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Comments: I'm writing to ask that this proposed expansion by Vail Resorts be denied. I've lived in Vail for 14 years and have visited for over 40 years.

After reading the "Notice for Public Comment" and understanding the "scope" of the project, my primary concern is this large-scale, highly disruptive project will benefit only a minimal amount of racing participants. It will be a "restricted use" area and only the racing community gains to benefit. It adds no retail value for commercial owners in the valley; it adds no positive value for residents of the valley; it adds no value for visitors to the Vail Valley. The only value added is to Vail Resorts Corporation and a very, very small community of racers. Using public lands for private use does not appear to be in line with Forest Service goals.

Currently, my view from my home looks directly at the beautiful aspens on Golden Peak. Allowing this project to continue would remove the trees that gave the area its name - Golden Peak. The aesthetics of the Vail Valley are the reasons our visitors enjoy coming back - especially for fall colors. This project would severely impact the forest service, the long-standing aspens and the overall beauty of the valley.

The impact of the project would also effect already limited parking, create a more congested traffic pattern to Golden Peak (again, already congested) and put a strain on the Town of Vail bus system. Vail Resorts will benefit, yet the Town of Vail will have to find solutions to the above stress to Town of Vail systems. I would urge the USFS to reject the expansion.