

## TWO SENTINELS GIRL SCOUT CAMP

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Board of Supervisors and Planning Department County of El Dorado 330 Fair Lane Placerville, CA 95667

To the County of El Dorado Board of Supervisors and Planning Department,

This letter is to share our concerns with Tallac Hospitality's Pre-Application PA 19-0007/Kirkwood Station Project and proposed development of the property adjacent to Two Sentinels Girl Scout Camp in Kirkwood, CA. Two Sentinels Girl Scout Camp is a volunteer-run camp that has been in operation since 1936. It occupies nine acres of Forest Service land and is accredited by the American Camping Association. Our property is not accessible by any roads and we run core services that require electricity from a generator. Our graduated backpacking program is the cornerstone of our camp program. We also offer activities such as archery, canoeing, swimming, crafts, hiking, and much more.

We have worked well with our neighbors, both on the lake and in Kirkwood, to offer amazing experiences to girls from many parts of California. In reviewing the proposed project, we have the following concerns that will affect our operations if the project proceeds as it is proposed:

1. Waterline - Our current water meter location is on the proposed project property. This is also the location where we hook into Kirkwood Public Utility District's water line. The current ownership of the line in that location is unclear. There is a discussion between Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District and Vail as to who is responsible for the maintenance of this water line. The current two inch line lacks the ability to provide full pressure to our meter and the Kirkwood Inn. The line needs to be substantially upgraded for the proposed project. It is unclear who will be responsible for this, but we look forward to this work being done, seeing as it directly affects our camp. We would like our 80 to 100 psi water pressure to be returned to our meter location ASAP. We also have an easement for our service line that runs from the meter over the hill into our camp. This would also be affected.

2. Phone line - Our phone line, which serves our camp, some of the cabin owners, and the pay phone near the Kirkwood Campground, runs in a similar location to our water line from Highway 88 into camp.



3. Access from Camp to Highway 88 - Our current Emergency Evacuation route, including Forest Fire Safety route, includes using the corral trail that runs from our camp to Highway 88. This is part of the proposed project property, so we would need to work out an agreement for access.

4. **Camp Security** - We have concerns about where trails will be created and whether they will offer easier access into camp or more frequent visits through camp.

5. **Bus Drop-Off Location** - Currently, our buses turn around at the Kirkwood Inn and return to park in a pull-out/parking area north of Highway 88 just beyond the entrance to Kirkwood. Campers and luggage are dropped off here. Campers hike into camp and luggage is put on trucks and driven to the end of the lake, where it is transferred to boats and rowed across the lake. This new construction could affect our ability to use this location as buses cannot come down the road to the end of the lake. This location is the closest point to camp from the highway and is safest for dropping off campers.

6. **Food Delivery** - Sysco and Amador Dairy currently meet us in the parking lot at the Kirkwood Inn to unload food from their trucks, into our trucks, for delivery to the end of Kirkwood Lake. At this point, food is loaded into boats and can be rowed across the lake. We would potentially need another location that is agreeable to both delivery companies and us should the project proceed as planned.

7. **Dumpster Location** - Our dumpster is currently located on land just north of the entrance to Kirkwood. This would potentially need a new location.

8. **Staff Parking Location** - Vail/Kirkwood graciously allows us to park staff cars at the end of the parking lot opposite the Kirkwood Inn. Under the proposed plan, this area could be compromised.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with you to resolve these concerns should the project move forward.

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