffer@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 28, 2011 2:38 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Heli skiing at Teton Springs

Dear Craig,

I am a massage therapist at Teton Springs Stillwater Spa. I absolutely love my work and love living here in Teton Valley. I'm writing to let you know that I feel the Heli skiing at Teton Springs would not only be an asset to our valley's economy; it would be a direct positive impact for me and my family. As you may know, the spa business drops off in the shoulder and winter months. Heli skiing would bring more people to our valley during those off-season times thus increasing business in our local restaurants, stores, and the spa for more massages! Please vote yes for Heli ski operation at Teton Springs.

Sincerely,
Heather Pfeiffer
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Sent from my iPhone

Curt Moore

From: Kim Keeley [emporium@silverstar.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 28, 2011 4:00 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Heli skiing support

The Victor Emporium would like to see helicopter skiing continued at Teton Springs. Retailers and service providers need more travelers in our valley during winter months. We were happy to see many skiers from Teton Springs shopping in our store and are sure they spent money at other businesses as well.

Kathryn Ferris
Kim Keeley

Curt Moore

From: Charles Fulp [cfulp@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Sunday, August 28, 2011 5:06 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Conditional Use Permit For Heli-Skiing at Teton Springs

Mr. Moore,

I am writing to express my support for the Conditional Use Permit for heli-skiing to originate from the Teton Springs Property outside Victor, Idaho. My wife and I own a home at 21 Bannock Circle within the Teton Springs community, and we believe that this amenity is important to the continued development of the economy in Teton County, Idaho. Jobs will result from this activity, and we support the project on that basis. The noise disturbance created is minimal and for a short duration of the year. Furthermore, few resort communities can say that they have heli-skiing, and this should bring new tourism dollars to the lodging, restaurant and service business of our community.

Sincerely,

Charles and Brenda Fulp
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Victor, Idaho 83455
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Curt Moore

From: Jeff Cushman [Jeff.Cushman@cushwake.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 28, 2011 7:46 PM
To: Curt Moore

I support Heli Pad use for skiing bu ONLY in Winter months.

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Curt Moore

From: Bryan O'Neill [boneill@tetonspringslodge.com]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 5:46 AM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Application for CUP by Teton Springs Golf & Casting for Helipad on Tract 8C

Mr. Moore,

At Teton Springs Lodge & Spa we are pleased to host the High Mountain Heli operation. It is the clear objective of the management to pursue the grant of the necessary permit from Teton County to continue providing heli-skiing services at Teton Springs.

There are numerous benefits to the local economy derived from the allure of heli-skiing. This unique winter recreational activity drives rentals in our 52 room lodge and 20 luxury cabins. The guests drawn to Teton Springs by the heli-skiing operation subsequently boosts business at the Stillwaters Spa and Headwaters Grille. Simply put, the heli-skiing operation is a significant component in maintaining the gainful employment of myself and other staff members here at the resort.

I would like to note that the clientele that are drawn by heli-skiing are more affluent and tend to book lengthy stays. During a typical stay these guests will stock their kitchens with items from the Victor Valley Grocer, dine at the Sundog, Scratch, and Spoons, and enjoy libations at Wildlife, Grand Teton Brewing, Knotty Pine, and Timberline. They also enjoy skiing at Grand Targhee and book snow machine tours with Teton Valley Adventures.

Providing the attraction of heli-skiing in Teton Valley brings in first time visitors. Once our new guests experience Teton Valley, the opportunity for repeat visits and word of mouth advertising is firmly established. Please take these factors into consideration as you address the request for a conditional use permit for continued heli-skiing operations at Teton Springs.

Respectfully,

Bryan O'Neill
Night Auditor



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Curt Moore

From: mike.shaffer@ubs.com
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To: Curt Moore
Subject: Heli skiing
Attachments: Legal Disclaimer.txt

Gentlemen,
I would support your effort to improve usage of Teton Springs during the suggested winter months with the Heli pad/skiing . FYI- I would not be in support of expanding such usage to the summer months in the the future.

Mike

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Curt Moore

From: Julie Stalnecker [jupest@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 7:30 AM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Teton Springs Heli

Mr Moore: I am an owner of a Forest Cabin in Teton Springs who rents my cabin when not in residence. My husband and I strongly support the Heli service and were in residence twice (January and March) last winter when they were operating. It did not disturb us when they came in or out, because the engine seems to run just for excursions and not to sit idling for minutes. Because the blades do not run while they are on the ground, I believe the service is acting responsibly and respectfully. I believe the service is valuable to the resort and to the commerce of the valley.

Sincerely,
Julie and Michael Stalnecker
37 Blackfoot Trail. Teton Springs
Victor, ID. 83455
Sent from my iPad

Curt Moore

From: Beveridge, John D [chip.beveridge@bankofamerica.com]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 7:42 AM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Heli Skiing Permit in Teton Springs

Mr Moore, I am in favor of the Heli Skiing Permit for Teton Springs. I am a cabin owner in Teton Springs and I also own a lot very close to the hotel. Last year, the helicopter did not disturb myself or my guests at my house. Please grant the permit!

Local Address: 37 Warm Creek, Victor, Idaho

Thanks,

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Curt Moore

From: Carolyn Kollegger [ckollegger@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 8:30 AM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Important! Heli Skiing Vote

Dear Curt,

My name is Erwin Kollegger and my business is Swiss-Am Ski and Powder Adventures . I am an independent ski pro and guide, heavily promoting my business in Europe for people coming to the Tetons to ski the best powder in the world. One of the most exiting packages consist of Heli skiing. Not having the opportunity to fly out of the Teton Springs location this coming season would be a very big disappointment, not to mention the loss of revenue for my business as well as other businesses involved. In a suffering economy we need to see opportunities for new business as they present themselves and this holds true especially in the winter here in Teton Valley.Heli Skiing from Teton Spring Lodge is a springboard to very important revenue stream to other businesses in the valley.Please vote "yes" on my behalf and on behalf of other businesses affiliated with the Heli ski operation at Teton Springs.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Erwin Kollegger

August 26, 2011

To: Dear Teton County Planning Staff and County Commissioners:

Re: Teton Springs Resort Conditional Use Permit for Heli Skiing:

I currently assist Teton Springs with their marketing and public relations efforts. I was the Marketing Director at Grand Targhee for 30 years and retired in 2008. Jeff Naylor, general manager of Teton Springs Lodge & Spa, and I had worked together at the resort for many years and when he asked if I would join his team at Teton Springs (albeit part-time), well, it's hard to say no to Jeff. He is a great manager and a wonderful person.

Teton Springs is a terrific property. It's a quality operation and the staff is so committed to making this the best resort experience possible for our guests. We also strive on a daily basis to be great neighbors and community members. Jeff serves on numerous community boards and we're both on the board of the Teton Springs Foundation. It gives us great pleasure to be involved with the Foundation which supports the valley's non profits thru bi-annual grants.

At the Lodge we've been able to increase our summer business considerably over the past few years, winter season (and shoulder seasons of course!) is a tougher nut to crack. It's difficult not having slope-side accommodations which is what many skiers demand and both local resorts offer plenty of rooms at their base. So, despite the quality accommodations we offer at the Lodge, and our beautiful setting, attracting lodging guests to Teton Springs during the winter months is challenging to say the least.

However, our heli ski operation gives us a distinct advantage over our mountain competitors and other winter destinations. This specialized service is viewed as unique and appeals to a more upscale client and after rigorous promotion the past few years, is finally beginning to attract winter destination guests at a time when lodging occupancy is typically low.

Heli skiing from the resort, just steps from guest accommodations, is very appealing to powder snow devotees and also to travel writers who are most interested in coming to experience this type of backcountry experience. National stories on Teton Valley, and heli skiing in particular, will only enhance the overall

awareness of our incredible community and all it offers. Heli skiing directly from our resort is one product that gives us an advantage over the full-service ski resorts when I invite travel writers to visit. Because of this unique recreation activity, nationwide interest has increased and curiosity aroused for all recreational opportunities in Teton Valley.

We are optimistic that with lodging occupancies rising during the winter months, we will be able to retain all of the terrific staff we currently have in place. Our Guest Service, housekeeping, food service and maintenance personnel, along with all of our Spa & Salon contract workers, are amazing people with solid work ethics, and we would love to keep them employed once the summer and fall season end. Heli skiing is one critical element which will allow us to do so.

Teton Springs is indeed a pristine place and the heli ski operation has never, in my humble opinion, diminished the serenity one enjoys here. In fact, our guests are always intrigued and excited when the chopper lands and scoops up skiers.

I believe very strongly that giving Teton Springs a Conditional Use Permit for the heli ski operation will benefit many of our Teton Valley citizens and undoubtedly boost the economy of local retailers, restaurants and other activity providers. Our guests love sampling all the cool shops, restaurants and fun activities our valley offers. I think everyone enjoys more business during the winter months.

