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Mr. Roger Trout El Dorado County Planning Department Building C 2850 Fairlane Court Placerville, CA 95667

Dear Mr. Trout,

My wife and I own approximately 273 acres of vacant land in the Georgetown Divide area. We purchased these properties mainly to establish public nonmotorized trails from the Georgetown Airport area to public lands (Bureau of Land Management, US Forestry) just north of Canyon Creek. The trails out of the GT Airport area are about 50% complete, and should be finished by Fall 2005. The trails out of the Cement Hill Road area should be complete by Spring 2006.

All totaled there will be approximately 2 miles of trails deeded to the public. We are working with the Georgetown Divide Recreation District (GDRD) to link these trails to their trails system. In particular, their newly acquired Trust for Public Lands trails just southwest of the Airport. All of our trails will be deeded to the GDRD with El Dorado County, if willing, as a back-up recipient should GDRD ever dissolve. Additional easements from the US Forestry, and Roman Catholic Church (RCC) may be needed to complete the Northeast route from the GT Airport; this detail though being diligently pursued is unfortunately out of our control.

In addition to the trails, we have applied for a USDA program that will help subsidize the cost of brush clearing and road improvements, and increase public safety on these parcels. The National Resources Conservation Service (NCRS) offers the funding under their Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). This program helps land owners improve and maintain their land resources by removing fire hazard, improving forestlands, and increasing watershed quality. We hope to be accepted by October 2005, if not we will begin the prescribed improvements this year regardless of funding.

Our purpose is to bring these parcels into compliance with the county (please refer to the 3 attached maps for details). In order to do this we are proposing a merger of all 13 properties to form 7 parcels. Changing from the current 17.00 - 27.00 acre each, to approximately 37.00 – 43.00 acre each. By adding up the current acreage, subtracting the donated campground area (more on this later), then dividing the remainder as equally as possible, produced the proposed merger.

All of these parcels have deeded access, and our merger would not change, or land-lock any nearby properties. Any, and all road improvements will meet all the requirements of the California Department of Transportation.

Lastly, we would like to propose to donate approximately 3 acres to El Dorado County's Georgetown Airport for their proposed fly-in camping and Horse Trailer Staging area. Though still in the planning stages, this land use is concurrent with the proposed Georgetown Airport Master Plan. We would like to donate this area in exchange for legal easement over the GT Airport campground access road. This would be a preferred route from Spanish Dry Diggins Road to two of the merged properties.

Please let us know if you have questions, or need any additional information.

Thank you for your consideration and attention, we look forward to meeting again.

Yours truly,

Stuart Porter

Britt Porter

Enc: 3 Maps, existing, proposed, and overall.

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