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Jeremy Carroll, District Manager
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RE: Water Right Operation Plan for Eagle Point Ski Resort

Dear Mr. Carroll,

Elk Meadows Special Service District has obtained approval of several applications moving Beaver River surface water rights to the mountain for uses associated with a ski resort. These applications were approved subject to prior rights with the idea that potential impacts to downstream rights would be mitigated. During the application process concern was expressed by protestants that changing a seasonal right to year-round had the potential to harm winter storage rights if adequate operational measures were not implemented. Other protests expressed that hydro-power and irrigation rights be protected or impacts mitigated.

In order to ensure that adequate protections are in place as these applications are developed we are requesting a water right operation plan be submitted to this office for our evaluation. The plan should include descriptions of all approved applications and water sources being used, including plans for measuring and reporting each source. Additionally, a description of water infrastructure, water uses, and operational details regarding timing of water diversions and releases needs to be provided.

Our records indicate the following approved applications may be applicable to this request: E389, E2597, a23758c, a25114, a25450, and a42410. Please indicate if any of these applications are not relevant or if there are other relevant applications we have not listed. This request is made in conjunction with the conditions of application approval and pursuant to §73-5-8 U.C.A. Please provide this operation plan within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter. Direct any questions to Nathan Moses, Southwestern Regional Engineer (435-586-4231), or Jared Manning, Assistant State Engineer (801-538-7380).

Sincerely,

Kent Jones, P.E.
Utah State Engineer

