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**MEMO**

**DATE:** January 3, 2005  
**TO:** Tucker  
**FROM:** Jane  
**SUBJECT:** Skyline 700 Planned Community  
My conversation with Hal Simmons, Boise City

The following are notes from my conversation with and phone message from Hal Simmons, Boise City Planning Director, regarding my request for a meeting to discuss the 700-acre Planned Community. The impromptu meeting and phone message occurred on December 6, 2004.

Hal explained that he did not have much positive to say about my request, because he had been called into a meeting of Department Heads where this project was specifically discussed. It is the official position of the City staff and of the City Council that they are adamantly opposed to this project. The City will do nothing to provide services to this property. The City will do everything they can to oppose the project and will do everything they can to prevent the County from approving the project. The City feels that this project is detrimental to their planning efforts and their area of impact.

Hal did not care to get into a meeting on this project. He likes the work that Skyline does and doesn't wish to discuss this project with Skyline. When I questioned Hal what he envisioned for the property, he responded that the land is critical winter deer and elk habitat. He said the site is not appropriate for urban development and that the current owners should work out a deal for Fish and Game to purchase the land. Hal also mentioned that Parks and Rec had expressed interest in the property for recreation opportunities.

I explained to Hal that I was surprised and mostly disappointed that the City would have this reaction without even seeing the project concept or design. I tried to press Hal to meet with you, Tucker, or the project team, but he refused. Hal did finally capitulate a bit and said I could send him information about the project (he can't keep me from sending him anything), but the City's position would not change.

I described my meeting and the message with Ted the next day, December 7, 2004.

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