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*GIRDWOOD VALLEY SERVICE AREA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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**Resolution 2023-15
Of the Girdwood Board of Supervisors
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR 35% PROPOSED DESIGN FOR A
HANGING DECK SUSPENSION BRIDGE CROSSING OF GLACIER CREEK TO
RECONNECT THE WINNER CREEK TRAIL**

WHEREAS, the Hand Tram was decommissioned after accidents made it clear that the hand tram was unable to safely accommodate the volume of hikers on the Winner Creek Trail; and

WHEREAS, the community has met and discussed solutions to the lack of connectivity to this integral part of the Girdwood trails network; and

WHEREAS, ultimately the Girdwood Trails Committee and Girdwood Land Use Committee recommended that the hand tram be replaced with a bridge, which would restore connectivity, provide year-round access, and improve accessibility to all trail users; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with the USFS, 35% design for construction of a hanging deck suspension bridge has been presented to the community via the Girdwood Trails Committee and the Girdwood Land Use Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Trails Committee accepted the 35% design plan by unanimous consent at their September 5, 2023 Regular Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Girdwood Land Use Committee accepted the 35% design plan by unanimous consent at their September 11, 2023 Regular Meeting;

THEREFORE, the Girdwood Board of Supervisors supports the 35% design plan as presented and looks forward to reviewing the project at a higher level of design with a goal of having the project out to bid and under construction as soon as possible.

PASSED AND APPROVED by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed this 18th day of September 2023.

Briana Sullivan

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Margaret Tyler

Attest