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Comments: Sorry for being anonymous but I wanted to voice my opinion without getting in trouble with the company of vail. But I need to address a major concern with it once it is built. To groom this race course once it is built will require a different kind of snowcat called a winch cat. The middle shot won't be that big of a deal to groom because it is very straight. The side runs on the other hand are very curvy which will be a major problem. When winching a run it requires a steel cable to be anchored in at the top of the run so the cat can safely head down this slope. The curves in the run though will require the cable to be very mobile across the run this is because the anchor point stays the same even as you are turning. This may result in animals getting caught up in the cables either injuring them or killing them. It seems like every now and then we get a moose in the area and a cable with 4.5 tons pressure on it could do a lot of damage. At a unnamed resort a couple years ago they had a coyote problem so one night they had 2 guys go out with bait and a winch cat. They baited the cable that was laying on the ground. After it was baited they waited until they had enough coyotes and retensioned the line which result in 10+ dead coyotes and many injured. the point is that the winch cable can do some serious damage really quick and it would be terrible if any animals had to suffer through that kind of pain from a winch cable