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Comments: Sirs:
I believe the Golden Peak expansion project is in the best interest of the community as well as effective and safe utilization of resources.

This expansion will allow SSCV to remove it's training from the middle of Vail mountain, and safely out of the way of the general skiing public. Essentially, it's a swap: we return existing terrain to general use, and merely carve out a similar patch of land on Golden Peak. It also offsets the terrain that is lost each winter from the Burton Open.

The expansion will allow Vail to host more significant competitions. These competitions bring in very real incremental revenues in hotel rooms, meals, lift tickets, etc.

We will further upgrade one of the best training facilities in North America, adding terrain that will help with the development of future ski racers.

There have been complaints about water runoff, but the mitigation efforts undertaken previously, and those planned with this expansion, will easily handle the incremental snow.

Also, we have heard from those complaining about the views of Vail mountain. To be clear, Vail mountain was carved out over the last 50+ years, and the addition of another carve-out pales in comparison to the overall mountain. Vail is now a ski resort, and our Valley, our workers, and our housing values are highly dependent on the ongoing success and growth of Vail.

Please approve this expansion as quickly as possible!!!

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