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Comments: Dear Forest Supervisor Scott Fitzwilliams,

As the USFS considers the proposal for expansion of ski racing terrain at Gold Peak I would like to request that you consider mitigation opportunities for three significant environmental impacts that are likely to occur: 1) impacts to the ecological community and wildlife habitats, 2) air pollution (CO2 production) impacts due to increased energy useage for snowmaking and other amentites that contribute to greenhouse gases and climate change, and 3) impacts to increasing water useage for snow making (and the impacts to maintaining critical in stream flows during the early winter season, such as water storage and pumping).

In all three cases, there should be creative opportunities to offset these negative environmental impacts with positive contribution to our local natural environment, economy, and overall commitment to sustainability. Vail is striving to become a leading sustainable mountain resort community and this project could become a positive example with creative solutions that both enhance our year-round economy and create environmental benefits.

I urge the USFS and the proponents of the Gold Peak expansion to "think outside of the box" to develop creative solutions. After all, this project and the future of ski racing and our youth, depends on a healthy environment and a predictable winter climate with cold winter temperatures and snow. This project should not be approved unless is can commit to mitigating its environmental impacts in meaningful ways.

Sincerely,

Kim Langmaid

Resident of the Town of Vail