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To the US Forest Service,

This letter is in support of the expansion of the race arena for Vail Ski and Snowboard Club on to Gold Peak. I am honored to serve as the medical director for Vail Ski and Snowboard Club - this is truly a world-class organization with youth athletes from around the US and around the world training and participating in ski and snowboard events. These athletes not only learn to be great skiers and snowboarders but they also develop a passion for the mountains and a love of snow and winter sports. Moreover, they hopefully become ardent supporters of conservation and the outdoors for future generations.

The addition of the proposed race venue on Gold Peak will add tremendously to the training facilities for these young athletes, who no doubt will become our future Olympians. As a resident of Eagle county for the last 15 years, I do not believe the expansion will have any adverse effects on our community or on the national forest. I have seen the plans for the expansion on Gold Peak and wholeheartedly support the expansion. I think that in addition to improving the training facilities, this expansion will also add to the safety of the athletes by moving them into a race-only area, away from the general public. Also by having the training facility up higher, less snowmaking will be needed for training.

My office at the Vail Valley Medical Center overlooks Gold Peak, and as I draft this petition I am directly looking at the proposed expansion site. I do not think the proposed expansion will have any impact on the aesthetics of Vail Mountain. I think the addition of a surface lift will have minimal impact visually due to the orientation. Furthermore, the addition of the new training slopes will also have minimal to no environmental or aesthetic impact. It will create a world class training venue that will add to the overall quality of the amenities and services in the Vail Valley. Ski racers and competitive snowboarders from around the US and around the world will benefit from the new facilities and will foster an appreciation for the beauty of Vail mountain and the US national forests.

I would like you to know that I am in full support of this expansion. I believe it will improve the quality of the overall training experience and safety for the athletes of Vail ski and snowboard club without having any significant environmental impact or aesthetic impact for the Vail Valley or the US national forest.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if there any questions. The proposal to expand on Gold Peak has my full support.

Sincerely,

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Thank you!!

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