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Comments: To Whom It May Concern -

I am a full-time resident in the Town of Vail and we have had three athletes at Ski & Snowboard Club Vail over the past 15 years. We have a direct view of the proposed Gold Peak Improvements Project from our home and we fully support the project for the following reasons:

1. Safety: Adding the additional terrain will allow the SSCV athletes to be largely separated from the general public. The Club has also grown significantly, while at the same time, lost training space due to the Burton Open and other big events. The expanded space would allow for a safer and more enjoyable experience for the guests and the competitors. Furthermore, the new lift will take a significant burden off the congestion at the bottom of Chair 6.

2. World Class Events & Economic Impact: Vail is a global resort. We are #6 on the Barron's List of Most Popular Vacation Places. Not all resorts can claim that they are truly "global." However, to maintain that global appeal, we need to bring some World Cup events back to Vail. This new terrain would allow for some World Cup events bring a new level of excitement and an economic boost to Vail. It keeps Vail on the global stage.

3. Aesthetic Impact is Minimal: As mentioned above, the view from our home is directly at Gold Peak. I am a huge lover of aspen groves. I live on "Aspen Grove Lane" and my firm is called "Aspen Grove Capital." Despite my strong affinity for aspen groves, I fully support the Project. I would be thrilled to experience world class events in my "backyard." The positive aspects of the project far outweigh the minimal aesthetic impact, if any, in my "view."

I strongly support the Gold Peak Improvements Project and urge the Forest Service to approve this project's impact based on its impact to 1) improving safety, 3) driving economic impact and 3) having a mostly modest impact on the aesthetics of the Vail Valley.

Thank you for your consideration.