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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

September 17, 2009

Mr. Dennis Jaeger, Acting Forest Supervisor
900 Grand Avenue
P.O. Box 948
Glenwood Springs, CO 81602-0948

Dear Mr. Jaeger:

I am writing with an update on a letter that our office sent to Mr. Michael Sladdin, and Powder to the People. I am also writing with a request.

As you can see from the letter dated September 11, our office has asked Mr. Sladdin to see if he can get a "gentleman's agreement" in writing with the Aspen Ski Company. However, I don't see where the ASC has much incentive to work out an agreement. They have their permit with you, they have their paying customers and they are happy with the way things are.

So I am asking you if there is some way you can help work this out with Mr. Sladdin and his group to have shared access to this area. They created their non-profit group, did all the things that the Forest Service asked them to do, and they still do not have the access they desire for "public" lands that you supervise.

These folks are locals. They have no desire to turn this into a Disneyland ride. They simply want access to their public lands. Please let my office know if there is any to work this out.

You may respond to my Grand Junction office. If you have additional questions, you may contact Gail Gnirk at (970) 245-7107. I thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John T. Salazar".

John T. Salazar
Member of Congress

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cc: Michael Sladdin

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