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Comments: TO: Scott Fitzwilliams, c/o Max Forgensi, Mountain Sports/Special Uses Administrator, White River National Forest

Dear Sir,

Though not a resident of Vail, I am a permanent resident of the Eagle Valley and Eagle County. I do not support the proposed so called "improvements" to Golden Peak. After attending a Vail Symposium lecture last January 22nd about the state of the wildlife populations in the area, I was shocked to learn of the huge declines in the Elk, Mule Deer and Big Horn Sheep populations over the past 40 plus years. Bill Andree, a wildlife officer for the Colorado Parks and Wildlife, spoke about these declines. From the graphs shown, the declines are accelerating. Doing anything that will interfere with current habitat for these animals or future possible habitat is a big mistake. Sacrificing any undisturbed area in The White River National Forest for the benefit of Vail Resorts is not a good idea. Though the proposed so called "improvements" for Golden Peak are touted as doing many things to improve training facilities for Winter athletes, but make no mistake. The ultimate goal is an increase in revenue and prestige for Vail Resorts. Sacrificing undeveloped land is a high price to pay for endangering our wildlife further. Development of the local towns will continue, chipping away at their habitats. There will never be a situation where undisturbed land will re-appear. Once gone, it is gone. I urge you to turn down the request for the so called "improvements" to Golden Peak. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Valerie Glimp