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Soda Springs, CA, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 -- The Sierra Club, Mountain Area Preservation Foundation, North Fork American River Alliance, the Sierra Business Council and the Donner Summit Area Association entered into formal negotiation process with Royal Gorge LLC to review the scientific data collected by the North Fork Associates for the proposed development on Donner Summit. The Serene Lakes Property Owners Association participated as an observer to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the other four groups. The two primary purposes of the MOU were:

1. Maintain open lines of communication between concerned citizen groups and Royal Gorge LLC, and
2. Initiate a third party peer review process of the North Fork Associates biological resources and wetland delineation studies.

Dr. Michael White, PhD, of The Conservation Biology Institute, conducted the peer review. Dr. White's final report, "Peer Review of Biological Baseline Conditions Reports for the Royal Gorge Study Area" is available on the [www.DonnerSummitAreaAssociation.org](http://www.DonnerSummitAreaAssociation.org). The signatories to the MOU agree that the initial dialog was constructive, and, that Dr. White's review resulted in specific recommendations for future data collection. Some of those studies are now being prepared by North Fork Associates.

"We are happy to have this initial scientific report on particular Summit natural resources released for the public to study, said Dan Wexler, DSAA President, "we appreciate the cooperation of all the parties in agreeing on a peer reviewer and a peer review process. The formal peer review between Royal Gorge, regional non-profits and local groups is part of our ongoing community visioning process which aims to integrate the desires of the Donner Summit community into the formal planning process," said Mr Wexler.