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Director-General
Department of Conservation
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Attention: Deidre Ewart

Dear Ms Ewart

Intention to grant concession to Ruapehu Alpine Lifts - 40011-SKI

I write on behalf of Federated Mountain Clubs of NZ Inc. (FMC) which represents some 20,000 members of tramping, mountaineering, climbing and other outdoor recreation clubs throughout NZ, and indirectly represents the interests and concerns of many thousands of private individuals who also enjoy recreation in the back country.

FMC supports the granting of the concession to Ruapehu Alpine Lifts under the terms proposed.

FMC has many affiliated clubs with club huts on Mt Ruapehu which depend on Ruapehu Alpine Lifts for the provision of ski lift and other services. FMC also represents visiting recreationalists that access and pass through the skifield to pursue mountain activities other than skiing.

FMC is satisfied that a licence is the best way both to provide certainty for Ruapehu Alpine Lifts and to guarantee the public's right of access. We note in particular condition 27(1)d and special condition 3.1 that reaffirm the public's right to enter and remain on the land. It is our understanding that any future operational development of the skifield (and its own health and safety procedures) will not interfere with this right.

Yours faithfully,

Robin McNeill
President