

BENSON CULINARY WATER Improvement District

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Cache County Executive
Cache County Council
Cache County Planning Commission
179 North Main
Logan, Utah 84321

Dear County Officials,

We are writing in support of Richmond City which is faced with a proposed Ski Resort to be located in a canyon east of the city, but outside the city limits.

The proposed development poses a threat to the City's water sources both from contamination and from the fact that it would draw directly from the City's spring source above the storage and treatment facility, making the City potentially liable for water quality problems and fire protection outside it's jurisdiction.

Richmond City has established protection zones for it's water sources, but, as is the case for many if not all of Cache Valley's public drinking water systems, these protection zones lie outside the City limits. Richmond City, and nearly all of the other public water systems in Cache Valley, must therefore rely and depend on Cache County to enforce restrictions on developments which wish to encroach into the protection zones.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that Cache County enact ordinances and enforce policies which will support the communities of Cache Valley in their efforts to protect the high quality water sources and aquifers which we all rely on.

In this specific case, it appears that Richmond City residents would be faced with virtually all of the negative impacts from the proposed development, while receiving no benefit whatsoever. For this reason, we would encourage Cache County to strenuously seek approval from Richmond City and it's residents before any type of approval is given by the County.

High quality drinking water sources are rare and irreplaceable. It is the County's responsibility to assist the communities in the protection of these resources, even if an individual's special interests are curtailed.

Sincerely,

Nick Galloway
Manager