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Mr. John Miera
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Subject: Completion of Previously Approved Projects at Santa Fe Ski Area/Summer 2005

Dear Mr. Miera,

As you are aware, in April of 2004, Judge Hansen of the United States Federal Court, ruled favorably on the Santa Fe Ski Company's suit against Santa Fe County regarding the dispute over the construction of the Deception Peak Chairlift. His decision clearly states that the Ski Company can proceed with the Deception Peak Project without obtaining a County development Permit or variances from the County's Land Development Code. The appeal period for the County has passed without action from the County. Having cleared this final challenge we are proceeding with our plans to complete the Deception Peak Chairlift during the upcoming summer of 2005.

In review of our records regarding the Deception Peak Project, all required analysis, site specific studies, surveys, construction plans, and appropriate agency approvals have been completed within the following previously submitted documents;

- Master Development Plan, March 1997 - (Deception Peak Chairlift, DPC)
- Summer Operations Plans, June 1999 - (preliminary survey, lift line & profile)
- Goshawk Survey, July 12 1999 - (no adverse finding)
- Clearance from Forest Wildlife Biologist, - (letter of July 7, 2001 - Mary Orr)
- Inspection of Lift Line, Lift Corridor, Trail System - (Sept. 28, 1999 - Miles Standish)
- Compliance with Master Development Plan - (letter of Oct. 7, 1999 - John Miera)
- Final Surveyors Report - (Oct. 8, 1999 - draft lift profile)
- Final Lift Profile - (Nov. 15, 1999 - Poma of America)
- Grading Plan for Top & Bottom Terminals - (BPLW Engineering)
- Summer Operations Plans, 2000 - (postpone construction of DPC)
- Construction Plans Submitted - (letter of Feb. 16, 2001 - SFSA)
- Forrest Approval - (letter of Mar. 23, 2001 - Leonard Atencio)
- Completion Date Delayed, SFBCC Hearing - (letter of April 16, 2001 - SFSA)
- Approval Denied, SFBCC - (May 16, 2001 meeting)