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Dear Mr. Fitzwilliams,

I am writing to support the approval of the Golden Peak Improvement Project.

We have lived in Vail, owned a residence since 1968, and I vote in the town of Vail. For the last 18 years, we have lived in Spraddle Creek Estates on the north side of I-70 with an expansive view of the front side of Golden Peak. We have enjoyed the short fall color of the aspen present on the Peak. However, in the long run we will not mourn its absence because the many positive outcomes of this Improvement Project greatly outweigh that loss. Over the years, we have enjoyed the amenities that Vail and the National Forest Service provided to our family and many others at the Golden Peak facilities, particularly for our ski-racing children (3), and grandchildren (7).

Many of those activities, in which our children and grandchildren participated, started in the early 1980's with SSCV. They are continuing in the present, and we hope, the future. To my knowledge, there have been few significant improvements in the Golden Peak terrain or lifts during intervening years. I am concerned that so many different entities congregate at the bottom of the Peak area. With the addition of more terrain for training and another lift at midpoint of the Peak, they will be less congestion, easing the concerns about safety that we share. Other SSCV training courses located elsewhere on other parts of Vail mountain now will be concentrated in one area, an advantage to the recreational skiers. The 25 acres comprising this Improvement will benefit many different constituencies and has been years in the designing for maximum efficient usage. It is certainly well-planned.

In addition, SSCV is a long-established and beloved organization which has brought skiers from many different backgrounds to the Eagle Valley, enriching the cultural exchange between the peoples of the region and the world. It imbues its youthful members who eagerly come to SSCV to better their skiing, with the three different parts to its mission: character, courage and commitment. These values translate into good stewardship of the National Forest Land

Thank you for your consideration. Please approve this needed improvement to Golden Peak.

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