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Mr. Derek Ibarguen, Forest Supervisor
c/o Jusin Preisendorfer, Winter Sports Team Leader
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71 White Mountain Drive
Campton, NH 03233

RE: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Waterville Valley Resort Proposed Expansion Project (EIS No. 20260062)

Dear Mr. Ibarguen:

Please accept these comments regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Waterville Valley Resort Proposed Expansion Project (EIS No. 20260062). My in-laws have owned property in Waterville Valley for over 38 years.

My main concern is with the current plan for the shuttle bus service from the Town of Waterville Valley to the base of the mountain. My family owns a condo at Northface at the top of Noon Peak Road. We spend nearly every winter weekend at Waterville, and plan to spend even more time there now that my son, who will be three in February, is starting to ski. That is, of course, if we can get to the mountain.

We rely on the Schuss Bus for transportation to and from the mountain base. This is crucial for my family. With ski lessons, nap times, and other programming, we come and go in small groups throughout the day.

As the DEIS states on pages 57 and 58, "This service [the Schuss Bus] plays a key role in reducing winter vehicle traffic between the village and resort, while in the summer provides convenient connections between homes rentals, and key recreational and commercial destinations. A 2014 comprehensive transportation study recommended its continued operation and further improvements to support the community's transportation goals."

According to Waterville Valley Resort, the shuttle will no longer service the hundreds of condos and homes in the valley as of this coming ski season. I believe this is a mistake and a major setback for Waterville that must be rectified before plans for expansion move forward.

I can attest that the Schuss Bus is, indeed, always packed on weekends. Specifically for Noon Peak Road, sometimes all seats are full by the time the shuttle reaches the base of the hill after stopping at several neighborhoods. If all of these individuals must drive to the mountain, as it seems Waterville Valley Resort is suggesting, the traffic and parking will be, truly, outrageous. Already the lots are full by 10am, and that is with the Schuss Bus. Without the bus, I cannot

imagine where the hundreds of extra cars will go. If new parking lots will be added, it will be at the cost of trees and natural habitat for the creatures of the White Mountains. The air pollution will certainly increase, and personal safety will be at risk, as more cars, especially driving in winter conditions, will lead to more accidents.

We will be adding another baby boy to our family this winter, and I have been looking forward to taking both children on the Schuss Bus and, in the future, feeling confident that I can send them to and from the mountain on the bus for ski school. I hope that we will, indeed, be able to raise the next generation of skiers at Waterville Valley with reliable transportation in what claims to be a family-friendly resort.

Sincerely,

Amanda Stoll DiCristofaro