Thanks in advance for your support!

Susie Barnett-Bushong
Victor, Idaho

MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS CORPORATION

August 27, 2011

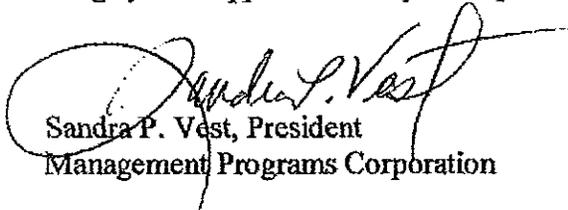
RE: Teton Springs Golf & Casting Conditional Use Permit

Teton Country Planning & Zoning Commission:

As the owner of a commercial property located within the Teton Springs PUD, I am writing in support of the proposed conditional use permit for heli-ski operations at the resort. Heli-skiing is a highly sought after winter sport that has the potential to bring a significant number of winter visitors to Teton Valley. More visitors means increased economic activity and better employment opportunities for valley residents.

The heli-ski activities that have occurred in previous years at Teton Springs have in no way been a detriment to me or the tenants of my building.

I urge you to approve the requested permit.



Sandra P. Vest, President
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Curt Moore

From: CATHERINE TEBAY [catfish.tb@usa.net]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 1:08 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Heli permit

Curt-

I am a resident of Teton Springs and think that the heli operation is a brilliant idea. Please support the renewal of permit for this operation.

Thanks,

Catherine Tebay, DDS
304-482-5869

Curt Moore

From: Bill Malone [billm@oeii.com]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 12:06 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Support for Heli-Skiing Permit

Curt,

As a Teton Springs (37 Warm Creek Lane) homeowner, I enthusiastically support High Mountain Heli operating their heli-ski business from Teton Springs. I see it as an economic benefit for everyone. It will bring additional revenue and exposure to Teton Springs and the community. Last winter when the heli-skiing trips took place I thoroughly enjoyed watching the helicopters take off and land. It was exciting, not disrupting. It was actually very nice to have activity in the community in the winter.

This is a golden opportunity for Teton Springs to attract new resort attendees, as well as offer a unique service that differentiates itself from the majority of winter resorts in the United States.

Bill Malone

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Curt Moore

From: ryan haworth [haworthgallery@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 2:17 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Keep the Heli-pad!

Hi Curt,

My name is Ryan Haworth, my wife and I own and operate Teton Thai in Driggs. I was recently informed of the possible closure/removal of the Heli-Pad in Teton Springs. I really couldn't believe the news when I heard it. The notion of taking away jobs/tourism from our valley, in this economic climate is an outrage!

I am in full support of the Heli-pad and the ability to run a Heli-tour business from the privacy of Teton Springs. As a business owner in this valley, it is appalling that this has even become an issue. High Mountain Heli has done a great job bringing tourists (who otherwise may have overlooked our community) into the valley, as well as provide jobs for locals. When tourists are brought to a special place, such as this, they spend money with other local businesses.

I hope that the deciding force realizes the negative impact that the removal of this business will have, for everyone. I am a proponent of thoughtful discussion, so I would like to know what some of the negative points may be to keeping a business, such as this, in tact. At this point, I fail to see any.

Thank you kindly for taking the time to hear my thoughts on this matter. I trust a sound decision will be made.

Sincerely,

Ryan Haworth

Curt Moore

From: Melanie Rehberg [mrehberg@tetonspringslodge.com]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 4:30 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Support of Heli Operations at Teton Springs from Sales Manager

Dear Curt and Teton County Planning Staff:

As the Sales Manager at Teton Springs Lodge and Spa, I have formidable insight related to securing High Mountain Heli's operation at the base of the Lodge:

- The lodge saw a significant **increase in winter sales** last year. Winter sales is very challenging for the Lodge since we are not ski-in, ski-out. However, we are able to advertise that we are heli-in, heli-out. Even if guests do not end up booking a heli-ski package, they discovered the lodge and region in general through various "heli-in, heli-out" promotional/advertisement campaigns.
- The **clientele who come to heli-ski have more expendable income** than non-heli guests. This results in an increase in sales in other outlets at the resort and throughout the Valley.
- There is **greater awareness for Teton Valley** in general. In fact, there is a 30 minute program highlighting the activity, Eastern Idaho, Teton Valley and the Lodge to be aired on Idaho Public Television's popular series Outdoor Idaho this coming Fall. This program occurred solely based on the fact that High Mountain Heli was based out of Teton Springs.
- **I never received one complaint from guests or residents** last year in regards to heli impact. Actually it was quite the opposite, I received only positive feedback from everyone. Guests and residents found it to be very exciting to watch the heli land and take off. Residents of Teton Springs community and the Valley were proud and excited to know that the heli operation was based here.
- There is a definite **increase in repeat business** due to the Heli-ski activity, this year and exponentially in years to come.
- **Guests choose to come here over Jackson Hole.** They then experience Grand Targhee and the "quiet side of the Tetons".

If the heli-ski operation was to be relocated, there would actually be more of a negative carbon foot print impact. There would be an increase in ground transportation for guests and High Mountain Heli staff, which is more expensive, wastes time and is very inconvenient for the guests. There would be an increase in air travel for the heli, which would be more money in fuel, and would cause a greater radius for sound impact. It simply does not make financial or logistical sense to have to relocate the service.

I strongly urge you to make the right decision for Teton Valley, potential guests and residents. This request is not only for my own personal benefit, but also on behalf of so many people positively affected. I know from last year that **the following were benefited**, and this Valley deserves to see this continue in the coming years:

- All the Teton Springs employees would have more secure employment: front desk, concierge, reservations, Spa, Headwaters Grille, housekeeping, and maintenance staff.
- Grand Targhee Ski Resort (especially their Snow Cat operation), all restaurants and stores throughout Victor and Driggs, heli maintenance companies, ski guides and instructors, magazines and newspapers for advertisement placement
- Real estate sales for both Teton Springs and the Valley.

Time is of the essence, as reservations have already been booked. Thank you for your consideration, and please let me know if I can provide any additional information to the committee.

Sincerely

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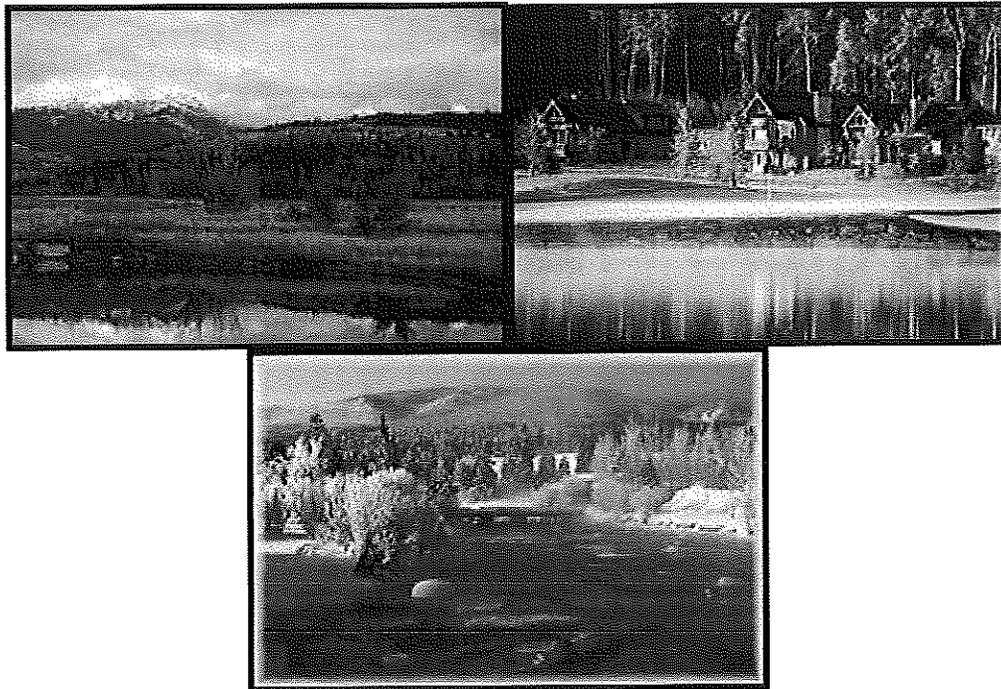


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Curt Moore

From: Bonny Etchemendy [betchemendy@asrealty.com]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 5:32 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Heli-skiing at Teton Springs



Dear Mr. Moore:

I understand that Teton Springs is applying for a Conditional Use Permit for the heli-skiing operation here within the community and I am writing to express my support for this wonderful opportunity. I have been at Teton Springs for the past 10 years and have represented the developer in the sales of the community, am also a long-time property owner and for the past 4 years, have served as a real estate broker for the on-site sales office.

