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Comments: I would like to write in support of the Golden Peak expansion project. This was planned in the very beginning of the ski area and I believe Pete Seibert expressed that his father was in support of it as well. The Race and competition program at SSCV has been getting more and more popular and the venue is viewed more and more as a really great place to hold competitions and train world class athletes. This expansion would help to make it an even better place to hold events and train athletes.

Everything that i have read from the Vail Homeowners group shows how uninformed that they are! For example two of their comments were: it would create bigger lift lines at the chair 6 base and more congestion in the parking lot! On the first point about more congestion, if anything it will take people out of the chair 6 lift because they would be training up on the upper section serviced by its own lift. This would also take kids and congestion away from chair 2 when moving the bump practice and competitions away from Cookshack, giving this area back to the public! As for more congestion in the parking lots: this expansion is not going to creat any more people showing up to the hill than there is now! There was also a comment that the finish area is not big enough for the speed events with the added expansion because athletes would be going faster! This is laughable! There is only so much speed that you can get in a race course on Golden Peak no matter how far up you start! Speed is controlled by the course set, not where you start from!

I understand that this expansion is not really for the public and for that i can understand the push back. On the other hand, Vail has been and is becoming more and more a place where athletes are being developed. The Vail Valley Med center is getting expanded because its a place that people come to from all over the world for orthopedic repair. The same holds true for the skiing on Vail Mountain and also the race training and the program that SSCV has put together. Vail Resorts pays big money to claim Lindsay Vonn as their own and to hold World Cup and World Championship events. The race venues on Vail & BC are important and need to be the best that they can be.

Thanks for your consideration,

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