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Comments: Ladies & Gentlemen,

My name is Rocky Christopher. I have lived in Gore Valley for 47 years. I was on the Board of Ski Club Vail for 15 years and I am still involved with the Club, sitting on a couple of committees. While on the Board, I served as Vice President and President. During that time we recognized the need to consolidate our training facilities for both safety and for improved training. We went back to Vail Associates original developer's plan for Golden Peak. With newer technology and trail modifications, we came up a plan that would not only meet those goals, but would also meet USSA and FIS Ski World Cup homologation requirements for certain race venues. This was done in the mid '90's and is still valid today. The impact of surface ski lifts will have much less impact on Golden Peak than chair lifts. In addition, the surface lifts are preferred by coaching staff for their conditioning impact on the athletes.

I have read the Vail Village Homeowners Organization concerns that were published in the Vail Daily. For the most part, any increase in car traffic caused by training would be minimal (if at all), as the same number of SCCV athletes would be starting out at the club house. Any non SCCV athletes using Golden Peak training facilities would use the current Town of Vail Parking Lots or valet services. The number of large race venues, while yet to be determined, would likely be few. And certainly be far less in size than the Golden Peak sees from the Burton Open snowboard event.

Another consideration worth mentioning here is the additional revenue for the lodging community, restaurants and retail operations in Vail.

As to the impact of additional runoff, I would have to defer to the Vail Resorts Mountain Department. I can only assume that this was addressed in the initial reviews in the EIS.

Thank you for your time and efforts on this most important and long needed addition to Vail Mountain and community.

Rocky Christopher