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Date: 11/8/2005 11:09:15 AM
Subject: RE: Draft trails letter

Thanks for the opportunity.

I think the letter should leave the 'no build option' discussion in the letter, it brings to light some of the background and issues that led up to the committee agreeing to select between a narrow scope of options.

To be consistent, if you choose to elaborate with some details on the dissenting votes, then the majority position should also have some additional supporting statements of the primary reasons the Committee selected that alignment.

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Jeffrey Kee

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Date: 11/8/2005 11:49:19 AM
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Thanks, Elaine. I like the letter. I, too, have concerns about the paragraph regarding the "no build" option. I thought we had consensus among committee members that "no build," i.e., not completing the 40-mile loop trail, was not an option. However, I defer to the minutes.

- Brenda Hanke

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Date: 11/8/2005 5:20:13 PM
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Hello all draft trail letter reviewers. The letter is very good in my estimation except the bullet points. I know we talked about the need to clarify that the vote was not unanimous, but i'm a little uncomfortable noting "position statements" without regard to other "position statements". I concur that the dissenting votes could be referenced by group, but developing their reasons for opposition seems unbalanced. The third bullet is unnecessary. Who was there and how they voted at a previous discussion and vote seems, to me, circumstantial. The "no build" paragraph is a question too, but that we discussed and pondered it as an option is worth noting. If the bullets were removed with the commentary, I think it's ready to go. Enjoy, Troy

---- On Tue, 8 Nov 2005, Vickie Eldredge (eldredgev@metro.dst.or.us) wrote:

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Date: 11/8/2005 8:25:37 PM
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Hi Elaine and all,

Elaine, I am unable to download the letter as an attachment as I don't have Microsoft Word. Is it possible for me to get a snail mail copy? Also, even though I haven't read the letter, I believe that unless position statements pro and con are listed, there should be no position statements from anyone. Thanks for your hard work.

Dale Svart

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 >Date: Tue, Nov 8, 2005, 2:26 PM
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> Jim et al.,

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 > About the "no build" point in the letter: it was one of the points
 > that a committee member discussed to be specifically called out in the
 > letter when it was discussed at the last SBMC meeting. I didn't note
 > any dissent when the point was brought up, although there were a few
 > "head nods". The "laundry list" of points from that meeting included
 > items meant to provide some history of the committee's work and
 > thinking, as well as to demonstrate the diversity of opinion within the
 > committee.

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 > Hope that helps-

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Date: 11/9/2005 7:59:07 PM
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Elaine,

Thanks for your prompt reply. I also received a hard copy in the mail today.

After reading it I still feel that the two abstaining opinions should be omitted as well as the bullet point concerning the January vote, unless other opinions are included. After all, it was a clear 6 to 2 majority which needs no explanation. Once again, thanks for your hard work, especially considering the tightrope you must walk.

Dale

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>To: <dsvart@earthlink.net>
>Subject: Re: Draft trails letter
>Date: Wed, Nov 9, 2005, 7:07 AM
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> Hi Dale,

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> I'm trying a couple of things here. I'll cut and paste the body of the
> letter into this email, and I'll save it as a text file and attach it that
> way. Hopefully one of those methods will work. Let me know.

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> -Elaine

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> November 18, 2005

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Date: 11/14/2005 3:59:47 PM
Subject: Re: Deadline today for comments on trails letter

Thanks for drafting the letter. I prefer having the dissenting/minority opinions included as written and concur with Jim that the 3rd bullet should be a paragraph.

Pam

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Dale Svart/Jeff Kee (Friends of S&B)
Troy Clark (Audubon)
Jim Sjulín (Portland Parks)
Brenda Hanke (St. Johns NA)

Nancy, I got your voice mail alerting me that your comments will be coming in soon.

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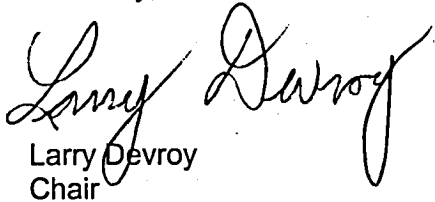
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