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**Subject:** Commercial ski map recommendations May 2013 review  
**Attachments:** current\_heli\_map\_dave long additions in red.pdf

I would like to see expansion of areas in the commercial ski tour map for 2014. I live on Mud Bay Road within approximately 5 miles of flight and ski routes and have experienced no adverse noise issues for the past years.

I would like to see more commercial skiing visible for my kids and community members to view the sport, whether it be all season or to set up an 'exhibition' type of limited season. This could take place in the pyramid river drainage and northward to the kicking horse river drainage.

I suggest expanding the current allowed skiing areas to be lowered to approximately 1500' of elevation level in the areas of Haska creek, Pyramid River drainage, the Kicking Horse River and also the southwest/upper Walker lake area.

I would also like to see the opening of the Tahkin ridge areas to allow more terrain to be accessed from the 18 mile approved heliport.

I believe the detailed expansion of the current map will allow for safer pick up and drop offs for skiers in good and inclement weather. I believe the Haines Borough should facilitate better map parameters for the three commercial ski companies to have options when the weather conditions deteriorate with skiers in the field or if they have an emergency in which rescuers need to be able to respond efficiently and quickly.

Thoughtful expansions of the map will help alleviate the limitations of a short season. The map should allow more terrain to insure visiting skiers, who spend a significant sum money and time to come experience Haines, a better skiing experience and have less risk of being grounded waiting for the weather to clear, were the current map boundaries are limiting the industry.

Please review the attached map with suggested changes.

Thank you for your consideration,

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