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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I wanted to write to express my support for expanding the snowmaking capabilities in Vail Mountain.

In addition to the obvious economic benefits to the valley, there are other benefits that may not be as apparent.

I am currently the medical director at ski and snowboard club Vail and an Ambassador for the US ski team. Vail has become the place for early season alpine race training, and athletes from around the world come here in November to train. This brings significant national and international recognition to Vail as a training center of excellence. This trickles down in many intangible ways to improve and enhance the reputation of Vail. Many of the top ski racers in the world consider Vail one of, if not the THE best place to train.

Furthermore, another less obvious benefit of additional snowmaking is better quality terrain and more terrain. The quality and quantity of snow that is available for early season skiing directly impacts the injuries we see. As an orthopaedic surgeon, as a parent, and as a skier myself, I want to see the risk of injuries diminished as much as possible.

I hope you will take these points into consideration when deciding about additional snowmaking for Vail mountain.

For these reasons, I wholeheartedly support additional snowmaking on Vail mountain.

Sincerely,

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