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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for the Golden Peak expansion Project.

The expansion is so crucial that it would allow the club's athletes and coaches to train much more effectively throughout he season and also during early and late season periods.

Right now the training hill does not provide enough space for all the age groups to train adequately and is therefore preventing proper athlete development and preventing athletes from reaching their potential, which in some cases would be the national teams..iIt is similar to having a junior tennis club but only having one tennis court. Twenty years ago the terrain was plenty big enough but with the size of the club now, over 600 athletes, we are bursting at the seams.

Because of the limited terrain we are forced to encroach onto runs that are normally open to the public which has a negative impact on Vail's guests.. The club frequently closes the run Whippersnapper to train which is a lovely run for guests to use.

The Ski Club Vail would have the potential to be the premier club in the US with the additional terrain and would attract the best athletes from around the country to join the club to train here. We would be able to produce more top class athletes like Mikaela Shiffrin and Lindsey Vonn which would be great for skiing in the Vail Valley, for the US ski team and for the whole sport of skiing in the US.

The expansion would also attract the World Cup skiers to train here during the weeks leading up to the World Cup event in Beaver Creek which provides much needed revenue to the club which, in turn, makes it more affordable for the Ski Club Vail athletes.

I hope this provides you with a strong argument in favor of the expansion and thank you for your time and effort to help the club to pursue the expansion project.

Sincerely,

Ian Bruce