

Mark Earnest

From: Barbara [bj@takshanuktrail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2013 8:01 PM
To: Mark Earnest
Subject: Commercial Ski Tour Areas Map

Dear Manager Earnest,

Please accept this as my proposal and comments for the Commercial Ski Tour Areas Map Proposal comment period.

- The map needs to be adjusted to remove all straight and mid-slope boundary lines that still represent safety issues. These lines should be moved downslope to points identified by the industry as historically safe pickup zones.
- The Borough map should adopt a minimum of a 2.5 mile buffer from highway accessed residents, similar to the 38 mile proximity to the Jarvis Glacier.
- All historical landings and current pickups that lay outside the map that do not generate complaints should be allowed.
- The industry needs low elevation pickups in the Tahkin and Kicking Horse valleys to continue to ensure enough timber slopes for inclement weather operations. This should include all of the Kicking Horse and north facing runs of Mt. Emmerich.
- In the case of wildlife, areas proven to be critical habitat by recent data collected by ADFNG are the only areas in which lines should not be adjusted.
- Areas only accessed from the highway by other recreational users should be considered as justification for reducing use of an area by heli-ski operators.

Thank you for this opportunity to participate in the heli-ski industry planning. I strongly urge and support the management of this valuable industry to be transferred to a state agency in an effort to alleviate this burden from our Borough administration.

Sincerely,
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