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Cc: David Sosa; Leslie Ross; Lynn Canal Conservation; Chilkat Valley News
Subject: Re: Agenda Packet Item 11A5...

Dear Mayor, Assembly and Manager

I appreciate the effort to incorporate resident concerns and address wildlife impacts in the FWT out of bounds permit request.

The area being requested is not Telemark Ridge which has been a point of confusion since this was first proposed. Telemark Ridge is in bounds. The face of the mountain where the proposed competition is to take place is out of bounds.

While I support this event this one time in the spirit of compromise and as an economic boost to our business community, I would not support it if this location or other areas along the front range were to be requested in future seasons.

The two week window is too long and if they are really going to be ready on any day between 3/9 - 3/22 then there will be intense helicopter traffic at any time during this period.

Residents and wildlife that do not want to be subjected to this onslaught will have to vacate their homes for two weeks.

Permit conditions are fine if someone is monitoring compliance. The industry has an extremely poor track record of following regulations and staying within map boundaries.

I propose a one week window and mandatory GPS data submission from all helicopters that are contracted for the dates and event.

I hope the event goes well and the benefits are real but I have my doubts.

Sincerely,
Thom Ely