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Dear Ms. Uhler,

My name is Clairrissa Gregg, and I wanted to take a moment to share my support for Yakalo Ranch and Angela Gregg as you continue reviewing AL269 / EA2561.

I have been close enough to this process to see how much time, work, and care Angela has put into trying to do things correctly. I have watched her communicate with the County, Residents, neighbors, respond to questions from different agencies, make changes when they are requested, work on fire mitigation and safety, and continue trying to improve the property.

I understand why people who live in the mountains care deeply about wildfire, water, traffic, animals, and emergency access. Those are important concerns, and I know Angela takes them seriously too.

What has been difficult to watch is how often concerns about the project seem to become personal accusations against Angela.

I am familiar with many of the complaints and allegations that have been made by Trey Spiller and Laurie Zickefoose, as well as the circumstances surrounding them. From what I know, I do not believe some of those allegations give the County a complete or fair picture of Angela or Yakalo Ranch.

I have seen Angela spend an enormous amount of time responding to complaints by these two individuals, communicating with authorities, gathering documentation, and trying to prove that she is following the rules. When an agency has asked her for something additional, I have watched her work to provide it.

I also know how much she cares about making Yakalo Ranch a safe and welcoming place. She wants people to be able to enjoy the mountains responsibly, while respecting the land and the people who live around it.

I certainly respect everyone's right to voice concerns about a project in their community. At the same time, I hope that repeated complaints are not automatically viewed as repeated violations. I hope each concern is considered based on the actual facts and the findings of the appropriate County, fire, law-enforcement, or other reviewing agency.

There are also people who are genuinely excited about what Yakalo Ranch can offer. The opposition being submitted should not be assumed to represent everyone who knows the property or cares about this area.

Angela isn't asking to be excused from the rules. She is asking for the opportunity to meet them.

I sincerely hope Yakalo Ranch will be judged on the project that is actually being proposed, the safety measures being put in place, the information provided by the reviewing agencies, and Angela's continued willingness to address the County's requirements.

Please include my comments in the public record for AL269 / EA2561.

Thank you for taking the time to read my perspective and for all of the time and work that goes into reviewing an application like this.

Warmly,

Clairrissa Gregg

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