

Michelle Webb

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Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 11:42 AM
To: Michelle Webb
Cc: Julie Cozzi; Stephanie Scott
Subject: Letter of Support- Commerce Committee and Assembly members

Good Afternoon,

I am writing, as an individual, in support of the Make it Live! Photography competition presented to the Interim Manager by our local heliski operators.

With the low snowfall and warming of temperatures our heliskiers have less terrain options and therefore have higher risks in safety. By opening more area, risk drops significantly in that there are more options with greater snowfall and coverage.

Because there is more bare area on our mountains, any wildlife will seek out the open terrain, whereas our heliskiers will be utilizing north facing areas that have greater snow coverage.

The economic impacts of our heliskiing industry are substantial. Their direct contributions to our community are by ways of sales tax revenue and bringing in visitors that patron our local restaurants, grocery and supply stores during our bleakest time of year for businesses. By removing some of the 2014 ski map lines we are supporting our industry and community as a whole.

I strongly encourage you to vote YES for this event and pass a resolution temporarily opening ski areas that were recommended by the 2013 HeliSki Map Committee. This will be a temporary removal of lines for a short period of time. The impacts of this can only be positive for our economy and community as a whole.

Thank you for your time,

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