Over the years, Teton Springs has become a beautiful, well-maintained resort community that offers an abundance of amenities to guests and residents. The heli-skiing operation would be an added benefit to the community and the entire valley as it would assist in the increase of property values, promote future appreciation, and continued job growth. It would also allow us to be in an elite group of ski resorts similar to those in Sun Valley, Park City, Tahoe and Colorado, that also offer heli-skiing giving us a better opportunity to compete with the best ski destinations in the lower 48. Heli-skiing is an activity that attracts high-end clients who will travel from all over the US and the world to take advantage of the back-country opportunities just out our back-door. This increase in visitors to our area will not only stimulates the local economy in the winter months, but will also bring in second-home buyers who want to enjoy our beautiful area on a more regular basis. Given the proposed location of the operation and the minimal inconvenience to current residents and guests, I truly feel that the overall benefits of this amenity far outweighs any possible negative aspects.

Thanks in advance for your time and consideration.

Most sincerely,

Bonny Etchemendy
Broker

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Curt Moore

From: Matthew Ward [Matthew_Ward@jhancock.com]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 6:14 PM
To: Curt Moore
Cc: heli-ski@wyoming.com
Subject: Support of High Mountain Heli-Skiing - Victor

Curt -

Just wanted to drop you a note in SUPPORT of keeping High Mountain Heli-Skiing flying out of Victor - at Teton Springs or where ever they can in Victor.

I was so excited to hear last year they moved to our side of the hill. It's wonderful having them here and brings a lot more to this valley than we think. Obviously jobs and high paying customers who spend money in our valley , but also introduces a lot of people from across the country (world) to Teton Valley and lets them to what a special place this is. That's a good thing.

I'm not sure of the negatives, other than a little helicopter noise, which is kind of a nice change once in a while to compliment the quiet we all enjoy living here. If they were flying fleets of helicopters out every hour, that would be different, but an occasional helicopter around Teton Valley is a welcome noise. I had a friend from Boise w/ a large ski group staying at Teton Springs last winter. He mentioned the helicopter right outside his window and thought it was cool. His comment "what a happening place". Others in his group agreed. So do I.

I hope you allow High Mountain Heli-Skiing to stay. I look at them as a wonderful addition to our quiet little valley.



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Curt Moore

From: Mike Fischer [fischerfish@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 7:36 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: teton springs heli

Hello Curt;It has come to my attention the helicopter pad at Teton Springs is in danger of being eliminated, which could possibly result in HMM being put out of business.It seems to me that all economic activity is greatly needed in the valley and especially at a resort that the new economy has doomed.my guess is teton valley and everywhere for that matter will never again enjoy such a boom.Teton valley needs jobs,sure heli skiing does not create a lot of jobs,but it is a high profile activity,bringing in the type of clientele which generate revenue,the potential for trickle down cannot be underestimated. thanks,Mike Fischer

Curt Moore

From: gary beebe [garbeebe@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 9:03 PM
To: Curt Moore
Cc: Jon Shick
Subject: High Mountain Heli

Hello Kurt

High Mountain Heli Skiing is a great asset to Teton County Id. I would like to see HMH continue to operate out of Teton Springs. My home is on 9000 South. I have lived at this location since 1986. I can see Teton Springs from out the front window of my house. I think that Teton Springs is a great base in Teton Valley for HMH. Its close to the mountains and they do not have to fly over the valley to to get to their terrain. I own Mountain Driftboat a boat lot in down town Victor. I spend a large part of my day out side working on boats in late winter and spring when HMH is operating. I can not remember ever hearing the ship take of or land from my boat lot. I am a life long Skier and love to see the HMH ship in the air.

Thank You

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Curt Moore

From: Todd Hilde [thilde@wsasphalt.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 8:24 AM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Heli skiing at Teton Springs

Curt,

I understand you are in the process of reviewing the use permit for the Heli pad at Teton Springs.....I offer the following comments.

- 1) Feel the High MT Heli ski is a very well run and established company with a large diverse customer base. These are exactly the kind of customers we want visiting the Teton Valley in Idaho. These are the customers that have the potential to purchase the many available homes in our valley. The exposure this operation gives us is priceless.
- 2) The quality skiing experience they provide is second to none. This combined with Targhee and other winter recreation in the Victor area makes it a very unique area. Please do not under estimate the value this addition brings to our winter experience.
- 3) I have a home in Teton Springs.....The noise is no factor.....the few days per year and few flights per day take nothing away from our experience. The vibrant and exciting nature of the sport only adds energy to our neighborhood on the days we know they are flying.
- 4) The economic impact for Teton Springs and others in the valley is huge and will continue to grow.

I feel strongly the continued use of this heli pad is critical for the continued progress in teton Valley.

Sincerely, Todd Hilde 208-850-2087

Curt Moore

From: Angie Rutherford
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 8:15 AM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: FW: Support for Teton Springs Golf & Casting Club CUP Application -- heli-skiing

Angie Rutherford
Planner, Teton County, Idaho
208 354-2593

From: Ray Thompson [<mailto:rgt@wpnt.local>]
Sent: Friday, August 26, 2011 6:19 PM
To: Curt Moore
Cc: Angie Rutherford
Subject: Support for Teton Springs Golf & Casting Club CUP Application -- heli-skiing

Mr. Curt Moore, Planner
Teton County Planning & Zoning Department

I'm writing in support of the Conditional Use Permit requested by Teton Springs to allow for a heli-skiing operation at Teton Springs Lodge.

I'm a homeowner in Teton Springs, and while I may or may not take advantage of heli-skiing I believe it offers a positive economic influence for Victor, the county and Teton Valley. This unique service will further differentiate our region in the crowded market of winter destinations. The direct benefits could be significant as skiers spend on accommodations, meals, other services, etc. The indirect benefits are likely to be significant, too. I suspect that once approved the heli-skiing operation will garner quite a bit of media attention in the consumer and specialty press. This will be good for our area, too.

I respect that some residents may object to the noise. I don't. That noise you may hear on some of our finer powder days is the sound of people enjoying the bounties of this region. I welcome them!

Please vote "YES" on the permit.

With warm regards,

Ray & Jenna Thompson
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Curt Moore

From: Rachael Travis [rhtravis15@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 9:41 AM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Teton Springs Helipad

Dear Mr. Moore,

I am writing you because I am a homeowner in Teton Springs and I am in complete support of the HMH operations and helipad use for heli-skiing. I am a full-time resident of 2 years. I have never noticed any disturbance due to the HMH operations. I believe HMH brings employment and revenue to Teton Valley and I believe it is a great benefit to Teton Springs Resort. Any and all revenue and employment that can be generated for Teton Valley and for Teton Springs is certainly something I am in favor of supporting! I also feel that the impact from HMH's operations is minimal being they only flew 25 days last year and only come in and out one time per day when they do fly. Please consider this as a letter of full support for HMH and their operation in Teton Springs.

Sincerely,
Rachael Travis
41 Moulton Lane

Curt Moore

From: Tracy Everett [tracy.n.everett@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 9:54 AM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Teton Springs Helipad Letter of Support

Hi Curt,

I am the President of the Teton Springs Mountain Meadows HOA subassociation and I would like to voice my support of the helipad located in Teton Springs. I think it is the right step to encourage business at the Lodge and perhaps more property sales.

Kindly,
Tracy

Curt Moore

From: ALEXANDER EVERETT [the.alexeverett@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 10:16 AM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: HMH helipad

Hi, I'm a Teton Springs resident (38 Moulton Ln) writing to express support for the proposed helipad near the TS lodge. I've lived here three winters while HMH has been operating and have no complaints. It appears that the operation brings good business and an activity consistent with the resort's other offerings with little impact on residents.

Thank you, Alex Everett

Curt Moore

From: Claude Jarman [cjarman@jarmantvl.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 11:16 AM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: heli-port

As an owner of a condo at the hotel in Teton Springs, I enthusiastically support providing a permit to enable the construction of a heli-port on the property adjacent to the hotel. Claude Jarman

Curt Moore

From: Bruce [bruce.smithhammer@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 10:56 AM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Opposition to heli-pad in Teton Springs

Dear Mr. Moore -

As someone who owns land and lives across the highway from Teton Springs, I am writing to voice my complete opposition to a heli-pad within the development. The additional air traffic and noise, in addition to the very notion of using helicopters to access the backcountry, is something I can't and won't support. Please do not approve this project.

sincerely,

- Bruce Smithhammer

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Curt Moore

From: Frank Roughan [F.Roughan@go-pkg.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 12:04 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Heli pad at Teton Spring

Hi Curt,

I am an owner at the Teton Springs Lodge. I was one of the first buyers as I love the valley. Unfortunately my timing was not the best. So for the last three years have lost about \$30K per year. I have no intention of walking away from this investment. We believe that the Heli skiing will bring to the valley the type of customer we are looking for.

