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The long awaited adjudication for the Golden Peak expansion needs to be approved.

The community was first made aware of this in the 1960's, when a cut was made for a planned chairlift. We are now 40 years further on, and the wait should be over.

As ski racing, and our own SSCV, have grown, so have the needs for the sport, and for training and competition facilities. That competition and training is now scattered across the more public areas of the mountain is dangerous and inconvenient for the racing public and the general public. It is not the best use of Forest Service land.

Vail Resorts has undertaken numerous mitigation measures to ready Golden Peak for this expansion. It will serve the community, not only by consolidating race activity in one area, but by bringing further tourism and tax dollars into the community.

Yes, Vail has traffic problems and parking issues. Those, however, are not what is being discussed. Racing teams, whether for practice or for competition, tend to travel in vans or buses. They actually are more efficient in their travel footprint than most of the public.

Please, the NIMBY population has spent 40 years complaining about any development. The world hasn't stood still, and the Forest Service should swiftly approve this. The expansion serves so very many constituencies, and does no unmitigated damage to the Town's residents.