



Investors Property Services LLC

Property Management Division

January 28, 2011

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Re: Skykomish Hotel

Mr. Carson:

As you have been previously advised, this office serves as Managing Agent for the Skykomish Hotel. Please correct your records and direct all communications for the Hotel and Mr. Benz in care of this office.

In response to your correspondence dated January 20, 2011, be advised:

As a direct result of your client's actions and/or inactions, the Skykomish Hotel has been seriously damaged.

These actions and/or inactions have further caused Mr. Benz' to be disenfranchised from his home, business and community.

The fully leased Hotel was returned to Mr. Benz following environmental remediation seriously damaged and without operational utilities, preventing Mr. Benz from returning to his home and business and forcing him to buy out the leaseholder. Since that time, Mr. Benz has suffered additional financial loss and to this day, there are no operational utilities at the Hotel.

The Town now demands Mr. Benz 'do something about his building'. It's not his lack of attempts to 'do something' that have caused this condition, but your client's.

Prior to the events leading to the disenfranchisement of Mr. Benz from his property, the Hotel was maintained for years without incident. It is due solely to the actions and/or inactions of your client that Mr. Benz and the Skykomish Hotel suffer.

I request that you immediately confer with your client to determine their plan for rectifying this situation including recompense to Mr. Benz for his financial losses caused by your client's

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actions and/or inactions. The Town's plan cannot include further demands that Mr. Benz rectify problems caused by your client.

Please immediately advise what actions the Town has taken against the owners of truly distressed properties in Skykomish that may actually pose a danger to the community.

Advise what specific injuries and/or damages have occurred, other than to my client, as a result of your client's actions and/or inactions regarding the Hotel.

Advise what .gov and .org stakeholders the Town is partnering with to determine if this 'blowing shingle phenomenon' is specific to the Skykomish Hotel or if it has been observed with other buildings in Sky or elsewhere during windstorms.

I expect to receive from you without delay: Specifically what sections of Washington State law and the Skykomish Municipal Code, as referenced in your January 20, 2011 letter, provide 'options' to the Town to 'deal with' my client's building.

To learn how your client may begin to preserve the Hotel, please visit: www.SkykomishHotel.com. I also invite you to check out the 'Skykomish Hotel' page on [Facebook](#) and press 'Like' to receive updates on all the latest Hotel news and information.

Continued attempts by government, quasi-government, .orgs and/or private/public partnerships to threaten the historic Skykomish Hotel or Mr. Benz' civil and property rights will continue to meet aggressive resistance.

Yours truly,

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Cate Riley
President