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Comments: Dear Park Service,

I have lived in the valley for years and have come to multiple meetings concerning the expansion. It seems a lot of the concerns were from long term residents who "didn't want their view blocked or things interfered with. My opinion is quite different.

The number of events at golden peak are only increasing (ski races, snowboard events, etc). Although I find all the athletes quite polite it is becoming more congested. I am also impressed with the number of national teams that want to train here in the season which only brings more resources to Vail.

As all these needs increase there is a need for more training space. Not just for the "world cup athletes" but for the local children of Vail.

The newly proposed lift will make a dramatic difference in training quality.

During periods of higher congestion there is a demonstrated need for additional training space, which would be beneficial in providing a safer training environment, especially for our younger athletes. There is a widely recognized benefit in having a quick turnaround where the lift is exactly the length of the training courses. The additional lift and trails at a higher elevation (roughly 9,300-10,000 feet above sea level) will provide greater certainty of early season training and allow our athletes to train here in Vail later in the season, which could have a positive impact on reducing cost of ski camps.

I sincerely hope you will consider this tonight.

Sincerely,

Monica McDonald