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Comments: I can see only benefits from this expansion. Benefits to the ski club are obvious. But additional, ancillary benefits would be to the town, retailers, hoteliers and local short term rental owners, Eagle county and the US population in general. This will bring more opportunity to have mid-west and east coast ski teams train at Vail in the early season. Which of course would bring more revenue to the Valley at a time when visitation is historically low. Additionally, the rental revenue which the Ski Club brings in from outside teams could be used to lower the costs of the local program, which has a direct benefit to the local community. As for the US as a whole, better training for Alpine skiing could bring a new generation into a sport that has declining numbers. This increase in participation would spark a nation to embrace skiing and snow sports as a whole.

In my opinion this expansion should be considered just like a new stadium in a metro city. These stadiums are considered public benefit because of the additional revenue to the community and the "way of life" positiveness that comes from the use of the stadium. This is the same - The added revenue is obvious. The brand identity of being one of or even the BEST training facility in the United States will be another reason for tourist to seek out Vail and the Vail Valley, which again benefits Vail, Eagle county, Denver and Colorado.

This project has clear public benefit to not only the local community and Colorado but also the general US population and should be supported financially by all who benefit through a special sales tax until the cost of the project is paid off.