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Dear Mineral County Commissioners and Silver Thread Public Health Director,

As Colorado moves into the next phase of controlled reopening of both essential and nonessential businesses and services, Wolf Creek Ski Area respectfully requests your consideration in allowing WCSA to reopen on May 1, 2020.

In order to best determine if this is appropriate, and to give you the proper context of why we want to reopen; I have enclosed several relevant documents.

WCSA is a small family owned ski area located on top of Wolf Creek Pass. At this time there is no other associated businesses or lodging at the ski area, which leads to day use skiing only. As the State of Colorado begins the long and arduous work of easing back restrictions and allowing its citizens to participate in more and more lifestyle activities that are so important to their sense of wellbeing, I respectfully request that you consider downhill skiing at WCSA for the remainder of the spring season to be allowed.

This request is not being made without much thought and consideration given to the uncharted waters our society is entering. This effort to reopen is tied to several state wide orders; one of which expires on April 30 (D 2020 026), and one of which was just released by the Governors' office on April 26 (D 2020 044), in which he is very cautiously optimistic.

To be clear, this is not about promoting the mountain, but more about beginning the healing process that our state will need. If, in my opinion, we can take some baby steps and begin to ski this late spring; the experience gained will be instrumental on developing a sustainable plan for next winter.

Please review the attached documents and I look forward to having a candid discussion at tomorrow's commissioners meeting.

Sincerely,

Davey Pitcher
WCSA President/CEO