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via email

Mr Dunkelberger,

As a regular user of the Galena Creek backcountry, I would like to express my support for the USFS Preferred Alternative 3 from the Mt Rose draft EIS for the expansion of the ski area. Specifically, I strongly support the amendment of the Forest Plan to prohibit commercial use of the remaining area outside of the proposed ski area expansion into the Atoma area.

As a regular visitor to this area for over 30 years I have seen the number of users increase steadily. This location is unique in the Tahoe area for the high elevation access it provides backcountry skiers, and has become a hugely popular access point for hikers in the summer. I feel it is critical to preserve this pristine area for the non-motorized uses that local residents and area visitors alike have come to appreciate.

Thank you for your consideration,

Daniel Belanger

Sent from my iPhone