



February 9, 2015



Dear Mr. Smith,

A diverse group of stakeholders formed a unique partnership to pursue a remarkable conservation legacy in Martis Valley. Through the Martis Valley West Parcel Project, a combined conservation and development plan, the partners are moving forward together to achieve the conservation vision.

The Martis Valley West Parcel Project had initially contemplated having a Tahoe Basin component. While the conservation vision has always been our highest priority, recently certain parties have made it clear that conservation in Martis Valley is not their priority. The actions of these individuals could serve to jeopardize the successful completion of the conservation legacy.

In collaboration with stakeholders, agencies, conservation and environmental groups and community members, we have eliminated the Tahoe Basin component from the plan. We believe this change will provide us with the greatest opportunity to successfully achieve our shared interest of linking over 50,000 acres of contiguous open space in Martis Valley.

In conjunction with commencing the public review process for the Martis Valley West Parcel Project, we have prepared an informational pamphlet which provides an overview of the current combined conservation and development plan.

We hope you find this informative and we look forward to working with the community to reach our conservation goal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Blake Riva".

Blake Riva
Mountainside Partners
Senior Partner