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Comments: I am writing in full support of the Gold Peak Improvement Project. My family and I moved here from the New England for my son to become part of Ski & Snowboard Club Vail in 2010 when he was entering 8th grade. I wanted the opportunity for my child to live in a community that so deeply values its youth and have him be able to sleep in his own bed and attend school without him having to travel across the country to be on snow in October, November, April and May in order to pursue his passion for a competitive snow sport alongside rigorous academics. I have watched the club grow in the past 8 years supporting more and more youngsters without an expansion of their training venue at Gold Peak.

I am proud to be part of the Vail community which so strongly values its youth and which has been extremely supportive of affording its youth who train and compete with Ski & Snowboard Club Vail to grow as people and develop character, courage and commitment through the vehicle of a competitive snow sport. My son has gone on to attend a top liberal arts college and continue to pursue his passion for ski racing on a division one ski team alongside rigorous academics. The Vail Valley continues to grow and flourish through the contributions of Ski & Snowboard Club Vail families who live here and those that move here or visit here for camps and competitions from November through May. What a fantastic synergy and what positive outcomes for our community and our youth! In reading the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and various comments submitted by community members I can see nothing that even begins to overshadow this great synergy and these types of positive outcomes for our youth by providing more space for training and competition on Gold Peak. My home looks out on Gold Peak where I know I will continue to enjoy its magnificent beauty throughout the year upon completion of the Gold Peak Improvement Project.

Sincerely,

Sharon Schmidt