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SUBJECT: Powder Mountain Resort Re-Zone For Development
Project No. 07-8271

Dear Mr. Mendoza:

The Resource Development Coordinating Committee (RDCC) has reviewed the Powder Mountain re-zone proposal in Weber County. The Utah Geological Survey (UGS) comments:

The UGS performed a cursory review of the report by AMEC Earth and Environmental, Inc. (AMEC) dated December 13, 2001 that is included as a section of the environmental impact study for the proposed Powder Mountain Resort rezone. AMEC identified geologic hazards on the property including slope instability/landslides, karst, debris flows, rock falls, problem (shrink/swell) soil, and shallow bedrock. AMEC's investigation is a preliminary study and more detailed work should be performed for areas where they have identified specific hazards. AMEC specifically recommends more detailed studies be done adjacent to areas where they identified landslides and limestone bedrock (potential karst areas). Addressing geologic hazards is best done early in the planning and design stages of development. Dealing with hazards after construction has begun or is completed can be difficult and costly.

Conclusions and recommendations in this review are based on data presented in the AMEC report. The Department of Natural Resources, Utah Geological Survey (UGS) provides no warranty that the data in the reports is correct or accurate, and has not done an independent evaluation of the geology/geologic hazards of the area. Recommendations in this review are provided to aid Weber County in reducing risks from geologic hazards

The Committee appreciates the opportunity to review this proposal. Please direct any other written questions regarding this correspondence to the Resource Development Coordinating Committee, Public Lands Section, at the above address or call the Director, Jonathan G. Jemming, at (801) 537-9023, or Carolyn Wright at (801) 537-9230.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Harja".

John Harja
Director
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