









FW: News Item -- Citizens Plead for Stop to Ophir Mountain Clear-Cutting

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Subject	FW: News Item -- Citizens Plead for Stop to Ophir Mountain Clear-Cutting
From	Alli Langley
To	Jackson, William F -FS
Sent	Thursday, April 23, 2015 10:39 AM
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See attached.

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From: Howard Brown <brown.howard2@gmail.com>
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2015 4:02 PM
To: Alli Langley <alangley@summitdaily.com>
Cc: Elise Reuter <EReuter@summitdaily.com>
Subject: Re: News Item -- Citizens Plead for Stop to Ophir Mountain Clear-Cutting

Alli,
Attaching scans of petition signature pages. Collected from couple Forest Health Task Force Meetings and couple senior ski trips. No serious effort and nothing formal; as far as I could find out, there is no formal petition process at the county level. If the commissioners would like more, we can get them all they want.
Howard

On Tue, Apr 14, 2015 at 3:43 PM, Howard Brown <brown.howard2@gmail.com> wrote:

Elise,
Welcome; nice to meet you. Attaching electronic copy of the petition. If I can provide anything else, please feel free.
Howard
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From: Howard Brown <brown.howard2@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, Apr 13, 2015 at 8:24 AM
Subject: News Item -- Citizens Plead for Stop to Ophir Mountain Clear-Cutting
To: Alli Langley <ALangley@summitdaily.com>
Cc: Ben Trollinger <btrollinger@summitdaily.com>

On Tuesday, April 14 at the 1:30 public meeting of the Summit County Board of County Commissioners, Summit County citizens will present the Commissioners petitions signed by more than 60 people. The petitions ask the BOCC to "request the U.S. Forest Service to delay further implementation of the 'Ophir Mountain Forest Health and Fuels Reduction Project' within Summit County, to hold public hearings to solicit new evidence about the value of said project and reassess public support of said project and to reevaluate the merit of said project."

The citizens are particularly concerned about the highly popular Peaks Trail and surrounding forest and remaining portions of the Colorado Trail on Gold Hill. The Forest Service is now saying that they will complete the clear-cutting of this area and the rest of the Ophir Plan this year. The citizens feel that such clear-cutting is the exact wrong thing to do on all counts, including fire danger, recreation and tourism and forest health/natural ecology. They feel that the Forest Service has not listened to their concerns and that the burden is now on the BOCC to protect the county's natural and recreational resources from needless destruction.

One of the presenting citizens, Howard Brown, will also speak that morning about forest ecology to the breakfast meeting of the Summit County Rotary at the Summit County Community Center.