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Comments: Dear Project Officials,

I was born and raised in Big Bear Lake and these resorts are near and dear to me. My family and myself worked at Big Bear Mt Resorts for over 40 years collectively. I have seen how this community has thrived in both winter and summer seasons and the difficulties that it has faced in light of limited facilities for the crowd influx that all our recreation options attracts. Traffic is 1 one of the most troubling problem that many ski resort towns face c currently and many other resort towns are also looking for healthy solutions to easy the strain on our Mt. communities. This proposed project not only helps provide a helpful solution but provides it with an additional benefit for the skiing/riding patrons.

I would like to voice my support for this project in connecting Snow Summit and Bear Mt. This has been a dream of mine and many others from these mountains for many years. I support this project proposal for the sheer excitement to enjoy the extra skiable terrain in some of my favorite areas. Having more vertical terrain will help spread out skier/ rider traffic on the busier visitation days in turn helping to keep our visitors safer and provide them with more exposure of our beautiful nature, as we know that many people use skiing and riding as a way to connect with nature.

The second reason that I support this proposed project is the sheer benefit that will come for the vehicle and road traffic on the boulevards and the private neighborhoods. Many skiing/riding patrons try to drive to and from the neighboring resorts and this has a overall domino effect on all the surrounding areas (aside from all the proactive transportation options the resorts provide). Providing our communities with a logistically more efficient and honestly more fun way to get from Mt to Mt is what this community needs and wants.

Last but not least, the benefit of having ski runs equipped with snowmaking in these fire prone areas could prove to be crucial fire fighting suppression support. We have seen the forest in these hills have many fires and is a tricky area with directional wind. Having ample and strategical placed snowmaking pipes will provide an additional option to protect these area and the residential properties that border it.

Thank you for you consideration,
Kristin Cooksey