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Comments: I support the development of the upper portion of Golden Peak in Vail in the form of additional ski trails and a lift.

This space, primarily for use by SSCV as a training venue, will decrease skier congestion on Golden Peak overall and separate out space for a specific group of skiers that require heightened safety measures and less interaction with the general skiing public for highest level of performance and focus. That high level of performance and focus is also not congruent with recreational skiing, so the separation makes a lot of sense.

It is unfortunate that there will trees removed and "wildland" disrupted. But the impacted area is relatively small in the grand scheme and I am confident that environmental impacts related to erosion/runoff will be mitigated on this public land. Our dear animal and plant population will still have the entire top of the Golden Peak ridgeline up into East Vail for habitat. It is also heartening that the overall impact of this project to the Mill Creek drainage will be very minimal. The quietness and natural habitat of the Mill Creek drainage should remain as an important area to sustain in its unadulterated current form.

Thank you,

Brian