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Comments: We are writing to voice our concerns regarding the proposed Golden Peak Expansion on Vail Mountain and to strongly urge the USFS to reject this proposal. We have lived in Vail for nearly 45 years and have obviously seen dramatic change over those years. The basic question we would ask today is: "Just how big does Vail need to be? Are we to make "improvements" like the Golden Peak proposal to accommodate more and more special requests and needs of private interest groups?" Additionally, there appears to be an element of secrecy regarding this proposal. Many people we have spoken to were not aware of it or had limited bits of information.

We were out of town for the April 6th presentation as were many locals. This entire process has moved forward so quickly and even the comment period is very short. This process should be open, transparent and inclusive in order to get as much public comment as possible. Slow down.

As individuals and groups begin to look at the negatives of this expansion, the list continues to grow. Some of our concerns include; safety of all skiers, soils issues, rock mitigation, traffic congestion at the base of Golden Peak and the prospect of clear cutting so much of the top of Golden Peak ----one of the most visible and iconic landmarks on Vail Mountain.

Please listen to those of us who are not directly tied to the ski racing community. We urge you to look at the overall impact of such an expansion and to firmly reject it.

Respectfully,

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