## **TELLURIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**



John Bennett, District Chief

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Mr. Eagleson,

I write this letter on behalf of Ascent Drive Resort. I serve as the District Chief for the Telluride Fire Protection District and support the effort to build a Drive Resort that will fill the needs of many emergency services organizations and civil service agencies in the Metro area along with potential to include statewide organizations on many levels. When governments examine new projects they often include partnerships to develop additional public benefits to further the use of and support of their endeavors.

In this case the state in my opinion would be the recipient of a facility that could offer multipurpose opportunities such as emergency and civil driving facilities to further train drivers of fire, police, and EMS vehicles to reduce exposure and liability. Those trainings that generally occur on public streets, large parking lots and highways. The land and proposed project could offer off road course driving for OHV and brush vehicle training, potential fire training facilities with the proper partnerships. A successful model program to view is the Sacramento City and County combining efforts to create a driving facility that trained all employees who drove city or county vehicles how to drive in daily and adverse conditions. They developed a course to include skid pads, lane change, decreasing radius turning, serpentine courses, parking, and off-road driving.

This proposal provides significant opportunity to partner with Colorado fire, police, and EMS agencies, city and county governments, educational organizations and private insurance organizations to provide driving programming to reduce accident potential and reduce liabilities on and off the roadway.

I encourage you to consider the proposal in front of you for the betterment of Adams County and the State of Colorado. Thank you.

Kind regards,

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