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Dear Haines Heliski Map Committee,

The industry has access to 137,000 acres of public land in the Haines Borough. This is more than enough terrain for the two primary companies. The largest ski area in North America is a little over 8000 acres where many thousands of people happily ski in a season.

The average skier days per season in Haines is 1800 at the most. There will always be some operators demanding more, that is why this is still an issue after seventeen years. The allowable heliski area is now three times what it was from the original SUD map that the State recommended in 2000.

So enough is enough, the operators need to stop wasting our time and resources and instead go about running their businesses in a safe and positive manner. The community and the residents that are not into helicopters blanketing our public lands during the winter and spring need to be respected. The wildlife needs to be respected.

There is a high likelihood that once the State ADF&G goat report is released there will be areas to remove from the allowable heliski terrain. Some of these areas may be what are being proposed by the operators to open right now, especially along the Chilkat Inlet, Valley and the Takhine Ridge.

I request that you submit a no action recommendation to the manager on these proposals at this time. Once the State's goat report is released and the configuration of the map committee is representative of the community, it may warrant adjustments to the allowable heliski terrain. At this time for this coming season it does not.

Sincerely,
Thom Ely