Please support our efforts to get this valley going again!

Best Regards,

Francis T. Roughan



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August 30, 2011

To: Curt Moore, Teton County Planning Department
Louis B. Christensen, Chair, Driggs Reid Memorial Airport Board

My name is Kevin Jones and I have flown the helicopter for High Mountain Heli Skiing (HMH) for the last five seasons. I understand that there is some concern about the use of the Teton Springs Resort heli pad for commercial operations. I want to do everything that I can that will help those making the decision, understand that we at HMH will do whatever we can to minimize the concerns that have come up with the heli pad from a personal and professional standpoint.

I understand that the biggest concern for most people, living near or working near a heli pad is that of noise. It is of the utmost importance that we do our very best to maintain a positive relationship with the community in which we work with and around. I realize that it is virtually impossible to make everyone happy but we will always strive to do our best to minimize the impact that we have on the community.

Teton Springs Resort sits almost as far south in the Teton valley as any property can. There are only a handful of houses that are further south of the resort and that sit directly under the flight path as we take off and land at the resort and those are primarily resort rental properties. On days when the aircraft is to be flown from Jackson to TSR or from the resort to Jackson, we can make a slight amendment to our previous flight path and remain south of the main power line coming into the resort or departing it to the east. This should again minimize the impact of noise over a few more houses that reside to the east of the heli pad at the resort.

Our flight path into and out of the resort is well clear of any typical flight routes into the Driggs airport. TSR sits about 16 nautical miles south of the Driggs airport (DIJ) and we usually fly well below any other aircraft in the area. We typically fly at about 500 to 1000' above ground level (AGL) when we are either outbound from the resort to the ski terrain or inbound to the resort for the next pick up. The only time that we fly over any type of congested area below 500' is during takeoff or landing. According to the FAR's concerning VFR minimum altitudes for part 135, it states that, "Except when necessary for takeoff and landing, no person may operate under VFR—(b) A helicopter over a congested area at an altitude less than 300 feet above the surface."

I can assure you that I don't fly over any one's house at less than 300' AGL unless I am preparing for landing or taking off from the resort itself. Once we do depart from the heli pad and are en route to our ski area, we are almost instantly clear of any homes and continue to climb to the south up Pole Canyon. We are also aware of the eagles nest in the area and we will continue to avoid flying over or too close to the nest according to mitigation measures that are already in place in our Special Use Permit.

I would ask those who are in the process of making a decision on whether or not to approve a commercial use heli pad at the TSR to think of all of those people whose lives and the lives of their families, mine included, are dependent on HMM being able to operate out of TSR. HMM has been a valuable economic asset to both Teton County WY and ID for a number of years. It has provided me with the opportunity to continue to do what I love which is flying and to do it in a place that is very dear to me and my family. HMM provides employment for a number of local people that would not be able to continue to live in the environment in which they do if they didn't have steady work during the winter months.

There is also the trickle down effect in our economy that comes with the influx of people who come into the area specifically to go heli skiing. The local economy should welcome HMM and the clients that it brings to the community. Our clients are essential in helping the community in these difficult economic times from hotels, restaurants, local shops and stores and just about any other area that can benefit from tourism during the winter months.

I realize that there are a few who are displeased with the idea of operating a helicopter out of TSR but I can assure you that we at HMM will do everything that we can to minimize any negative affect that the aircraft may have on the community. At the same time I ask you to give special thought to the lives and families that continue to rely on employment through HMM. I appreciate you taking the time to read this letter and hope that it shows the positive aspects of approving a heli pad at TSR.

Thank you,

Kevin Jones
Pilot for High Mountain Heli-Skiing

Curt Moore

From: Allen OBannon [alleno@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 12:28 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Teton Springs Helipad and HMH

Hi Curt,

I just got wind that HMH is applying for a CUP to use the helipad at Teton Springs and as a long time valley resident I find it maddening that Teton Springs continues to pursue this after all the promises they made this community that this helipad would not be used for commercial operations. They have shown that they are not trustworthy nor a responsible business in this community. They have let HMH fly out of their location on many occasions without the proper operating permits and to the detriment of those of us who live in the south end of the valley and are affected by the noise of a helicopter taking off. It is loud and can be heard throughout the south end of the valley, not just in Teton Springs. I have no faith in Teton Spring's ability to manage properly any business and especially one that affects people who live and work outside of their boundaries.

I harbor no bad feelings about HMH but I do not wish to see a helicopter ski operation operating out of this valley. As stated above, the noise from their operations does affect those of us who live in the south end and I have been disturbed by them before and found it very annoying that they were knowingly operating without a permit. It is hard for me to believe that any operation that creates so much noise does not need to notify all those affected can apply for a CUP. While the local residents of Teton Springs have been notified of this intent and given time to comment the rest of us who will be affected have not and I find this particularly disturbing.

I ask that this CUP be denied, maybe they can operate out of Pine Creek Canyon or Swan Valley but I do not wish to hear them starting up every morning.

Thanks for your time

Allen O'Bannon
9055 Village Way
Victor, ID 83455

Curt Moore

From: Joe Williams [jowilly9@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 1:04 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: heli-skiing, why am I just hearing about this?

Curt,

I am writing in response to the idea of putting a Helli-ski operation in Teton Springs. First off, I was just made aware of this project today and have no idea why it was not generally known that this is in fact a possibility given its impact on the environment and residence of Teton county. As a home owner and resident at Mountainside Village I have grave concerns about this project going through. The added noise, amplified by the surrounding mountains) from such an operation on a daily basis is not only detrimental to the quality of life for the residence but will have a major impact on the wildlife in this area that come down to the lower elevations to winter. Another direct impact besides the constant sound of helicopters is the impact on home and property prices already sacrificed given the economy. I have lived close to an airport before and know what the impact of aviation noise pollution can do to the value of properties. With an airport less than ten miles away, it makes no sense other than monetary for Teton Springs to put in such an impactful business. I am against the drown of helicopters flying over on a regular basis, I am against the negative impact on wildlife, I am against the pollutants and the amount of fuel needed to be transported to and left on site. I am against the idea of helicopters flying repeatedly out of and over residential areas for the sake of profit with little regard to community and I am against the impact such an operation has on the back country.

Sincerely,

Joe Williams
Victor, Id. Resident

Curt Moore

From: Megan Warren Henderson [blueflaxfarm@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 12:49 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: HMH

Curt. Just a note to let you know that we, as Victor residents and TS members, support HMH and it's base in TS.

Good Luck.

-Megan Warren and Eric Henderson

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Megan Warren Henderson
∞Blue Flax Farm∞
9064 Village Way
Victor, Idaho 83455

Curt Moore

From: Allen OBannon [alleno@mac.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 1:26 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Teton Springs Helipad and HMH

I would also like to add to my below comments that I do not see much economic benefit to our community from this operation. People with enough money to go helicopter skiing do not stay in this valley for their entertainment. They stay over in Jackson and spend the bulk of their money in Wyoming. Even tourist skiers at Teton Village who decide to ski at Targhee bus over the pass to ski on this side, they do not stay here.

While I am sure there is some trickle down effect and some of this money does make it over here it does not outweigh the negative impact heli skiing will have on those of us who live here. Is there really any community where helicopter skiing operations take place that fully embraces it. If there was then why is HMH trying to relocate here when they have been operating on the other side for so long. Is it just logistical reasons or are they experiencing too much opposition and complaints from their operations. While I know some of their employees live on this side I would be curious as to what percent of them actually live here and contribute to our tax base. I would like to see HMH back this up.

As I stated before (see below) Teton Springs has **not** proven itself to be a responsible neighbor or business and it seems they continue to look down on the rest of the residents in this end of the valley as not worthy of informing of a potential impact to them. I am still waiting to see what benefit they have brought to the City of Victor or this county, it seems they have mostly brought law suits and ill words and I have no trust in them whatsoever.

It is only by luck that I even learned of this CUP and the fact that the deadline for comments are due today so once I again I feel that Teton Springs has been planning a sneak attack on us residents. I have no faith in them. thanks once again for your time --Allen O'Bannon

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Thanks for your time

Allen O'Bannon
9055 Village Way
Victor, ID 83455

Curt Moore

From: Scott Rehberg [snarlingfish.design@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 1:55 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Heli Operation Supports Technical Jobs In The Valley

Dear Curt and Planning Committee:

I am a local veteran owned start-up business - Snarling Fish Steelworks. I do small and large scale steel and metal work, including precision CNC machining.

As we all know, times are tough for small business owners. My timing in trying to start-up a business two years ago was especially difficult. However, I have been fortunate with the number of work orders I have recently received as a result of hard work, word of mouth and the existence of companies like High Mountain Heli in the Valley. They are one of my customers, and the owner, Mr. Jon Shick is an exceptional client.. He clearly knows the technical side of the heli-ski business and always pays his invoices timely. He was willing to give me - a small unknown start-up local business owner - a chance at an emergency project, and I appreciate his business and support of my company.

