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Re: Conditional Use Permit Approval for 8 Wyssen Towers on Mount Baldy

Dear Dave:

On June 2, 2022, the Alta Planning Commission met, discussed, and approved Alta Ski Area's (Alta) request to construct eight (8) Wyssen Tower Remote Avalanche Control Systems (RACS) in the locations identified on Alta's private land on Mount Baldy.

The Commission's approval was subject to the conditions and requirements from your letter to the Planning Commission and Town Council of May 23, 2022, The Forest Service Decision Memo of January 2022, The U. S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives letter dated March 3, 2021, the Foundation Instructions for the Wyssen Avalanche tower LS12-5 and the May 25, 2022, Staff Memo to the Alta Planning Commission, all of which are attached hereto.

The Commission commended you on the completeness of your application and description of the project during the meeting. During that discussion, the earlier idea of a tram to service Mount Baldy for avalanche control operations was discussed. The discussion evolved around the thought that if the RACS worked as they should, the need for a tram to Mount Baldy would be eliminated. The Commission emphasized that point and hoped that the RACS would eliminate the need for that tram. You also noted that the manufacturer will spray the towers with a watershed friendly solution so the towers will more quickly dull from exposure to the elements to blend in more with the surroundings.

The Commission realized that the next step in this request is a request for a variance the Land Use Appeal Authority to install the RACS on slope over 30% on Mount Baldy. The Commission realized that the very nature of ski areas and avalanche control devices requires construction on slope over 30%. The Commission wished to express their recommendation for a positive consideration of that variance request to the Appeal Authority for the installation of these state-of-the-art RACS.

Congratulations on your successful request. Best of luck with the installation this summer.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Best!

*John*

John H. Guldner  
Town Administrator  
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Attachments

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