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Dear Planning Commissioners,

I would like to write you in advance of Monday's Planning Commission meeting to voice my support of the developments being proposed by Nick Gibson, Blair Banker and David Marchi. My family currently owns the property that is under consideration. We have owned this property since the early 1990's and are excited about the proposed developments. My family has always loved Westfir and the natural beauty of the area, as well as, the rich history. I have fond memories learning to flyfish on the North Fork with my Dad. Westfir has always been a special place for my family. During the last decade when we've considered selling the property it has been of great importance to us, and particularly my late father, Bob Newland, that the property sell to a group that is capable of developing it into something that will be an asset for the area and a good fit for it's location. We have been in contact with a multitude of potential buyers and developers of the site, and until now we have not found a group that we were confident in selling the property to.

We first met Nick Gibson about 5 years ago when he approached us about our property and his shuttle business and annual mountain bike race. Nick shared our love of the outdoors and the Westfir area. We stayed in contact with Nick and several years later Nick located his business, Transcascadia Excursions on our property. It has been a pleasure working with Nick and his wife Jessi, and seeing the vibrant business they are running out of Westfir. Nick and Jessi are hands-on operators and truly care about the area, particularly the world class mountain biking within immediate proximity.

We were excited when Nick and his partners Blair Banker and David Marchi approached us about their vision of developing the property. Their development is an excellent fit for the property and will be an asset for the Westfir community. I am particularly pleased that the team has been so thoughtful in addressing the concerns of the community. It is important that the developers of this type of property are sensitive to the community's concerns, and this team has done exactly that. We are confident that they bring both the industry expertise and development capability to the table that is necessary to bring this development to fruition. We encourage you to approve this project!

Sincerely,

Bill Newland (and family)

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