



February 3, 2009

Butch Morningstar,
Regional Director, Ministry of Energy
Mines and Petroleum Resources,
Bag 5000, Smithers, BC

Dear Director Morningstar,

It has come to the attention of Big White Ski Resort that there is an application before the regional district regarding the Pyman Road gravel pit.

As a tourism leader in the Okanagan, Big White Ski Resort would like to express our concerns of this application. We are concerned and would appreciate assurances that the safety of our guests would not be compromised with the approval of this application. We also believe that any gravel pit in the proposed area would undoubtedly have a significant visual impact on the landscape.

Big White feels that significant improvements to the highway are needed before any additional truck traffic is considered. Truck traffic is already a concern for our guests on highway 33. The safety of our clients is paramount and their safe transportation between their homes and our resort could be compromised if such an application was approved without significant upgrades to the highway.

The proposed location of the Pyman pit would also undoubtedly have an impact on the panoramic view of the Black Mountain grasslands and surrounding area, leaving a negative first impression of our region on tourists who have traveled considerable distances to enjoy super, natural British Columbia.

We appreciate you taking the above concerns under consideration during the application process.

Big White Ski Resort Ltd.

Michael J. Ballingall
Senior Vice President