

Julie Cozzi

From: S Diggity <heliskialaska@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2016 8:28 AM
To: Julie Cozzi
Subject: Fwd: Map amendment

Hello Julie,

I sent this email to brad Ryan on May 31 before the deadline for map amendments. I'm not sure why my suggestions were not included in the discussion. Please see that these are added as I made the deadline.

Thank you

Sean Brownell

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Begin forwarded message:

From: S Diggity <heliskialaska@gmail.com>
Date: May 31, 2016 at 10:53:15 AM AKDT
To: bryan@haines.ak.us
Cc: Timothy Thomas <timtomakhs@gmail.com>, Ryan Johnson <rpjalaska@gmail.com>
Subject: Map amendment

Greetings Mr Ryan,

There are 7 areas on the map that we would like to take a look at at during the Heliski area map amendment process that will occur this next month.

There are many reasons why we wish to include these areas in the future for Heliskiing in Haines.

The map I have submitted numbers 1-7 and the reasons we would like to include these areas are as follows,

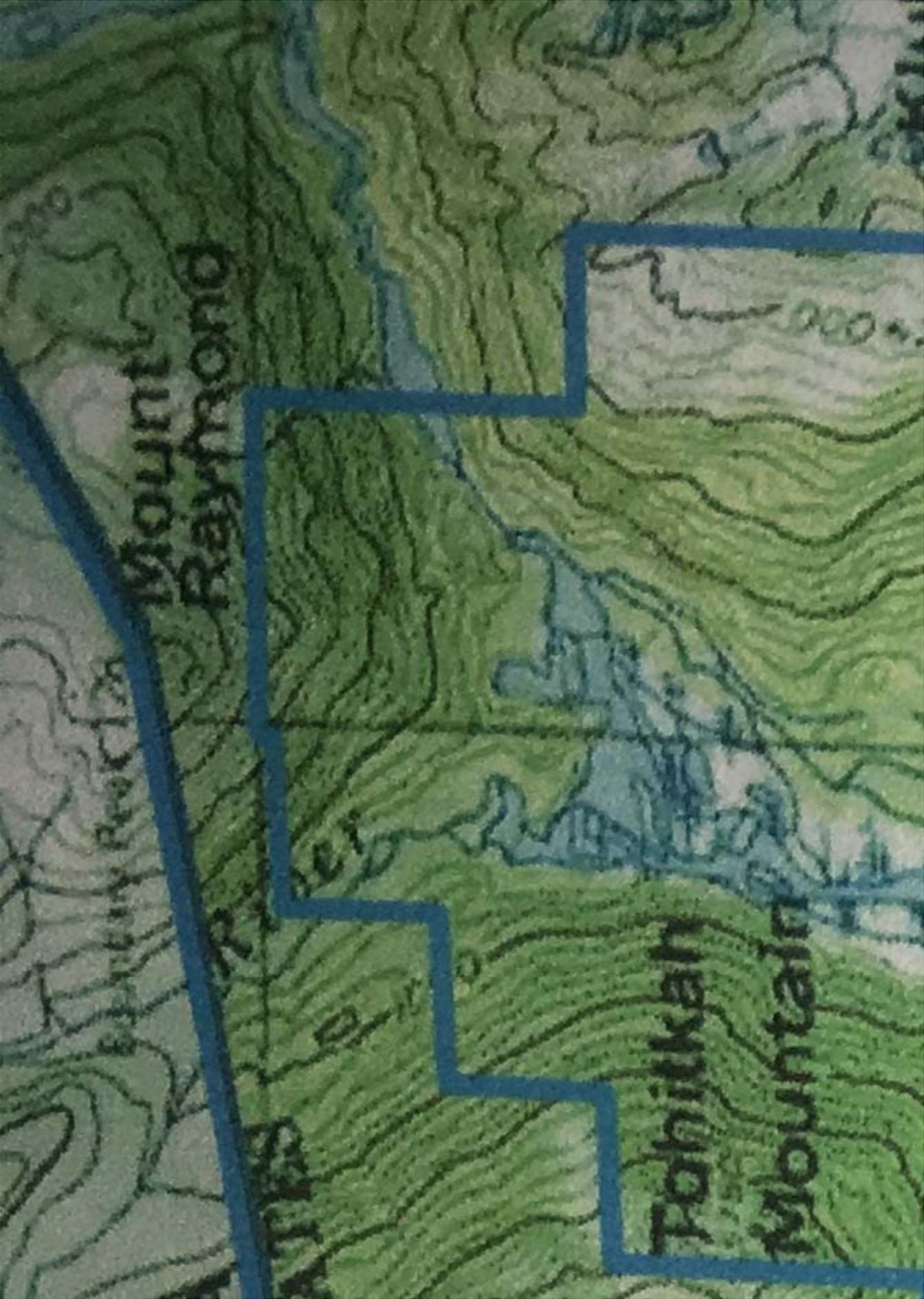
- 1.) in zone 1 the line should follow the peak tops
- 2.)The additional area contains high safe spots where the helicopter can safely perch and see skier activities on slope. Being able to watch from a safe vantage point adds increased safety for guides and guests because the helicopter can respond to incidents more quickly.
- 3.) This area has trees on slope which will allow for good visibility for pilots and guests and increase safety when the weather is not ideal and it is precipitating lightly or the skies are grey.
- 4.)this area is one of the more sought after film runs in Haines and is one of the runs that has helped make Haines as famous as it is. It's a real shame that we lost this run. Residents of mosquito lake assumed that we would be skiing down into the slopes above their homes if this area were open. The reality is that we are not skiing down into the mosquito lake area and

staying well above and to the north. Activity here will go unnoticed. The illustrated terrain is on the backside north face of four winds peak. Our filming customers eagerly await the good news of being able to access this peak again (storm troopers).

5.) We would like to confirm if this line follows the peak tops, it's hard for us to be sure on your map.

6.) This area on takhin ridge is a relatively tight high mountain valley that has helicopter activity occurring in it already. We are already landing near the bottom of this valley for pickups and allowing us to ski a handful more slopes in this area will make this zone way more user friendly. We've been given half of the cirque and by completing the horseshoe shape we will have a better variety of aspects to ski which could enhance safety and will improve the quality of the experience for our guests. It's important to have areas that are suitable for up to 4 helicopter loads of guests. This increases safety and efficiency of operations. Everyone can see each other from various runs that are across from each other and having eyes on only increases response time if an incident occurs.

7.) we've never seen a goat or tracks in this area, there is little to no vegetation, and the slopes are gentle and low angle as well. We highly doubt this important winter goat habitat. From mid February to mid March this area could provide additional mellow fun terrain for the intermediate skier and terrain that is easier to mitigate avalanche hazards that may exist early season. Its a safer zone to ski when there's not a lot of other stable options. We wish to ski this early in the season before March 31.



I would also like to visit the idea of issuing operators their own tenures based on historical use. Tenures will lend to a safer environment for operators, guests, and aircraft as well as add value to our businesses. I will forward you some information on the tenure concept I have received from a Tenure Expert from British Columbia. BC is the birthplace of Heliskiing and they are ahead of us in the development of management techniques. Tenures add safety, value, and a better experience for the guides and customers.

Thank you for considering my suggestions for amending the map. I will be out of town for the majority of this process next month. I will be having orthopedic surgery and rehab in Colorado. I nominate Tim Thomas to represent Alaska Heliskiing as a candidate for the map committee. He has a positive demeanor, works enthusiastically with others, and he's one of my top guides with a lot of knowledge to offer if he is placed on the map committee.

Thanks,

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