



November 18, 2017

Mylisa Darling
Postmaster
United States Postal Service
10050 Bridge St.
Truckee, CA 96161

Dear Ms. Darling,

As you are aware the Tahoe Donner Association needs to replace our aging and non-repairable cluster mailboxes. Tahoe Donner currently has 6,473 properties of which approximately 15% are primary residences. The other 85% are mostly second homes where owners generally don't receive mail. We currently have about 2,600 mailboxes in four locations, of which about 1,600 are in active use and 1,000 are vacant. While we have a notable number of vacancies, the United States Postal Service sequencing requirement has precluded a number of residents from obtaining a cluster mailbox. Additionally, because of the poor condition of the existing cluster boxes and lack of weather protection mail is sometimes wet, doors frozen shut, and Tahoe Donner residents and your carriers are subject to hazardous conditions resulting from snow and ice in the winter when accessing the cluster boxes.

To rectify these problems Tahoe Donner proposes to install new mailboxes in roofed structures at three locations; Zurich, Hansel and Alder Creek. A roof structure cannot be constructed at the Tahoe Donner maintenance yard location because the cluster is located in the town right of way. Those mailboxes would be relocated to one of the other cluster locations.

In our previous communications you have indicated that the only option acceptable to the United States Postal Service is to install a mailbox for every property. This would result in installation of 4,300 mailboxes which will never be used and increases the cost to Tahoe Donner by \$1.35 million. Tahoe Donner is unwilling to incur this unnecessary expense and proposes to install approximately 2,160 new mailboxes (1,600 plus 35% spares). Future sequencing issues can be minimized by careful placement of spares and minor resequencing when necessary. The United States Postal Service and Tahoe Donner residents will both benefit from having new mailboxes protected from the weather and current sequencing problems will be remedied.

We realize that Tahoe Donner's proposal cannot be implemented without the United States Postal Service concurrence and cooperation and unless approval is received, Tahoe Donner will not proceed with replacement of the cluster mailboxes.





Tahoe Donner would like to move forward with this project and welcomes any thoughts or ideas you may have. Please contact Tahoe Donner's Director of Capital Projects, Forrest Huisman, by phone or email at (530) 587-9487 or fhuisman@tahoedonner.com if you have any suggestions that will help us develop a mutually agreeable plan.

Sincerely,

Robb Etnyre

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Association

Michael Sullivan

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