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Rapid City Council Members  
c/o Office of the Mayor  
300 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701

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**Rapid City Growth  
Management Department**

Dear Council Alderman:

The Board of Directors of Skyline Drive Preservation, Inc. appreciates your continued support of the Skyline Wilderness Area.

In a recent article in the *Rapid City Journal* dated Tuesday, July 25, 2006, it was reported that the Council members debated whether to vacate a right of way as requested by adjoining land owner Richard Stahl. As you know, the right of way provides access to a portion of the Skyline Wilderness Area and to Dinosaur Park.

The Skyline Drive Board of Directors has reconsidered our initial decision to agree with vacating this right of way. After recently meeting with Mr. Stahl and seeing the terrain of the area in question, we firmly believe it is best for both parks to keep the south half of the right of way available for future access as the north half of the right of way is virtually impassable. Additionally, a City sidewalk currently abuts the southeast corner of the right of way and could be easily extended west into the Skyline Wilderness Area adjacent to Dinosaur Park. However, this would not be feasible if the right of way is vacated, nor would public access be guaranteed if the effort and expense of providing the access is the responsibility of the private property owner.

We appreciate the Council's vision and astuteness in considering the long-term potential of this right of way for providing public access to an area that is increasingly becoming more popular.

The Board of Directors of Skyline Drive Preservation, Inc. encourages you to retain this right of way in its entirety in order to ensure that access through the area remains clearly evident and available to would be users.

Sincerely,

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