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Dear Neighbor,

I am writing to you to introduce myself and an issue that impacts your backyard..

My name is Michael Sladdin and I'm the founder and director of PowdertothePeople.org, a 501(c)3 nonprofit founded in 2005 to advocate for equal access to public lands, specifically in Aspen's Richmond Ridge area. As a local voice, we have set our goals to include achieving this with all due respect to the surrounding private, wilderness and non-wilderness lands.

As you may know, the White River National Forest is updating its Travel Management Plan. This plan will include direction on motorized and non-motorized use on roads, trails and "over-snow roads" in your backyard.

We are urging for allowing public motorized use of designated winter travel routes on Richmond Ridge, which we feel is both fair to the public and would foster a more harmonious environment for its multitude of user groups. The Executive Summary included here explains our position more thoroughly, and we've also included an "e-petition" supporting our position we hope you will sign.

At a minimum, we are asking you to educate yourself on this issue – our website at www.powdertothepeople.org has a wealth of information – and urge you to contact me should you have any questions or want to discuss the issue further. If you oppose our position, we want to hear from you as well.

Through communication, collaboration and consensus we hope to find a solution that works for everyone who has a stake in this winter wonderland.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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