

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Joey Salas and I am a New Meadows native. I was born in McCall in 1990, then at age three, my family and I moved down the mountain to Meadows Valley. Growing up in such a small town, we had to get creative with activities to keep us busy. Having been so active in snowboarding during the winter, as many kids are, it only made sense to pick up skateboarding in the summer. My friends and I used to spend our time riding around town, as well as attempting endless skate tricks off the curb by the clinic. My peers and I were estatic when the community finally put in the skatepark. From an outsider's perspective, the park we had may not looked like anything special, but to us it cultivated so many memories that I will cherish forever. It was a very sad day when they took the ramps out, and it became the desolate lot that it is now.

I have no doubt that a new skatepark will be a postive impact on New Meadows. It will provide a new generation with memories. It will give the kids more than just a curb to skate, more than just the local streets to ride their bikes on. I now take my 10 year old daughter to the McCall park and teach her to skateboard, I am sure there are countless parents that will do the same in New Meadows. With the population of our evergrowing area, we will have to facilitate activies for the influx of youth. Now is a better time than ever to move forward with this project. I, myself am willing to help, and I know plenty of others eager to lend a hand as well. The day I get to skate with my daughter, at the very same location that I learned how to, will be a happy day!

Sincerely,

Joey Salas