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Haines planning commission and borough assembly:

We are expressing our support for "denying" the request for a conditional use helipad permit. From the very first heliski planning commission meetings, I and many others, have believed that helipads, especially commercially used ones, should not be located nearby residences. (repeated helicopter landings make the term "nearby", subject to liberal interpretation) Mr. Sundberg has been aware of the public sentiment against his helipad plans for years. I believe he even knew the feelings before buying the property. A conditional use permit opens the door to not just, potentially, a few landings, but possibly can lead to year round use. Are not the current pads enough? Will the ecosystem and wildlife corridor around the adjacent salmon streams be impacted? Especially in summer? Not a risk to be taken.

Years ago, in a discussion with the local DNR forester, the idea was tossed around of pursuing a permitted commercially used helipad at the end of Little Salmon road or Porcupine roads. These would necessitate snowplowing by users maybe, but that system already works for loggers that are in the same situation.

One thing that really concerns me is the ability of the private industry to "wear" us and the planning commission down year after year- lets get a plan!

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