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Comments: Hello, my name is Michael Resnick. I am a junior at Vail Mountain school and was a part of Ski and Snowboard Club Vail from the age of 8-16. I recently had to leave the program due to a back injury; however, I now race for VMS and train on Gold peak on a weekly basis in the winter. The memories I have with my friends, competetors, and coaches while training on Gold Peak are some I will cherish forever. I am fully aware that everyone advocating for this expansion is going to say it will be an amazing addition to the ski racing community around the country and even the world. This is true of course. Some of the most unique moments I have had in my life are training next to world cup athletes, such as Marcel Hirscher and Mikaela Shiffrin. These experiences make the Golden Peak Arena truly special. Since I have stopped racing full time with Ski Club, I constantly miss being on Gold Peak as much as I was in the past. It is a place that has had a heartfelt impact on so many in the community.

As you most likely know, Vail's motto is "Like nothing on Earth". This statement proves to be true when someone experiences Vail's vast terrain, restaraunts on the mountain and in town, hotels, ski school, and all of it's summer activities ranging from biking to hiking to a high ropes course. This motto applies to just about everything Vail has to offer. Vail is truly gifted at going above and beyond to make everyone's experience something they truly won't forget. However, this motto is lacking in one specific area, ski racing. Due to the current size of the Gold Peak arena, Vail is unable to host races where World Class skiers can compete. This expansion would allow for Vail to become on of the few places in the world to offer exquisite hospitality and dining, an array of skiing terrain, and a place where World Class atheltes want to train and race. The propsed layout for the arena is unique to any other training environment in the world, and Vail has always been able to provide something that is unique to anywhere else, making it, "like nothing on Earth."

Thank You.