



Dear Laura,

After a messy divorce I purchased my little red cabin on Grand Mesa. It was affordable and filled a hole in my heart from losing the cabin we had when married that I could not afford to keep outside of Telluride. I had been looking for a cabin for 5 years but absolutely everything was out of my price range. A friend informed me that the Gorrads' cabin on Grand Mesa was for sale. It was in very rough condition but was within my price range. It needed a bathroom, well, roof and basically to be completely gutted as it had no insulation and the wiring was primitive and dangerous. This has been a labor of love for almost two years.



The reason I could afford to do this as a retired teacher was that it was affordable. I bought this property two years ago after careful consideration of what I could reasonably afford initially and annually. I did all of this work with the good faith that it would remain this way. I am shocked and sickened by the proposal to increase property tax in this manner. I have cows stomping thru my wildflower garden, primitive roads that are challenging even by car, no winter access, etc. This is not what you would consider a typical mountain getaway type community. These were designed as fishing cabins and many remain that way. I am always

vigilant of the possibility a tree will land on me in a stiff wind.

If this tax is approved I will have to sell my cabin as I am on a fixed, retired teacher's salary. I am sickened by this though as I put absolutely all my savings into the remodel. We love the Grand Mesa because of the sense of family and the primitive nature of the surroundings and homes. Please reconsider the passage of this legislation.

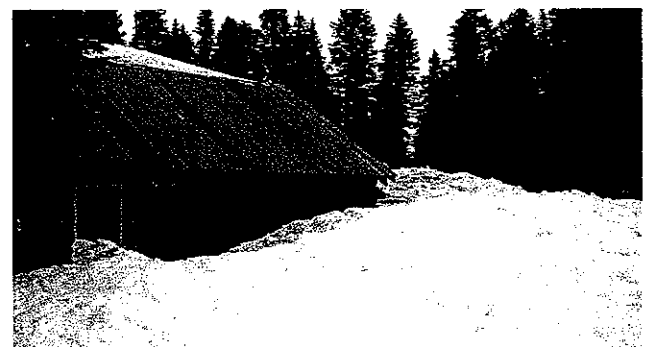
Mary Kusack



Dear Ms. Bradford,

We appreciate your time and effort on behalf of the stockholders of the Grand Mesa Resort Company.

It is quite ridiculous to think of the Grand Mesa Resort as a true "resort". It is mostly a group of old fishing cabins, although some folks have really renovated them. Nevertheless, there are no services other than electricity and phone.



Ours is a 700 square foot cabin that we heat with a wood stove. It has an outhouse and water in the

summer from the spring. We access from a bumpy dirt road. In the winter, we have to snowshoe in and shovel a tunnel into the door. Winter usually ends in late May or June. This is not a resort home! On our teachers' retirement we were able to keep it. I'm not sure anymore.



Jean and Richard Gauley

Dear Ms. Bradford,

This letter to you is an emotional appeal for help regarding the unjust tax assessment applied to The Grand Mesa Resort Co. property. It is truly an act of big government affecting local families, impacting personal property rights down to the basic level.

The Grand Mesa Resort Company is a very unique area of common stock land dotted with individually owned cabins. Many of the cabins are used for the months of June through September when roads are open to allow access. When open, not only do Resort Co. stockholders have access to the area but the general public do as well. Others, both stockholders and public can have winter enjoyment of the area by means of snowmobile.

The property in question is indeed rural in nature. Summer months cows meander through the property, grazing at will. Bear are sited on occasion and I personally have had the dubious pleasure of having a large bear spend the night on my screened in porch!

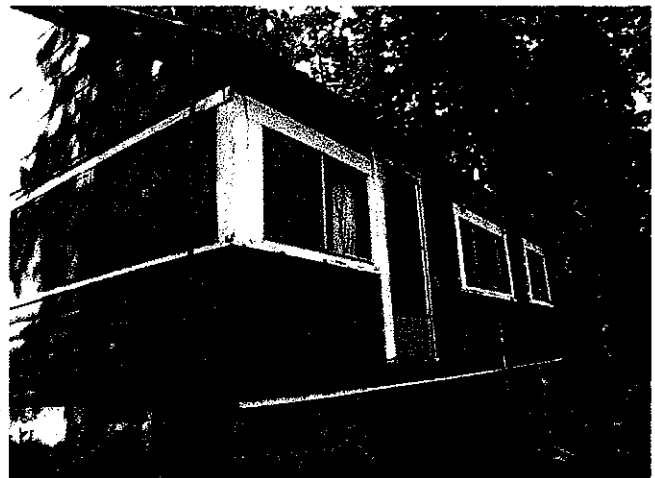
2 summers ago, a beautiful adult moose was camped just less than a mile from my cabin.

I believe that it is important to tell my story of what this property means to me and my family and how I acquired such a unique gift.

25 years ago, recovering from breast cancer, I mentioned to my husband how I found the mountains so peaceful and nurturing. Unknown to me, he began a search to find a cabin that we could afford that would allow me a time for physical and spiritual healing. Not only would it benefit me, but our two children as well.

My husband indeed found a place and on a trip to Grand Mesa with our children, he surprised me with our special place. I was thrilled beyond words. It would be a wonderful retreat and a place to share with not only our family, but friends and their families as well. The gift of the cabin became immensely more precious the following year due to my husband's sudden death and continues to be enjoyed each summer as I gather together family and friends at "R" Place.

As a widow, close to retirement, I have felt secure in the fact that I could afford to keep and maintain my little retreat. The taxes have been reasonable and the annual resort assessment seemed appropriate especially since I am only able to use it for 3-4 months of the year.



This year, however, due to the huge tax Delta County has placed on the resort, I no longer feel secure in the fact that I will be able to keep the cabin. If the taxation is allowed to stay in place, one can only assume that it will continue to increase. This would make it impossible to keep this cabin in our family. Others face the same concern and many have had their cabins for several generations.

Has the Delta County Assessor actually seen the property in question? One would wonder as only a

drive through the resort she would see a beautiful, serene site; a forest with sparkling lakes, rugged roads and a few hillsides within the community dotted with cabins and wildlife. In taking the tour, it would not be reasonable to consider the property anything other than rural, and in late summer an area of grazing cattle.

Please hear my appeal enabling me to keep this wonderful cabin in our family

Most sincerely,

Karen A Rasmussen



