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Dear Mike:

This letter is to notify you that we are in receipt of your Special Use Application (10/27/2005) requesting a Special Use Permit for motorized use of the Richmond Ridge area during the winter of 2005/2006. We are denying your application based on Forest Service Manual direction to not issue private club permits.

The future management of this area will be guided through the new Travel Management Plan, which should be released in draft form in early 2006. We encourage you to remain involved with the travel management process for this area and to submit formal comments once the draft Plan is released.

We hope that the compromise agreed to between landowner John Miller, Aspen Ski Company, and "Powder to the People" can work for this upcoming winter season. If you have any questions please call me at 925-3445 (Aspen) or 963-2266 (Sopris).

Sincerely,

WALLACE WESTBROOK
District Ranger

