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Luxury Resort Proposal Resurrected Despite Public Opposition

The proponent of the Abraham Glacier Wellness Resort is appealing the decision made by the County of Clearwater to refuse a development permit for the resort. If successful in the appeal, the proponent would begin building the resort in the Whitegoat Lakes Development Node near the ecologically significant area of the Bighorn Wildland.

“AWA is fully supportive of Clearwater County’s carefully considered decision to refuse the project,” says Vivian Pharis, AWA Director. “The environmental significance of the area was not compromised.”

The proponent’s application for leave states that “the Appellant has grounds to appeal on questions of law or jurisdiction with respect to the said Decision of Subdivision and Development Appeal Board of the County of Clearwater.”

“We believe that the County made the right decision for the environment,” says Martha Kostuch, President of the Alberta League for Environmentally Responsible Tourism (A.L.E.R.T.). “Therefore we will be supporting the County in opposing the proponent’s appeal.”

The application to appeal has been set for a hearing on procedural matters on Tuesday, August 17th, 2004 at 9:30 a.m.

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