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Subject: Response to Foster/Syme Draft Letter re: Facilitated Discussions Regarding Royal Gorge

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Mr. Foster, Mr. Syme, Mr. Livak,

We appreciate the draft letter invitation dated May 9, 2007 asking for our participation in continued discussions with you concerning your proposed Royal Gorge project. The groups signing this letter agree it is important to maintain open lines of communication and to pursue opportunities for constructive dialog.

DSAA, SLPOA and other Donner Summit community groups have recognized the need for a fresh look at the planning vision for Donner Summit. They have been working for several years towards developing a community visioning process for the Summit. In the course of DSAA's initial outreach, residents have overwhelmingly expressed concern for the adequacy of services and infrastructure to support significant new development and have expressed increasing interest in protecting the area's unique quality of life and important natural resource values.

As you know, DSAA and SLPOA sponsored a town-hall style meeting on Summit issues that included F-S representatives. Recently DSAA has initiated a survey by Godbe Research. Again F-S was invited to participate in the survey development and we thank you for your input.

The results of the survey will be presented at a "Summit Summit" in the fall setting the stage for continuing the drafting of community-based principles for conservation and development.

The groups signing this letter join DSAA in supporting the completion of a community visioning process setting the stage for general plan updates. DSAA and the groups signing the letter are hopeful that you will join with us by participating in the community visioning process. We believe that the process will help the entire Donner Summit

community identify shared values and the key opportunities and constraints that should guide land use planning on the Summit in the years to come.

This process will provide abundant opportunities for dialogue between your organization and concerned community groups. Our hope is that, in the interest of further community building, you will hold off on formal filing of plans until such time we have the results of the survey and the foundation of our own community visioning process.

If you choose to proceed with your development plan we will continue to be open to constructive dialogue but also note that we will have to direct significant efforts developing formal responses to the project, as provided by CEQA and the Placer County land-use regulations.

We appreciate the ongoing dialogue and are hopeful that you will continue to support and participate in our community visions/community planning process. Again, we want to express our appreciation for your invitation and believe that such a dialogue needs to be informed by our Community's vision for development and conservation on the Donner Summit.

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