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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I have been involved in Ski and Snowboard Club Vail for 4 years training with their coaches in the Get in the Gates Program on Golden Peak. My kids participate as well. We use the same facilities as all the other racers on Golden Peak. Get in the gates is available for a fee to all ages and skill levels to the public through SSCV. The proposed expansion was included in the original development plan for the area, and the existing ski race terrain is getting pretty crowded. Additional terrain is desperately needed for safety, and for world class level training for downhill and super G events. We realize that the homeowners in the area will be impacted in some ways that have been publicized. We believe their concerns can and should be mitigated with the plan currently in place. Parking congestion which is an issue can be reduced significantly by signage, and enforcement of the rules for racers to not be dropped off by private vehicles or any other non authorized vehicles in the area. This has been done while the new club building is under construction, but it can and should be improved for the benefit of property owners affected by traffic in that area.

The expansion is an incredible opportunity for the Town of Vail, SSCV, and the people from all over the world who come to train at a world class facility with a long history of community support and financial aid to interested Athletes. Based on the above and other arguments advanced in favor of the expansion, It is the highest and best use for these public lands administered and protected by the Forrest Service. There are very few public lands available that can use so little acreage for such vast benefits to the public.

Respectfully submitted,

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