We need more technical service companies to be based out of the Valley. It helps diversify the local economy. High Mountain Heli not only provides great hospitality services and awareness to the valley, but it also brings high tech employment to the community - I am a specific example of their possitive impact.

I urge you to allow High Mountain Heli to continue their base operation out of Teton Springs, so in turn, my technical services can continue to be supported.

Sincerely,
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Owner/President
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Curt Moore

From: Nicole Brittingham [nicolebrittingham@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 2:32 PM
To: Curt Moore
Cc: heli-ski@wyoming.com
Subject: High Mountain Heli-Skiing/ Conditional Use Permit

Hello Curt

I am a resident of Teton Valley and own a local business, Spoons Bistro, and I am writing in regards to High mountain heli and their Teton Springs Conditional use permit. I am in favor of allowing High mountain heli continue operating they have brought the valley a ton of business that might otherwise go somewhere else. High Mountain heli runs a quality operation and they are an asset to the valley. I am in favor of this business continuing there operation and want to voice my support.

Thanks for your consideration and please feel free to contact me.

Nicole Brittingham
Owner operator Spoons Bistro
(208)787-2478

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Curt Moore

From: Glenn Nylander [gnylander@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 2:39 PM
To: Curt Moore; Christine Alfano
Subject: Teton Springs Helipad

Mr Moore,

My name is Glenn Nylander and wanted to write you a quick note in support of High Mountain Heli's continued use of Teton Springs as an operating base. I'm am an owner of one of the condos at the Teton Springs Lodge and Spa so have direct interest in the subject. As an avid skier, this was a huge attraction for my personal use as well as its potential to bring in select clientele to the lodge during the winter season. Heliskiing in the US is limited and continued use of the permit allows Teton Valley notoriety as a select location for a rare opportunity for this experience. I think it brings a lot/will bring a lot to the area as a world renound winter vacation spot. Living in Park City, UT where skiing is also a major attraction, I understand the possible impact from noise and disruption to local residences, but the economic impact for not only the Lodge, but Teton Valley in general, is significant; not only now, but in the future as the word gets out on this outstanding service for once in a lifetime skiing experience. I am always interested in ways in which we can attract more visitors to this spectacular area. You, and the rest of the planning department can count on my support of the permit.

Feel free to contact me at any time via e mail or my personal phone; 218-310-7358.

Sincerely,

Glenn Nylander

Curt Moore

From: Doug Gemmel [doug@riverrimranch.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 3:17 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: FW: High Mountain Heliski and Teton Springs Lodge

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From: Doug Gemmel [mailto:doug@riverrimranch.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 3:05 PM
To: 'cmoore@teton.co.id.us'
Subject: High Mountain Heliski and Teton Springs Lodge

Mr. Moore,

I am writing to you to support Teton Springs and High Mountain Heliski request for a CUP to operate out of Teton Springs this upcoming winter.

I am a resident of Teton Springs; I observed the flight operation last winter as my rental faces the staging and landing area. My observations were that High Mountain took off to the south and never buzzed the community. They flew on a direct route out of the community in a non evasive way. High Mountain has been operating for over 30 years and has proven over time to be an excellent steward of the land, not only in the national forest but landing and staging area as well.

I am also a member of Teton Springs and believe that the addition of High Mountain is an amazing amenity to Teton Springs as well as Teton Valley. It allows Teton Springs Lodge to market a viable destination product. I do not know specific numbers but have to believe many room nights are generated due to its affiliation with High Mountain. These room nights generate jobs within Teton Valley in an extremely difficult time financially for the valley as well as its residents. Visitors to Teton Springs Lodge shop in our valley; they dine at local restaurants, and quite often end up buying property in our valley which is good for everyone. The heli ski operation makes Teton Valley a viable destination. I thank you for taking my comments into consideration

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Curt Moore

From: emily@tetonspringslodge.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 3:59 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Please consider the Heli Ski Operation at Teton Springs Resort

Dear Mr. Moore,

My name is Emily Zitzloff and I am the Room Liaison at Teton Springs Resort. I am a recent transplant to the valley and have done nothing but enjoy every minute of the outdoor adventures available. However, the end of my job is inevitable if the heli ski operation is declined. Furthermore, my Idaho adventure will come to an end if I can't keep my job. I thoroughly enjoy working for Teton Springs Resort and understand that the heli ski operation will bring new and returning clients to sustain my job and many others throughout the winter.

Thank you for the consideration.

Emily Zitzloff

Curt Moore

From: Christine Alfano [calfano@tetonspringslodge.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 5:26 PM
To: Angie Rutherford; Curt Moore
Subject: Teton Springs Heli-Pad CUP

Dear Curt and Teton County Planning Department,

I have been an employee of Teton Springs Lodge Property Management Company since winter of 2007 and am a full time resident of Teton Valley, Idaho. As the Owner Relations Manager / Director of Property Management for Teton Springs Lodge, I am highly in **FAVOR** of having the CUP for Teton Springs' heli-pad granted and for many reasons:

- In managing 20 cabins associated with Teton Springs Lodge rental pool, I have not once heard an Owner or Guest complain about the noise coming from the operations of High Mountain Heli (hereinafter HMM). Those Owners that have been here during the times HMM was able to fly, would most often come to the Lodge to enjoy the excitement of watching the helicopter take off and land.
- Last year, we saw a great increase in winter rentals due to an increased interest in heli-skiing from Teton Springs Resort. Not only does this equate to more revenue being brought to Teton Springs, but also to local Teton Valley businesses, and helps to retain winter jobs in these trying economic times. Our staff at Teton Springs sends many of our heli-ski guests into the Valley to enjoy the local restaurants, grocery stores, sporting stores, Grand Targhee, huckleberry shakes, etc....
- Being able to offer heli-skiing from Teton Springs attracts a higher end clientele to the Teton Valley area. With only 6 heli-ski operations in the lower 48 states, this brings a valuable marketing tool, which will help to continue to bring more families and groups to Teton Valley during our winter months.

Please take these factors into consideration while addressing the request for a CUP for continued heli-skiing operations at Teton Springs.

Sincerely,

Christine Alfano

Christine Alfano
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Curt Moore

From: David Layne [davidlayne@bellsouth.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 7:18 PM
To: Tracy Everett; Curt Moore
Subject: Re: Teton Springs Helipad Letter of Support

Curt,

I too am a resident and Mountain Meadows HOA Board Member in Teton Springs and think that using the helipad is a important factor in promoting lodge and hotel business during the winter months.

I live on Beesley Lane and have watched the morning pick up on the pad from my back door and believe it makes Teton Springs a first class resort.

I think that most residents would be in agreement.

Sincerely,

David Layne

From: Tracy Everett <tracy.n.everett@gmail.com>
To: cmoore@co.teton.id.us
Sent: Tue, August 30, 2011 9:53:54 AM
Subject: Teton Springs Helipad Letter of Support

Hi Curt,

I am the President of the Teton Springs Mountain Meadows HOA subassociation and I would like to voice my support of the helipad located in Teton Springs. I think it is the right step to encourage business at the Lodge and perhaps more property sales.

Kindly,
Tracy

Curt Moore

From: Rich Carlson [richcarlson@me.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 8:31 PM
To: Curt Moore
Cc: Rich Carlson
Subject: heli skiing from Teton Springs

Hi

I am an Catski guide at Grand Targhee.

And with the addition of HMM's heli -skiing in Teton Valley at Teton springs-I believe it has helped many of us.

Folks come to Teton Springs and stay and they heli-ski, and almost always they come CatSkiing at Grand Tarhee one of their days they are here.

Which means more of the tourist dollar is spent around the valley- some with restaurants in Driggs as they come down the hill, some in Victor, it's a good thing for all- it keeps us employed!

I see a lot of guests Heli one Day, CatSki one day, the go backcountry with Yostmark another day- it really promotes the whole valley!

It's great to have some high-end guests stay in the valley!

And it's great to have HMM on this side of the hill versus the other side.

Thanks!

Richie
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(408) 605-3714-cell

Curt Moore

From: David Robertson [robertsond]@cox.net
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 10:17 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Proposed Heli-Pad for High Mountain Helicopter Skiing in Teton Springs

I am writing with regards to the application put forth by Jeff Naylor on behalf of landowner Teton Springs Golf & Casting, LLC with respect to the development of a seasonal heli-pad on Tract 8C in Teton Springs. I would like to voice our opposition to this proposal. My wife and I purchased our home in Teton Springs as our retirement home. We chose Teton Springs and the Teton Valley because of its quiet lifestyle, beauty, and solitude. If we wanted to live where there was noise related to transportation, we would have purchased a home adjacent to an interstate highway or an airport.

Teton Springs bills itself in its literature as a "quiet" community. Please help keep Teton Springs "quiet" and reject the application for a heli-pad.

