

Dear U.S. Forest Service,

Hello, my name is Tanner Rosener and I am one of many ski racers apart of Ski and Snowboard Club Vail. Although we have a very supportive community towards ski racing, gold peak is also home to many beginners in the sport. Vail Mountain Ski School and beginner terrain (bunny hill) is also located at gold peak.

What does this have to do with an expansion on the race venue? This expansion will give the racing community more space away from the public. As we are more technical athletes on the hill, we are able to ski and use more of the real estate on Vail Mountain. Those new to the sport are not.

That is why this new expansion is bigger than just the Ski and Snowboard Club Vail's training opportunities, it also provides the public with a safer venue to enjoy their vacation or outing. Thank you for your time.

Best Regards,

Tanner Rosener

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Dear, U.S. Forest Service

My name is Tanner and I am a 9th grader at Vail Ski and Snowboard Academy. I am writing in regards of the upcoming expansion project on golden peak. As an alpine ski racer, I ski on golden peak almost every day during the winter; this expansion will directly affect my life.

One problem that we are facing is that early in the ski season, most of our training space on golden peak is occupied. international ski teams or other athletes are willing to pay for space on the hill, and they take priority over us. During this time, ski club athletes do not have anywhere to train for several weeks. If extra training space was added to golden peak, we would be able to rent out even more lanes than before and we would also have a place to train for ourselves. Secondly, the expansion project is proposing a surface lift to be installed in order to access the new training area. A surface lift would be extremely beneficial for our training. It would allow us to take laps much more efficiently than before and our training would Improve greatly.

The expansion project will solve these problems and many others. It will create much more space on the training hill; there will be space for everybody. Our training will be much better; the surface lift would allow us to take more laps and get more time in gates. This expansion will benefit many people and the environmental loss will not be very substantial.

Me and all of my teammates would appreciate it very much if you guys at the forest service could approve this project.

Thank You,
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Dear Forest Service,

My name is Emma Kate Burns and I am a 9th grade student at the Vail Ski and Snowboard Academy.

Have you ever been skiing on Gold Peak and have gotten passed or been in the way of a ski racer? On the Gold Peak race arena there is not enough space for everyone to warm up, train, freeski, or technical freeski, so we have to use the public trails and take away space from the public. This is definitely an issue because the public often feel that they are at risk when they are skiing near ski racers that are going fast. There are many complaints that we go very fast, and beginner level skiers are scared or do not feel comfortable to ski in certain places because there is a chance that we are skiing and going a lot faster than them. Expanding the race arena would be a huge help to this issue. I understand that cutting down all of the trees and putting in new T-bars and Chairs would definitely take away from the "historic golden aspen" trees and the wildlife that habitats the land there. However, it would give not only the ski racers of Ski and Snowboard Club Vail more space, but we would be able to have a mogul course and a better terrain park. The mogul skiers have to ski on Avanti Express (Chair 2) everyday which is not convenient for them. If we are able to do the Gold Peak Expansion we would have one of the best training spaces in America, and we would be able to get double the amount of training each session than we have now. We would also be able to attract more ski racers, mogul skiers, due to the expansion, and create more revenue for SSCV as well as Vail Resorts.

Sincerely,
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Dear Forest Service,

I think that Golden Peak is a great place to train for Ski and Snowboard Club Vail athletes, although I think that it could be more beneficial for world-class athletes if there were more space. As an Alpine racer, I am grateful for the space that we get on Golden Peak, but I also think that it is challenging that Freestyle athletes have to train at Chair 2, and park and pipe skiers and snowboarders aren't really benefited by the terrain park, as it's not very big. The expansion would allow athletes from various disciplines to get needed training space. Although Ski and Snowboard Club Vail is already a great program, the expansion could really boost the program to a higher level.

Other purposes that the expansion could serve would be the ability for Alpine racers to have space for the speed events, Downhill and Super G. Although we didn't race Downhill this year, I think that racers should still be able to train it, because I know that there are racers that really love speed and would train it if they had the chance. Along with having space for speed, Golden Peak could be more open to hosting athletes from other areas. In the beginning of each season, many athletes travel from all over the world to train at Golden Peak, and the athletes that are apart of the Ski and Snowboard Club Vail program have to train at other resorts, such as Copper and Arapahoe Basin. The expansion would provide more areas for not only athletes from Vail, but the athletes that come to Vail in early season. For these reasons, I think that the expansion is a good idea and something that can hugely benefit Vail.

Thank you for your time in reading this,
Adalie Sullivan