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Mr Dunkelberger,

Thank you for preparing the USFS draft Mt Rose EIS and taking public comment. I have been skiing in the Galena Bowls and Galena Creek backcountry for more than 30 years and have seen the remarkable increase in backcountry use over that time. The area's unique combination of proximity, accessibility, and elevation make it the premier backcountry ski area in the Reno-Tahoe area. It is also popular with summer users, especially hikers headed to Mount Rose. The acquired Galena land and the Atoma expansion site are worthy of further protections including actions to maintain all-season, non-motorized public access and dispersed recreation use, which I fully and strongly support.

I strongly support the proposed amendment restricting all future commercial development on all the acres of acquired Galena lands in the Carson Range. In addition, I support USFS preferred Alternative #3 to reduce environmental impacts and protect public safety while allowing responsible expansion of the ski resort.

I appreciate your consideration,

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