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National Forest Service Agency,

Living in the Vail Valley and also having two children in the Alpine program at SSCV I wanted to express my feelings toward the expansion that is proposed.

We live in Singletree, our view is looking out to Arrowhead and Beaver Creek Ski areas. It is absolutely beautiful! It was one of the things that sold us. We love seeing the ski runs with snow and also when they are green and lush during the summer.

In looking at the proposed expansion I wanted to look at it from both the perspective of a homeowner and also as a parent of racers. While we do not live by Gold Peak I do understand the concerns of a home owner and property values etc. In my review, I see a very well thought out design. While trees will be removed the overall esthetics should end up being very appealing. The ski runs also benefit the general public during races and heavy training period immensely. In my opinion this will not result in a decrease in property value, views or impact properties in any other way negatively. I believe it will actually have an positive impact overall when the expansion is completed.

As a parent, I see numerous benefits to the program for the kids and again for the public. Having this additional space for training will be significant in preventing injuries to athletes. We know several athletes who over the years have been crashed into by skiers not paying attention. Resulting in serious injury. Not to mention the additional space for athletes so they can concentrate on their discipline fully with out the additional distractions. The athletes will be able to excel at a whole new level. This is very important to them, the passion they have and the dreams they hold for their future.

For the general public living in the area and tourists, I believe this is also hugely beneficial. Not having to deal with areas shut down for training/races vastly increases space for their enjoyment. While traveling I completely understand the congestion and sometimes disappointment of not being able to ski runs due to closures. This brings a new element of safety for them to, as any decrease in congestion on the slopes, increases visibility for all.

I am very much for this expansions. I hope that the community will all come together and rally around this and recognize all the positive, overall and longterm, impact this will have!

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