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FW: letter for Heli-ski committee
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## Bill, and Julie,

Below is a letter that I wish to go to the Heli Ski map committee before the next meeting. I am sending it FYI, plus, Julie could you put it on the meeting announcement and provide copies for committee members? Thanks so much for your assistance. Mardell Gunn

## To the Hei-ski Map committee:

Once again I am looking at maps and figuring out what impact the increased areas will have on our life. I am really tired of this being a frequent task ,so am grateful for the new plan that will limit it to every 3 years. I would prefer it be every 5 years.

I will address only my concerns of the impacts to residents. I am concerned about the impacts on goats and concur with the experts as they have the knowledge to inform you of those effects.

AH2 request is to open up the top of the ridge that is directly across from our house. Allowing landings in this area is certainly going to increase the activity we hear and see.

AH3 will not be visible from our house but will have an impact on our normal winter recreation. We already have areas we do not go to during heli-ski season to avoid hearing the helicopters while skiing or snowshoing. Please do not force us to add more areas that we do not go into mid Feb-April.

The heli-ski business has proven to be quite successful without these additional areas already so I request that you do not increase their allowable areas at the expense of those of us who live in the neighborhood.

Thanks you, Mardell Gunn 38 ½ mile Haines Hwy