Thank you.

David and Patricia Robertson
48 Moulton Lane
Victor, Idaho

Curt Moore

From: Mary Lou Hansen
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2011 7:49 AM
To: Angie Rutherford; Curt Moore
Subject: FW: Teton Springs

Sounds like a planning issue, so wonder why Pete sent this to me.

Mary Lou

Mary Lou Hansen
Teton County Clerk
208-354-8771
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Driggs, ID 83422
FAX: 354-8410

-----Original Message-----

From: Peter Linville [<mailto:pjh@silverstar.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 30, 2011 10:32 PM
To: Clerk
Subject: re: Teton Springs

My main frustration with this use is that when it was permitted it was strictly for medical emergency and and Teton Springs Residence.

there are very few people on your board that were at those meetings. So what was talked about then and what is now on record seems to be a little different. I think you dealing with this as a C.U.P. is the right way to go. I think both sides have some legitimate points. My concern is what about the next C.U.P. that comes in and wants a scenic helicopter rides to the Grand. How many is too many? How does the county really know whats goes on. What hoops do you put in the C.U.P. to control the next permit.

Thanks
Pete

Curt Moore

From: High Mountain Heli-Skiing [heli-ski@wyoming.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2011 12:39 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Re: High Mountain Heli Skiing and the Teton Springs Heli-Pad

From: martin vidak <martinvidak@hotmail.com>
To: <cmoore@teton.co.id.us>
CC: High Mountain Heli-Skiing Schick <heli-ski@wyoming.com>
Subject: High Mountain Heli Skiing and the Teton Springs Heli-Pad
Date: Wed, 31 Aug 2011 17:29:22 +0000

Curt,

My name is Martin Vidak and I own a home in Victor, Idaho. I have lived in Victor for many years.

I am employed by High Mountain Heli Skiing (HMH) as a Ski Guide.

I understand that HMH could lose the ability to fly and operate out of Teton Springs.

High Mountain Heli Skiing generates a fair amount of income, and jobs, for Teton Valley, Idaho. HMH has several employees, and many of them are residents of Teton Valley, Idaho. In addition to these jobs, significant revenue is generated by HMH for Teton Valley, ID, indirectly: our guests stay in hotels, buy meals in restaurants, buy food at the store, get wine and beer for the evening. They go skiing at Grand Targhee on the lifts, or go cat-skiing up on Peaked. At least some of these winter visitors must come back in the summer or fall, once they see all this valley has to offer.

HMH buys lunches in Victor for our guests, and we fill up our vehicles with gas in Victor.

HMH does its best to avoid flying directly over homes in Teton Springs, and our flight path avoids sensitive bald eagle nesting sites. The noise from the helicopter is minimal, and is heard only briefly in the Teton Springs development.

Friends of mine who live near Teton Springs, and the heli-pad, tell me that can't even hear the helicopter. And they would definitely tell me, if it bothered them.

So, in closing, please consider the jobs and revenue that High Mountain Heli-Skiing creates for Teton Valley, Idaho. Many people here are out of work, and struggling. Many businesses are struggling to stay open, and without a doubt HMH is generating income for some of these businesses. Yes, there is some noise produced by a helicopter, but the positive benefits of a business that produces jobs and revenue surely outweigh the minor negative impact of brief noise made a couple days a week, for a fairly short season of use.

In these dire economic times, we constantly hear the call for sacrifice, and for giving up a little to benefit the greater good. Perhaps this thought would be good for area residents to consider, when they think about shutting down a company that makes a definite contribution to the economic vitality of Teton Valley, Idaho.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Martin Vidak
16 S. Agate St.
Victor, ID, 83455

Curt Moore

From: jil wasson [jilwasson@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2011 8:15 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: High Mtn Heli in Victor

Mr. Moore

I live in Wilson and have property in Victor. I think Teton Springs makes sense as a staging area for helicopter skiing in the area. Logistically it works and flights over populated area are diminished.

Sincerely

John Wasson
PO Box 924
Wilson
WY 83014

Curt Moore

From: suzanne leusch [mountainsageayurveda@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2011 5:58 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: HMH special use permit

Dear Curt,

I am a great supporter of High Mountain Heli-Skiing. As a small business owner it is important to me to support other small businesses that provide jobs and bring revenue to our community. The clientele of HMH visit our community spending dollars on food, lodging, outdoor equipment, gifts, etc, etc, supporting additional businesses as well as the employees of HMH. I reside on 9000 S and I am a member of the Headwaters Club at Teton Springs, I love to watch the ship fly up the canyon! Please grant HMH a special use permit to continue flying out of Teton Springs. HMH is an asset and should be supported as one.

Thank you, Suzanne Leusch

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Suzanne Leusch, C.A.S.
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Curt Moore

From: Todd [toddplace@silverstar.com]
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 9:47 AM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Heli Support

Dear Mr. Moore,

As a business owner residing in the town of Victor we wanted to voice our support for the Teton Springs Resort, and the professional Heli operation they provide. The Teton Springs operation is extremely vital as a strong, business component for our Teton Valley. They run a top notch operation, and continue yearly to gain national attention as a premier destination resort.

The heli operation brings Teton Valley guests and resident alike a "world class" option that is enjoyed only at premier lodging facilities. Why would we want to eliminate such a status, especially as the current economic situation makes competition among resort properties and mountain communities the toughest in the last three decades. I speak from experience as I spent 25 years in the resort / hospitality industry.

We are very fortunate to have a resort of this caliber located in the southern end of our Teton Valley. They have demonstrated via actions that good stewardship and strong community support can be the quid pro quo. Please allow them the industry amenities that will continue to draw the needed revenue paying guests to our unique destination.

Thank you, Todd D. Place

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Curt Moore

From: Brett Upchurch [s.brett.upchurch@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 2:11 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Winters at Teton Springs

Dear Mr. Curt Moore,

In preparation for the winter season, Teton Springs will be applying for a permit that will allow High Mountain Heli, a local heli-ski company, to fly directly from the property. This permit would allow our guests to enjoy one of the best recreational opportunities in Teton Valley and also pursue other great activities offered locally.

In addition, these travelers will be able to experience great restaurants, shops and guide services in Teton County during the winter season. Providing a hotel and cabins that thousands of people can use as lodging to visit the area has been beneficial to the overall community, and again, small businesses in Teton County.

With nothing but positive feedback from visitors who were fortunate to experience skiing in the backcountry, word of mouth and repeat business will only add to the amount of vacationers looking for a great place to spend part of their winter. This repeat guest, and the ability to attract new visitors to our valley, will also help to insure that I can retain my terrific staff currently employed at Teton Springs Lodge during what is typically a slow season for the resort. Heli skiing gives us a unique product to promote and enhance our opportunities for a successful winter season.

Thanks for your consideration to keep heli-skiing at Teton Springs.

Brett Upchurch

Driggs, Idaho

Curt Moore

From: Cricket Romanzi [cricket@tetonspringslodge.com]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 2:12 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Heli skiing at Teton Springs

Hi Mr. Moore,
I've been working at Teton Springs Lodge & Spa since this past spring. I've been told that my job may be in jeopardy if Teton Springs is not allowed to provide heli skiing. I love my job and also need it to help pay my family's bills. From phone reservations, I strongly believe that the heli operation will help us build the customer base we need to be successful in the winter months. I would like to keep my full time job at Teton Springs. It's a great place to work, and want the Springs to continue to grow and be successful.

Thank you,

Cricket Romanzi

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Curt Moore

From: Charlie Cornell [going2baja@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 3:01 PM
To: Curt Moore
Cc: jshick@wyoming.com
Subject: Teton Springs CUP for Heli Pad

Mr. Moore,

As a resident of Teton County Idaho and employee of High Mtn. Heli-Skiing I am compelled to offer my personal point of view on this matter.

Teton Valley needs more jobs not less jobs. The heli-pad at Teton Springs is critical to the existence of HMH, my job, and my paycheck. A paycheck that purchases groceries, goods, and services throughout Teton Valley.

As a homeowner in Victor, I am understanding of counter arguments claiming possible negative economic impacts to local property values. The equity in our home is important to my family. However, home equity cannot purchase needed goods and services, cannot buy groceries, or pay our property taxes. A paycheck from a local business can provide my family with these necessities and pay our bills. Pitting potential gains in property values and equity positions against positive cash flow in our valley economy would be a grave mistake. Economic and business decisions based on speculation, land values, and equity have crippled the economy of our valley and our country.

Teton County deserves more. Heli-skiing clients return in the summer and fall to fish, hike, golf, and enjoy the beauty of our surroundings. Given the current down turned economic situation and valley unemployment numbers, planners and commissioners should strive to keep money in the hands of its workforce. And in turn, the coffers of local businesses.

