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John,

As promised here are my follow-up comments on the NCAA Regional at Hillcrest last week, feel free to share them with the board or otherwise as you please.

I want to commend the local hosts and organizers in Durango at Hillcrest Golf Club and Ft. Lewis College for the exceptional job that was done in planning, preparing and conducting the NCAA DII Women's West Regional from May 6 through May 9, 2018. The event provided an outstanding test of golf for the field of teams and individual players due to the well-conditioned and challenging course, local support and welcoming hospitality provided.

All of those involved in planning for the event, including Guy Begay, Lynne Andrews and many others whose names I do not know should be proud of their achievement. Everything ran according to the plan from the time that players arrived at Hillcrest until the final trophies were presented. Most folks don't realize the planning and effort that goes into hosting an event like this, but the months spent in advance paid off with a seamless event.

Your volunteers were welcoming and provided great service to the golfers and the event. Having a variety of starters, walking scorers, timers and others supporting the event requires great effort to recruit, train and fulfill the various duties and to a person every volunteer that I met was enthusiastic, helpful and a terrific ambassador for the community, the college and the course.

I've worked many high-level events and everyone in Durango should know that the regional was on a par with the finest events that I've been involved with. Many times, events are an annual production and folks adapt and improve based on prior year lessons, in the case of the regional, all appearances were that everyone had done this before and it was a well-oiled machine. For a first-time event, this speaks to the efforts put forth by many folks.

Of course, we were here for a golf tournament and I must say that Ken, Will and the grounds crew had the course in terrific shape for the event. They went above and beyond in helping setup the golf course for a high-level competition and they provided a wonderful course for the competition and made our jobs as officials so much easier through their hard work. Everyone in the clubhouse was the same, from the pro shop staff to the cart folks and restaurant everything went without a hitch.

Thanks to you and everyone involved for providing such a wonderful environment and such a great event for the players, coaches and spectators.

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