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Forest Enhancement Society of British Columbia
101-925 McMaster Way
Kamloops BC
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Dear Forest Enhancement Society Board:

Kicking Horse Mountain Resort (KHMR) is a world class destination ski resort with the fourth highest vertical drop in North America and is located in the Purcell Range 14 kilometers outside the town of Golden.

Mountain Resorts Branch (MRB) has reviewed KHMR's project funding application and support it for the following reasons:

- Reduction of wildfire risk within a fragile ecosystem plus protect infrastructure
- Improve/help preserve the habitat of the endangered species Whitebark Pine within the Controlled Recreation Area (CRA) at KHMR
- Improve habitat of Clark's nutcracker and Grizzly Bear
- KHMR would provide in kind funding for an educational program which would also promote FES. They also would provide use of facilities such as lift access for future visits by government staff to determine the success of project as well as potentially collect cones in an efficient manner. Similarly, KHMR would support government staff use of lifts for research purposes

The management of Whitebark Pine stands and wildfire risk reduction within CRAs are a priority for MRB. This is why the above noted benefits make it easy to throw my support behind this proposal.

Sincerely,

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Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

cc. Bill Hunter, Director of Mountain Operations, Mountain Resorts Branch

