

May 11, 2008

Kittitas County Board of Commissioners  
Kittitas County Courthouse  
205 West Fifth, Suite 108  
Ellensburg, WA 98926

**RE: Summit at Snoqualmie comments for proposed comprehensive plan amendments**

Dear Chairman McLain and Vice Chairman Crankovich,

On behalf of the Summit at Snoqualmie Ski Area, I submit my comments in full support of the staff recommendation for designation of Snoqualmie Pass as a Rural Town in the proposed amendment to the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan. I applaud the staff and elected officials of Kittitas County for carefully listening and quickly developing an appropriate alternative designation for the current urban growth node areas, of which Snoqualmie Pass is one.

As I testified at the public hearing, held Tuesday, May 6, Snoqualmie Pass is a vibrant and growing community. Peak day visitation to the Snoqualmie Pass area exceeded 20,000 people per day this past winter. Total visitation to The Summit's facilities alone this past winter will top 725,000. As the growing population of Western Washington looks for more and more recreational opportunities, Snoqualmie Pass is certain to see increased demands for outdoor recreation and the commercial services which support it. The Summit at Snoqualmie and Snoqualmie Pass in general is a large economic driver for Kittitas County through sales taxes, property taxes, and jobs. The Summit at Snoqualmie is by far the largest employer in the Upper County district, and second only to Central Washington University for the county as a whole.

For the past 11 years, The Summit has engaged in an extensive and thorough planning process with the United States Forest Service to ensure that it is in a position to provide the levels of services commensurate with foreseeable future demands. Throughout this process the Forest Service and The Summit have relied upon the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan and specifically the Snoqualmie Pass Sub-Area Plan as a guide for

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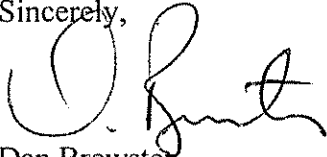
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future growth. The Snoqualmie Pass Sub-Area Plan was developed with a great deal of consideration for current and future demands at Snoqualmie Pass.

The current proposal, recommended by staff, designating Snoqualmie Pass as a Rural Town builds upon the careful planning work done over the past 15 years and recognizes appropriately the unique characteristics of a highly utilized and valued recreational area such as Snoqualmie Pass. The proposal provides appropriate flexibility for the various uses necessary to support the current large numbers of people using this area and provides adequate avenues for future managed growth. This proposal represents a realistic approach for managing an area such as Snoqualmie Pass and therefore has our complete support.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Brewster', written in a cursive style.

Dan Brewster

General Manager

The Summit at Snoqualmie