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**Via Hand-Delivery**

Routt County Board of County Commissioner  
522 Lincoln Avenue, Suite #30  
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**RE: Colorado Parks and Recreation Department's Application on Highway 129**

I am coming before you tonight not as an adjoining property owner but a long-time resident of Routt County. I am frankly dismayed at the State Parks and Recreation Department even making this request. It is extremely short-term thinking and, in my opinion, goes against their commitment to maintain the outdoor environment. That is their call to duty.

In my world, before I make a decision I ask myself: "Is the reward worth the risk?" In this case, the risk is destroying the view of Hahn's Peak by putting something in the forefront of one of the best focal points in the County (if not the State) that will detract from the view. This is the risk. The reward is: a new location for a snowmobile money making operation or, more precisely, an additional location for an existing snowmobile operation. It is not a question of IF there will be a snowmobile operation in the area but WHERE. The risk is huge and irreversible and for what gain? The answer seems obvious to me. That snowmobile business can just as well remain where it is now.

Another question I ask myself before deciding between two things to do, is: "In 20 years, what is more likely to be remembered?" This takes the time sensitivity out of the equation. You all made this type of decision an hour ago. You had the choice of staying home or spend your time making decisions that affect the future of Routt County. You made the right decision in my opinion. Thank you for your service. Please do not make a short-term decision into a long-term problem. Think further down the road -- long-term. If this Application is approved, you will also be giving the State *carte blanc* use of the entire acreage in front of Hahn's Peak. You will be giving them the power to do whatever they want in that area. It could turn out to be an abomination. Is that how you want your decision to be remembered?

Now that being said, if you do approve this Application, I suggest the following restrictions:

1. The area in question be limited to only be used during the Winter months and not Spring, Summer, or Fall;

2. Limit the running of engines, including their warm-up, to a maximum of 5 minutes and only between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.;
3. Limit the number of snowmobiles to 20 or less;
4. Make sure that snowmobiles stick to designated trails and, if not, give tickets of \$100 or more to both the operator and the concessionaire; and
5. With this approval, eliminate the existing Quealy trail across the BLM land.

Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ty Lockhart". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ty Lockhart

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