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Dear Haines Borough Assembly Members, Clerk Cozzi, and Mayor Hill,

My husband and I feel strongly that the Haines Borough Assembly should delay making any map changes until more detailed ADF&G goat and brown bear study information is available for review. Why put habitat areas crucial to local goat and brown bears at risk when we can simply maintain the status quo, wait for scientific results, and then make potential changes? It seems crazy to do otherwise.

As well, the current heli-ski committee is not representative of the community as a whole and appears to be in violation of borough code. It would be prudent to select a new committee (without members who have a conflict of interest) that could convene once ADF&G data is made available and make decisions based on what is best for the community and our precious wildlife.

Finally, from our home, we look out on area S3. Not only do we wish to maintain this area critical to goat habitat, but we also do not wish to have helicopters obstructing our view and destroying the quiet we now enjoy.

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