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*Sorry I missed the deadline to get my concerns in the packet.*

To Borough Assembly Members:

I would like for you to ask yourselves what “managed hell-skiing” means in our community.

To me the management means that certain places and times are restricted for good reasons that you and I may not agree with, but the decision making process put it in place. Just like it is done for management of fisheries, or management of transportation, or anything else that has an impact on our lives. These restrictions are not there to make life difficult for the industry... it is done for a good reason. If the fish stocks are low do fishermen expect to go into restricted areas because there are less fish than they are accustomed to?? No.. .. Therefore it makes a mockery of these decisions and the whole “management” of hell-skiing if the restrictions get thrown away when hard times hit the industry and they need a “special event”. It makes all the community work and compromise done on this issue over the last 15 years a joke. Alaska Heli-Skiing even mentions in their letter they hope to make it an annual event. Do not be misled that this is a special circumstance. Instead it appears to me to be a way to get around the rules that our community has put in place. Please represent me and hold to managed hell-skiing that our community has asked for.

Mardell Gunn

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