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TO: Rapid City Planning Commission

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The residents of Quartz Canyon/Copper Oaks have three concerns; the traffic on Wilderness Canyon Road, the water supplies and a second access to Highway 16 in case of an emergency.

Some of the residents living along the first part of Wilderness Canyon Road, don't want any more traffic going by their lots. Most of them have large homes situated on the back part of their large lots. However, Wilderness Canyon Road can easily handle the additional traffic from 24 more lots.

The second concern is the water system. We have two wells that produce more than adequate water for the residents of Quartz Canyon and Copper Oaks. The water storage is 52,000 gallons. Since we put in the second well two years ago there has not been a problem. Several weeks ago we had a break in the water line and that was repaired as soon as we could find the location of that break. If the platting for the additional 24 lots is approved, we will set aside a lot for the possibility of a third well.

Vicki Fisher, Curt Huus, Doug Sperlich and I visited the development to see about having a second road to Highway 16. Vicki and Curt concluded that we should have a blacktop road from the end of Quartz Canyon Lane to the Rushmore Shadows Resort so in case of an emergency the residents could access Highway 16 without using Wilderness Canyon Road. I have worked in the Quartz Canyon/Copper Oaks area for 35 years and there has never been a time when that route was necessary. So quite frankly, at the time I thought that building this blacktop road was not necessary. But I was wrong. Vicki and Curt were right.

Here is why they were right. Because of the topography and rugged terrain of Spring Creek Canyon and the developments along Highway 16 there will never be a permanent route out of Copper Oaks and Quartz Canyon besides Wilderness Canyon Road. The next best thing according to Curt and Vicki is to have a high

quality road to the resort that could handle the extra traffic in case of an emergency.

While visiting with a number of residents in Quartz Canyon and Copper Oaks, I found out that the main concern is having a secondary emergency route to Highway 16. This was true especially for those with children.

The residents of the Cochran development, on 47th Street, already have an excellent emergency exit by reaching Highway 16 in front of the Rockerville Fire Department Building. In an emergency they do not need to use Wilderness Canyon Road.

With the addition of 24 lots there will be a total of 141 lots in the Copper Oaks I, II, III and Quartz Canyon developments. The new black top road at the end of Quartz Canyon Lane will be the <u>only possible second access to Highway 16</u>. Emergency vehicles, especially those from the Rockerville Volunteer Fire Department, will be able to serve the families through this route.

PAUL REINKE PROPOSAL

We, the undersigned are residents of the Copper Oaks/Quartz Canyon developments located southwest of Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota. We have been informed that Paul Reinke, owner of some of the yet unplatted and undeveloped property in the vicinity of these developments, desires to plat an additional twenty-four (24) lots on such property. We further understand as part of such additional platting, Reinke has agreed that he will pave an emergency road from the end of Quartz Canyon Lane in the Quartz Canyon development to join with the Rushmore Shadows Resort Campground that can be used by the residents of the Copper Oaks/Quartz Canyon developments in the case of an emergency, including use by fire and other emergency vehicles.

Such improved emergency ingress and egress will provide all of the residents of the area a second route to Highway 16 in event of an emergency, to the benefit of all such residents.

Therefore, we the undersigned, as residents of the Copper Oaks/Quartz Canyon developments, support the proposal of Paul Reinke, and do not object to his proposal to plat the additional 24 lots and pave the emergency access road to the Rushmore Shadows Resort Campground.

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