My family, my co-workers, and local business owners can only hope that the planning commission and board will be sensitive to the benefits that tourism brings to the Teton Valley. In consideration of this viewpoint please vote in favor of Teton Springs CUP for commercial helicopter use.

Thank you,

Charlie Cornell

5614 Willowbend Dr.

Victor, Idaho

Curt Moore

From: julieinid@silverstar.com
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 3:17 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: CUP for Heli-skiing at Teton Springs

Dear Mr. Moore,

My husband and I are full time residents of Teton Springs. In fact, we were the first residents of Teton Springs. We have no second home so are here unless on vacation. In July I completed 2 1/2 years as president of the Master HOA and prior to that served on the Design Review Committee. My husband is in the process of moving his CPA office to the real estate office building at the entrance of Teton Springs. We are full members of the Headwaters Club and use the Fitness Center generally five mornings a week.

My reason for supplying this background information is so that you know how important Teton Springs is to both of us. We are very much in favor of the Heli-skiing out of Teton Springs and we are *not* heli-skiers. I do a lot of work from my home office where I can hear the helicopters coming and going and I must admit that I just enjoy watching them. I have also been in the Spa when they landed and took off. In no way do we feel that having a heli-pad will lower our property values or destroy the quietness around here. We feel that the pad will bring in needed business not only to Teton Springs but to Victor and the surrounding valley.

Please feel free to contact us if you want further information.

Sincerely,

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Victor, ID 83455
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Curt Moore

From: jjl wasson [jjlwasson@hotmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2011 8:15 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: High Mtn Heli in Victor

Mr. Moore

I live in Wilson and have property in Victor. I think Teton Springs makes sense as a staging area for helicopter skiing in the area. Logistically it works and flights over populated area are diminished.

Sincerely

John Wasson
PO Box 924
Wilson
WY 83014

Curt Moore

From: 'suzanne leusch [mountainsageayurveda@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2011 5:58 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: HMH special use permit

Dear Curt,

I am a great supporter of High Mountain Heli-Skiing. As a small business owner it is important to me to support other small businesses that provide jobs and bring revenue to our community. The clientele of HMH visit our community spending dollars on food, lodging, outdoor equipment, gifts, etc, etc, supporting additional businesses as well as the employees of HMH. I reside on 9000 S and I am a member of the Headwaters Club at Teton Springs, I love to watch the ship fly up the canyon! Please grant HMH a special use permit to continue flying out of Teton Springs. HMH is an asset and should be supported as one.

Thank you, Suzanne Leusch

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Curt Moore

From: Todd [toddplace@silverstar.com]
Sent: Friday, September 02, 2011 9:47 AM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Heli Support

Dear Mr. Moore,

As a business owner residing in the town of Victor we wanted to voice our support for the Teton Springs Resort, and the professional Heli operation they provide. The Teton Springs operation is extremely vital as a strong, business component for our Teton Valley. They run a top notch operation, and continue yearly to gain national attention as a premier destination resort.

The heli operation brings Teton Valley guests and resident alike a "world class" option that is enjoyed only at premier lodging facilities. Why would we want to eliminate such a status, especially as the current economic situation makes competition among resort properties and mountain communities the toughest in the last three decades. I speak from experience as I spent 25 years in the resort / hospitality industry.

We are very fortunate to have a resort of this caliber located in the southern end of our Teton Valley. They have demonstrated via actions that good stewardship and strong community support can be the quid pro quo. Please allow them the industry amenities that will continue to draw the needed revenue paying guests to our unique destination.

Thank you, Todd D. Place

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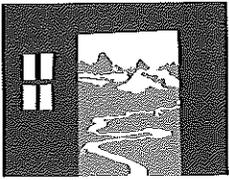
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Curt Moore

From: Trevor Deighton [trevordeighton@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2011 9:22 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Heli skiing

As a Teton Valley resident and skier. I am against to the heli ski operation out of Teton Springs until the exact number of flights per day, skiers per day, total days permissable and the both the flight and ski area is known and agreed to as a condition of their operation. So for now please list me as strongly against

. Trevor Deighton
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Valley Advocates for Responsible Development

September 2, 2011

Teton County Planning & Zoning Commission
150 Courthouse Drive
Driggs, Idaho 83422

RE: Teton Springs Helipad CUP

Dear Commissioners:

There are several obvious economic benefits to permitting heliskiing tours in Teton Valley. From many perspectives, Teton Springs may be one of the best locations to accommodate flights to the Palisades. That said, the progression of how this unpermitted use has continued despite being prohibited by Teton County is very familiar, and also very frustrating.

Act first. Ask later.

This is the classic situation where unpermitted uses spring up, apparently relying on representations of a 3rd party who is often the developer or owner of the property. The end result is a round-robin of accountability.

Reviewing the June 12, 2000 hearing minutes, and discussing these hearings with VARD board members who were actually in attendance the night Teton Springs was approved by previous County Commissioners, it is clear that a commercial helipad was expressly prohibited. In fact, the minutes reflect that the principals of Teton Springs expressly represented that it would be not be a commercial pad.¹ Nonetheless, a commercial helipad operation quickly sprung into existence, which High Mountain Heli says was at the invitation of Teton Springs' principals. In 2004, this operation was cited by prior Teton County planning administrator, Larry Boothe. High Mountain Heli again points the finger at the Teton Springs principals who they argue assured them back in 2004 that everything was resolved with the county. (Whether this defense is true or not, it still does not bootstrap a prohibited use into legitimacy.) Then, the use resumed in 2010, once again prompting a response from the planning office. Now here we are today.

The use of this helipad can still potentially change and expand

Some comment letters mentioned that last years' commercial use of the helipad was quiet and unobtrusive to residential neighbors. Let's keep it that way. As you know,

¹ Teton County Board of County Commissioners hearing minutes, page 12, (June 12, 2000).



CUPs run with the land. Thus, any new operator could move into this location. Another obvious concern is how this helipad (which is limited to "emergency and alternative travel") could easily morph into accommodating summer time tours of the valley. If this happens, will they also point to the Teton Springs Principals for inviting their commercial use? Given the track record of this particular helipad, that does not seem far-fetched. So how do you prevent this from happening? The answer is to leave no room for ambiguity in the permit and include consequences for breach of permit.

Leave no room for ambiguity. Include consequences.

Let's avoid unintended consequences here. In order to not let this helipad expand into intensified or unexpected uses, it is critical that precise, thoughtful, and unambiguous language be crafted into any CUP that is issued.

1. Heliskiing is governed by US Forest Service permits. The applicant should provide all permits, special use permits, and pending permit applications so this commission can review the precise terms of what type of use is allowed by the Forest Service. These permits should be reviewed by this commission before determining a season of use, hours of use, area of use, flight patterns, # of permitted helicopters in use at one time, or # of flights per day.
2. Many comment letters referenced a nearby bald eagle's nest. If this is correct, this nest should be mapped on the CUP with a mitigation plan.
3. It is hard to anticipate the impacts of this CUP once it is in full swing. Thus, this CUP should be reviewed by this commission and the Board of County Commissioners in 1 year from approval.
4. Any changes to any of the applicable US Forest Service permits should also trigger an immediate review of the CUP.
5. Any accidents, hazardous incidences, or potentially hazardous incidences should trigger an immediate review of the CUP.
6. The applicant should provide and bond for a separate, sequestered helipad area with an accompanying plan for fuels storage.

There is no need to rush. This CUP calls for careful scrutiny.

This CUP application was not submitted until August 5, 2011. Although you may receive pressure to approve this permit well in advance of the 2011 heli-skiing season, it is critical that you do your due diligence, particularly with such a potentially dangerous CUP. Please do not feel compelled to rush the approvals process, but rather, make sure you have all the materials needed to make a thoughtful examination of this application.

I hope you will table this application, giving the applicant time to provide any additional materials. More importantly, should a CUP be granted, the terms will have to be carefully drafted with accompanying flight maps, helipad site plans, fuels storage plans, wildlife plans, etc.

If this permit is approved, let's do it right this time. Thank you once again for all of your hard work in the service of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Trentadue', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Anna Trentadue

VARD Staff Attorney / Program Director

Curt Moore

From: AJ Linnell [actionjackson2001@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2011 1:06 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Opposed to heli-skiing from Teton Springs

Hello-

I am a resident of Victor, just across the highway from Teton Springs, and I am strongly opposed to having a heli-ski company use the Springs as their base of operations in the Teton Valley. I have no problem with heli-guides operating in the mountains around the Valley, but I think they should base out of the Driggs airport with the rest of the air traffic. The amount of noise generated by a low-altitude helicopter flying overhead and performing take-offs and landings would significantly detract from the quiet that we enjoy in the winter in Victor.

It is my understanding that the heli-pad at Teton Springs was never intended or approved to be used as a base of commercial operations. Please keep such operations concentrated at the airport where it belongs.

Thanks for your consideration.

