

February 13, 2014

Haines Planning Commission

To Whom It May Concern:

I thank all of you for your valuable time and attention to this matter. This letter is written in support of the SEABA 26 mile village design and ecotourism implementation plan ("Plan") and allowance of a heliport via the Conditional Use Permit ("Permit") process. I am ready to purchase LOT 8 at 26 mile with immediate plans to build a residence with ample shop space for various commercial activities in support of SEABA's operations. My investment plans are on hold; however, pending the Commission's decision. I would much prefer to see the company's Permit approved for the construction of the heliport, which would make it far more attractive for interested parties like myself to invest hundreds of thousands of dollars in a property and improvements with a business-friendly, long-term development Plan.

SEABA's Plan *has not been drafted in a vacuum*, but to the contrary, has involved input from all stakeholders (neighbors, SEABA partners, and potential investors) who have been solicited for input and expert advice where needed. For example, I was asked to provide advice on the mountain biking developmental aspects of the Plan, including trail design, maintenance, and future downhill and cross country guide training and certification programs. Future possibilities exist in this area for additional consulting work on behalf of SEABA and possible partnership with SEABA. Our collective input and advice was also solicited on SEABA's overall vision for the surrounding area, including the heliport and winter park concept. *All stakeholders are on board with, and have had a constructive hand in, the drafting of this Plan.*

SEABA's Plan makes good sense of the properties and surrounding area with an eye toward responsible development and eco-tourism. I urge this Commission to approve SEABA's request and Permit the properties accordingly so we may all move forward with our investment dollars and make it so.

Feel free to contact me with any questions and/or concerns.



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