

Dear Assembly Member,

**Please vote no to the 'Special Ski Competition Event'**

The map committee has already deliberated for many hours to have the areas purposed closed to commercial helicopter use skiing. Heliskiing companies have successfully operated within their terrain for many seasons; including seasons of low snow pack and variable snow conditions (which can be present any season, any day, any aspect.) Opening these areas (1,2,8,9, or 21) would set a bad precedent for future map deliberations and subvert the democratic process the map committee has already established.

I also believe that the event that is being brought to the board is not an event. It is simply a loop-hole in the code being abused. Having a low snow pack season does not give Haines a bad reputation; it is simply the nature of the industry. Positive and memorable impressions of Haines, credibility, and positive Google searches come from respectful business models and mindful conservation.

Thank you for your time,

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