AJ Linnell

Curt Moore

From: Bruce [bruce.smithhammer@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2011 6:08 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Re: Opposition to heli-pad in Teton Springs

To Whom it May Concern -

I recently wrote a short e-mail expressing my opposition to approval of a heli-skiing operation in the Teton Springs development. I have since given this issue a fair bit of thought, and would like to elaborate on those concerns:

- One of my most significant concerns is in regards to the noise that will result. Teton Springs sits right up against the Palisade Range. It is also further bordered by the Tetons on one side, and the Big Holes on the other. The resulting noise of helicopters taking off and landing in such close proximity to the southern end of our valley, which is closed on three sides, will be something that not only those who live near Teton Springs will have to contend with, but the entire southern end of Teton Valley.
- The effects of the recreational use of helicopters in the backcountry, particularly in winter, are well-documented and undeniable. It is also well-documented that many people travel to the Tetons and surrounding areas (and have chosen to live near the Tetons) because of the pristine quality of the backcountry and the healthy populations of wildlife that live there. Then why would such an operation be allowed?
- In addition, our backcountry already offers abundant, relatively easy access into high-quality backcountry. For those who are uncomfortable doing so on their own, guided opportunities already exist. Why exactly is there a need for helicopter transport?
- The agreement between the city of Victor and Teton Springs states that the existing heli-pad can not be used for commercial purposes (an agreement that has already been violated in the past...). Do we know where the new heli-pad would be constructed?

In summary, I see absolutely no demonstrated need for providing helicopter access into our backcountry areas. I see significant impacts on the greater community surrounding Teton Springs, and beyond. I particularly question the wisdom of approving such an operation with a company that has the track record that HMM does.

Sincerely,

- Bruce Smithhammer

On Tue, Aug 30, 2011 at 10:55 AM, Bruce <bruce.smithhammer@gmail.com> wrote:
Dear Mr. Moore -

As someone who owns land and lives across the highway from Teton Springs, I am writing to voice my complete opposition to a heli-pad within the development. The additional air traffic and noise, in addition to the very notion of using helicopters to access the backcountry, is something I can't and won't support. Please do not approve this project.

sincerely,

- Bruce Smithhammer

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Curt Moore

From: ryan haworth [haworthgallery@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 29, 2011 2:17 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Keep the Heli-pad!

Hi Curt,

My name is Ryan Haworth, my wife and I own and operate Teton Thai in Driggs. I was recently informed of the possible closure/removal of the Heli-Pad in Teton Springs. I really couldn't believe the news when I heard it. The notion of taking away jobs/tourism from our valley, in this economic climate is an outrage!

I am in full support of the Heli-pad and the ability to run a Heli-tour business from the privacy of Teton Springs. As a business owner in this valley, it is appalling that this has even become an issue. High Mountain Heli has done a great job bringing tourists (who otherwise may have overlooked our community) into the valley, as well as provide jobs for locals. When tourists are brought to a special place, such as this, they spend money with other local businesses.

I hope that the deciding force realizes the negative impact that the removal of this business will have, for everyone. I am a proponent of thoughtful discussion, so I would like to know what some of the negative points may be to keeping a business, such as this, in tact. At this point, I fail to see any.

Thank you kindly for taking the time to hear my thoughts on this matter. I trust a sound decision will be made.

Sincerely,

Ryan Haworth

Curt Moore

From: Pamela Colby [pcolby@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, September 09, 2011 3:49 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: PUBLIC HEARING: Teton Springs Golf & Casting Club CUP Application

Curt:

Thank you for your time and complete responses to my inquiries regarding the upcoming public hearing to consider the CUP request that, if approved, would allow High Mountain Heli-Skiing (HMHS) to operate a commercial flight service within 300' of our home.

We respectfully request that Planning Commission consideration of this item be continued.

The Public Notice for this hearing indicated that a CUP would be considered to allow HMHS to operate in Teton Springs (TS). What was not noted is that this action will require an amendment to the Development Agreement (DA) to greatly expanded activities beyond what is currently allowed. Upon review of the Public Notice, my understanding was that the CUP being considered would be consistent with the DA, which is not the case. The operations that occurred last winter would clearly not be allowed under the existing DA. Had the Public Notice for this item included mention of modification of the DA, we would have been alarmed and taken the time to research this project thoroughly and prepared detailed comments. We believe this is true for many of my neighbors as well. In speaking with you, we believe that this was not an attempt to keep important information from residents of TS or to "end-run" the review process. At this juncture, however, there is insufficient time to analyze the proposed amendment to the DA and prepare a complete response.

In addition, we understand that there are procedural issues that require the city of Victor to review the subject application prior to Planning Commission consideration - as TS is located within their sphere of influence. We respectfully request that this important aspect of the application review process not be ignored. It would present the opportunity for legal challenges, with the associated costs, which can be avoided by not skipping this step.

On a personal note, we purchased our home in TS with the full understanding that the development included a heli-pad for "emergency" an "alternate" transportation. We accepted this and welcomed this pre-existing condition. This is very different from living immediately adjacent to a commercial flight operation. The noise, additional traffic and air pollution associated with this type of land-use is entirely unacceptable. We would have chosen to buy elsewhere. The staff report did not comment on the significant degradation of air quality that results from this use. This will be our third year as full-time residents at Teton Springs. We have experienced first-hand the settling of jet fuel-rich, carcinogenic exhaust that lingers in our end of the valley when this business is operating. Our lungs burn and our eyes water. We live in Teton Valley to avoid this very poor quality of life and exposure to health diminishing factors. Given time to analyze this proposed

CUP, we are certain that there are other considerations of an environmental nature that should be considered for a flight operation immediately adjacent to residential property.

We are not opposed to High Mountain Heli-Skiing and their effort to find a suitable location for their business. To the contrary. My husband and I both ski and would love to enjoy the fresh powder accessed by this service. Further, we believe that jobs and economic development activities are much needed in the valley. The question is: where does this business belong? Does this intensive commercial activity belong immediately adjacent to homes? We appreciate that we have a Planning Commission in place to weigh these very considerations.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Pamela and Lucian Carter

Wendy Danielson

From: Curt Moore
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 9:48 AM
To: Angie Rutherford; Wendy Danielson
Subject: FW: Teton Springs DA Amendment and CUP

From: Pamela Colby [<mailto:prcolby@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 9:22 AM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: Teton Springs DA Amendment and CUP

Good morning Curt,

Thank you again for your patient and thoughtful responses to my inquiries last week.

I've taken some time to consider the process for amending the subject Development Agreement (DA) and consideration of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a commercial flight operation at the center of our residential community.

I would ask that staff consider recommending that the hearing/approval process be bifurcated: DA amendment and then consideration of a specific CUP. This would allow the land-use discussion to take place without the distraction of the "personalities."

Teton Springs (TS) has been operating this use for more than one season and, I believe, with the full understanding that it was not consistent with the DA. If necessary, I will be the "plaintiff" with standing who challenges this activity. I am not certain what remedies might be available for a violation of this nature, but I can certainly find out what other communities have done. In saying this, I would be satisfied with requiring that TS be the applicant for the DA amendment. I would require that the burden of proof be on TS to explain how expanded helicopter operations can be justified. The heli-pad was originally approved only with significant limitations as to its use.

Considerable planning expertise was employed to prepare the development plans for TS. I would suggest that a modification of this nature warrants professional attention - paid for by TS.

Once an application is received, I would request a comprehensive staff analysis of commercial flight operation adjacent to residential. The environmental impact analysis would include considerations such as safe fuel storage, air quality, safety considerations, traffic generation, and so forth. Specific parameters for a proposed operation should be outlined by the applicant, TS.

Other communities have well-established processes for analyzing commercial flight operations. The wheel not be recreated here. Because the proposed use would be located immediately adjacent to dense residential, a comprehensive analysis warranted. We owe this to current TS residents, particularly the full-time resident, as well as to those who will come to occupy the 60% of this property which remains undeveloped.

If the Planning Commission determines that they can support such a use and approve the amendment to the DA, only then should a specific CUP be considered. This would help the Commission stay clear of the pressure from "interested" parties who should have no impact on the planning question.

I respectfully submit these suggestions for consideration by staff and the Planning Commission.

Pamela Carter

Curt Moore

From: marilynnossen@aol.com
Sent: Monday, September 12, 2011 5:45 PM
To: Curt Moore
Subject: I support Heli Skiing based in Teton Springs

The purpose of this email is to express support for Heli Skiing continue to be allowed in to and out of Teton Springs. I have lived in Teton Springs since Aug of 2006 & I am a full time resident. I snowshoe almost daily during the winter in Teton Springs. The noise from the helicopter is brief and minor compared to the noise from snow machines on the 2 trailheads on either side of Teton Springs. Or the noise from snow machines on the mtn trails behind Teton Springs.

Thank you, Micki (Marilyn)

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