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Bill,

I've skied in the Galena Creek backcountry since the late 1970s. I think its time to update the Forest Plan to reflect the spirit of the 1994 land exchange. 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.

The number of of recreational users has really increased since the 1970s. 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 both skiers and hikers in the summer. The Mt. Rose trail has been rerouted and made more attractive by cutting through this area. This is one of the most popular trails on the Toiyabe in the Reno area. I feel it is critical to preserve this pristine area for non-motorized uses.

Sincerely,

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