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Dear Andy,

This letter confirms our receipt of the Alpine Meadows Resort Master Development Plan (MDP) delivered by your staff to the Forest Service on April 6th, 2015, and confirmed to be complete and accurate by your staff on May 29, 2015. This document meets the requirements for a MDP as part of the resort's Special Use Permit and updates the previous 2007 MDP.

I appreciate the work of your staff and contractors to meet the requirements of a Master Plan for the Alpine Meadow Resort.

The Tahoe National Forest has reviewed the MDP and although we are not sure that certain elements are in full compliance with our Forest Plan, we feel we will be better able to determine that on a project by project basis, as we receive detailed project proposals. As you know, acceptance of your MDP does not imply authorization to proceed with construction or implementation of any proposed projects. Once formally proposed, specific projects require a more in-depth, site-specific evaluation as well as environmental review and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis.


In our review of the MDP, our resource specialists have identified the following potential resource concerns that will require further investigation of potential effects: visual quality, wilderness, Sierra Nevada Yellow-Legged Frog (SNYLF) and SNYLF suitable and/or critical habitat, and the impacts of "grading" to natural hydrological function and slope stability. Projects potentially impacting these resources may affect future project acceptance. Alpine Meadows Resort should also expect that additional project details, modifications, design criteria, and/or mitigation measures will be necessary prior to project acceptance, NEPA analysis, and decision making by the Forest Service. We also expect there to be a great deal of public interest in these projects as you bring them forward for further consideration. This will be an important consideration in project scheduling and analysis.

Thank you for your efforts in developing a thoughtful document that outlines a plan for future improvements at Alpine Meadows Resort. Good, timely communication between us, between



our staffs and with interested stakeholders will help ensure that our consideration of your proposed plan best benefits the public and their use of National Forest System Lands.

Sincerely,



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