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Brian Peters, Planning Director  
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RE: Bear Valley Village Draft EIR

Dear Mr. Peters:

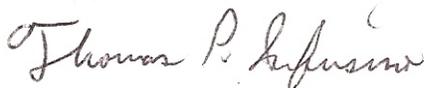
My name is Tom Infusino and I am writing on behalf of the Calaveras Planning Coalition. The Coalition is a group of community organizations and individuals who want a healthy and sustainable future for Calaveras County and the surrounding region. We believe that public participation is critical to a successful planning process. United behind eleven land use and development principles, we seek to balance the conservation of local agricultural, natural and historic resources, with the need to provide jobs, housing, safety, and services.

After review of the DEIR we at the Coalition are very concerned that the project is expected to result in significant and unavoidable adverse impacts on Highway 4 traffic. We are also disappointed that the project will result in significant and unavoidable noise impacts from both on-highway vehicles and off-highway snowmobiles.

We are also concerned that Alpine County has been more than lax in its administration of the Kirkwood Ski Resort, resulting in ongoing mitigation failure and environmental damage. We are concerned that Alpine County's limited staff will be unable to adequately monitor conditions of approval, and that County government will be unwilling to enforce mitigation measures. We encourage Alpine County to hire (at the project proponent's expense) a mitigation monitoring firm to educate project staff and construction personal regarding the mitigation requirements, to monitor project implementation on-site, to provide daily inspection reports on-line, and to assist in enforcing mitigation measures. Should the project proponent fail to adequately comply with mitigation measures in the first phase of the project, we encourage Alpine County to revoke approval of the subsequent phases.

We note that other people, agencies, and organizations have submitted comments on the DEIR, and have raised very valid concerns regarding the impacts of this project. When responding to the comments on the DEIR, please provide detailed and reasoned responses to the comments, and explain whether you have accepted or rejected the comment's suggestions, in compliance with CEQA Guidelines section 15088.

Sincerely,



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