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Comments: Regarding Mt Rose ski area changes. First, thank you for the draft Mt Rose EIS, and the detailed and diligent work that went into it.

I am in full support of the proposed amendment to the Forest Plan to restrict all future commercial development on 3,446 acres of acquired Galena lands in the Carson Range.

As far as ski trail expansion near the Mt Rose ski area, I support Alternative #3, which best protects public safety and reduces envrionmental impacts to the Atoma expansion site.

I have lived in Reno since the 70s. My family and I continue to enjoy the Mt Rose area in all seasons, hiking, birding, cross-country skiing. Many years I have led or been a participant with Nevada Native Plants society field trips in and around Mt Rose and Tahoe Meadows. Ski trail expansion that also allows for non-motorized recreational use is reasonable, and acceptable, while protecting the area from all commercially-directed development. It is understood that balancing human recreational use with preservation of ecological systems is not a static process.
My one concern is whether at some time the NFS will want to construct a warming hut on the Atoma side. I anticipate this to be a regular request over time.
Thank you for your consideration of this and all comments.
Sincerely,
Melanie Scott