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*RE: Vail Mountain Snowmaking Project*

As a longtime restaurateur in Vail, Colo.'s Lionshead Village, I would like to express my strong support for Vail Mountain's proposal to modernize and increase its snowmaking capability allowing much more terrain to open early season.

Reliable opening day conditions, even in warmer years like the last two seasons, are urgently necessary. My understanding of the plans would also allow the resort to expand snowmaking infrastructure to areas of the mountain with higher elevations, colder temperatures, northern aspect and excellent connectivity to areas that typically hold good natural snow.

While I know the Forest Service is responsible for a thorough review, this project seems ready to go with no tree clearing necessary and no need for additional water rights.

Thank you for your consideration of my support. Kudos to Vail for making this capital investment that will benefit our guests and the entire community.

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