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Hello Mr. Piccone:

As the founder of the Incline Club let me start by saying we are one of the few groups NOT using the Incline. Indeed, we stopped doing it as a formal club run in June of 2000 when the Incline was posted "No Trespassing." That being said, it has become one of the most widely used "trails" in the area. Indeed, it is used much to the detriment of the Barr Trail, the local residents and the entire Ruxton corridor.

It is precisely because of this that significant research and planning needs to be done BEFORE the incline is "opened" if in fact it is to be opened at all. It can't be overstated that traffic and parking are the single biggest issues facing the overuse of this popular destination. Not just from a recreational standpoint as it must be remembered that this small area is also home to the Manitou and Pikes Peak COG railway.

As such a comprehensive plan to address these issues must be formulated. To do that I strongly support the proposal to develop a recreation management plan for the Mt Manitou Incline. Without a management plan I fear that things are going to get far worse and that is not fair to the residents and neighbors who have had their neighborhood flooded by those coming to use the Incline and the Barr Trail. With funding from Great Outdoors Colorado important information can be gathered in order to help the public and elected officials in their decision-making process.

Respectfully

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